

being by an immense serpent that from times
uttered a most frightful hiss that was heard
for many farsangs and nobody could suggest
a remedy for our distress. It held its tail in
its mouth and neither attempted to swallow
any body alive nor yet would suffer them
to proceed on their journey so that every
one was quite at a loss what device to
fall on the Mussulmen and the Dervishes
began to say their prayers as fast as they
were able with loud lamentation from
such a dreadful monster good lord O
deliver us but the snake did not budge
an inch for their orisons and every body
was ready to expire for terror when all at
once by the grace of God I plucked up
courage. Koshew Lemir my friend said
Come along and stir thy stumps and
try whether thou art not destined for
Victory when every body else is driven to
despair for verily if thou killest not this
monster thou art no man for this good
world. Having therefore robb'd over my
prayers and said my confession of faith
to prepare for the worst I seized my bow
and my polished arrows of a pure water
and advanced to the monster who presen-
ted himself exactly like hill or a mountain