

the rest I set forward but just as I was going to
advance the snake again put forward his head
and completed the circle I stepped hastily
back and the snake instantly opened the
patch I was a good deal amazed at this and
by no means deluded in truth he is enraged
at me thought I and I immediately chapped
my fist up an arrow but on second thoughts
I determined to be patient again I attempted
to mix in the crowd as the people fled of
again the monster advanced his snout across
my way God a Mercy said I what malicious
desin can the monster be hatching against
me I put my trust in providence and
stepped back the few people who remained
had by this time taken their departure
and I alone and lonely remained I
within the circle when it suddenly struck
me had the snake wanted only to devour
men he would never have let the caravan
go he must certainly have some peculiar
spite at ^{me} that of all persons in the world
he is determined to detain me here
My friends of the caravan had set
down