

ber, uncommonly strong and beautiful, with the riders and armour complete for each of them. This warlike shekh was above six feet high, and rather corpulent; he was about sixty, with the colour and features of an Arab. He received our traveller with great frankness and kindness; and Mr. Bruce proceeds:—

‘ We then went into a large saloon, hung round with mirrors and scarlet damask; in one of the longest sides, were two large sofas covered with crimson and yellow damask, and large cushions of cloth of gold, like to the king’s. Adelan now pulled off his camlet gown and cap, and remained in a crimson satten coat reaching down below his knees, which lapped over at the breast, and was girt round his waist with a scarf or sash, in which he had stuck a short dagger in an ivory sheath, mounted with gold; and one of the largest and most beautiful amethysts upon his finger that ever I saw, mounted plain, without any diamonds, and a small gold ear-ring in one of his ears.

‘ “Why are you come hither,” says he to me, “without arms and on foot, and without attendants?” *Yagoubé*. “I was told that horses were not kept at Sennaar, and brought none with me.” *Adelan*. “You suppose you have come through great dangers, and so you have. But what do you think of me, who am day and night out in the fields, surrounded by hundreds and thousands of Arabs, all of whom would eat me alive if they dared?” I answered, “A brave man, used to command as you are, does not look to the number of his enemies, but to their abilities; a wolf does not fear ten thousand sheep more than he does one.” *Ad.* “True; look out at the door; these are their chiefs whom I am now taxing, and I have brought them hither that they may judge from what they see whether I am ready for them or not.” *Yag.* “You could not do more properly; but, as to my own affairs, I wait upon you from the king of Abyssinia, desiring safe conduct through your country into Egypt, with his royal promise, that he is ready to do the like for you again, or any other favour you may call upon him for.” He took the letter and read it. *Ad.* “The king of Abyssinia may be assured