

lodged, was always the nearest tent to that of his majesty.

One instance occurs in proof of the temperance of this great man, viz. in our third day's march, on our return from Derbent, when we were kept in continual alarm by considerable bodies of mountaineers, both horse and foot, whom we saw hovering on the tops of the adjacent hills: though they dared not to come down to the plain, to attack any part of our army, yet it was necessary to be watchful of them; which, in some measure, impeded our march. The evening of that day, we had a hollow way to pass, which took up much time, and obliged the greatest part of the army to remain there all night; so that none reached the camp, except the guards, and some light horse who attended their majesties. On my arrival there, about midnight, I found only his majesty's tent set up, and another small one for Mr. Felton, the czar's principal cook, and master of his kitchen. I went into Felton's tent, and found him all alone, with a large sauce-pan of warm grout before him, made of buck wheat with butter; which, he told me, was the remains of their majesties supper, who eat of nothing else that evening; and who were just gone to bed.

During the whole march, his majesty, for the most part, rode an English pad, about fourteen hands high, for which he had a particular liking, as it was very tractable and easy to mount. His picture is drawn by Caravac on this horse. He did not wear boots, as he very often walked on foot. In the heat of the day, when the army halted, he used to go into the empress's coach, and sleep for half an hour. His dress, during the march, was a white night cap, with a plain flapped hat over it, and a short dimitty waistcoat. When at any time he received messengers, from the chieftains of the mountaineers, he put on his regimentals, as an officer of the guards, being lieutenant colonel of the Preobrazhensky regiment.

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