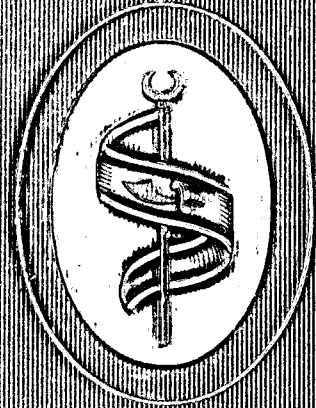




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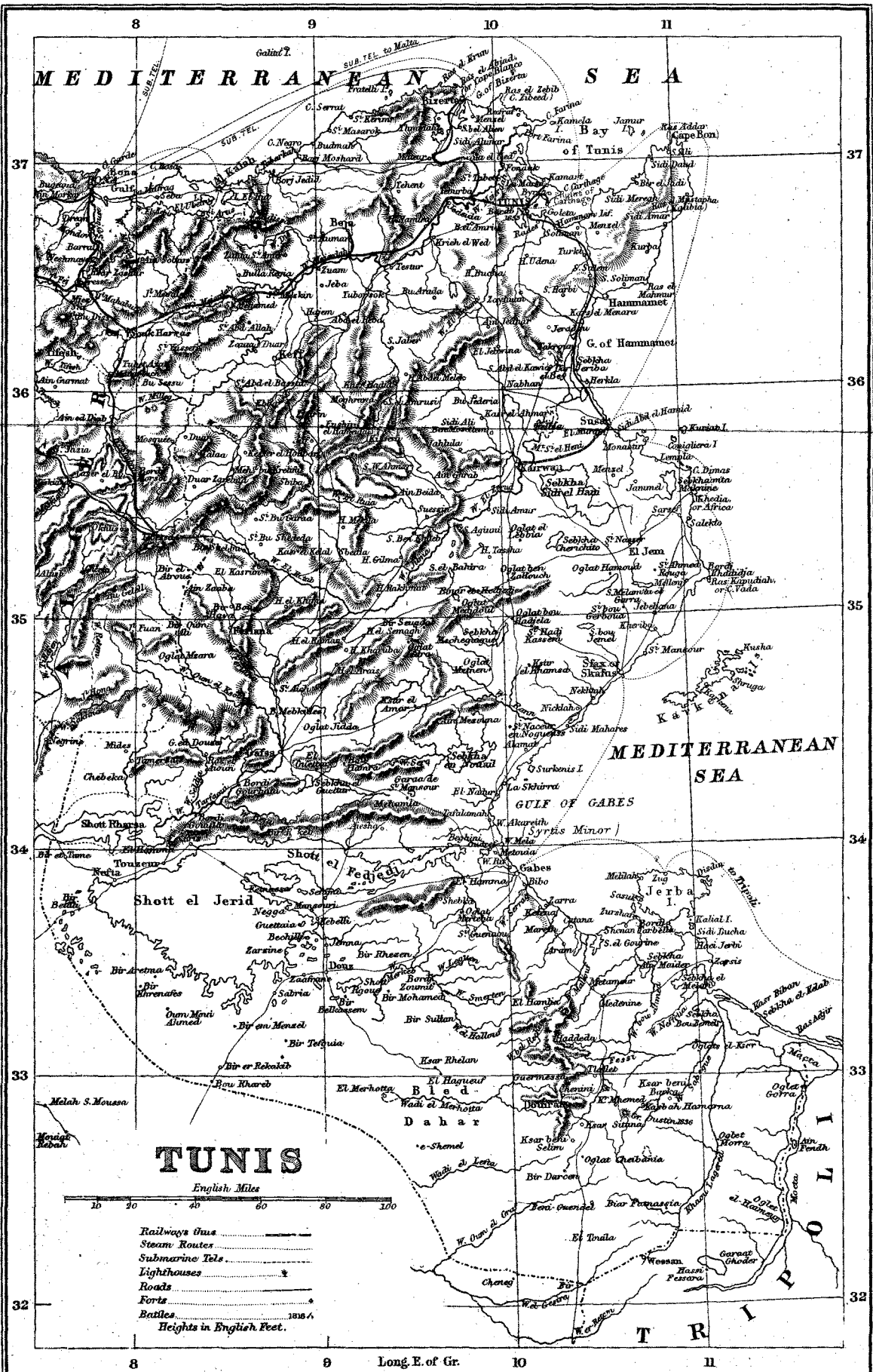
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To
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THIS VOLUME IS MOST AFFECTIONATELY
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Preface

THE authorities on Tunisia are not worth enumerating. Those in English belong to a former generation; those in French are prejudiced and stupid. A Frenchman is either an hireling scribe, glorifying the blunders of his country under the specious nickname of civilization, or a tedious tourist, whose soul cannot soar above the details of his provender and his flea-bites. He will exclaim over a telegraph pole or squander sentiment upon the memory of a sandwich, but for instruction, description, wit or common sense we must look elsewhere.

Accordingly, I may claim to cover new ground.

It is possible that I may be deemed pessimistic, but I am at the least unprejudiced. Until I had travelled into the interior of Tunisia, I was disposed to believe that the French might be doing a work feebly analogous to our own in India and Egypt. Care was

taken that the worst scandals should be withheld from my observation, but I have now seen enough to convince me that the administration of Tunisia is as rotten as that of the French Republic.

My book serves three purposes. (1) It will be an indispensable companion to those travellers who are tired of the beaten European track and desire to see something of golden Africa and a race of native gentlemen. I do not love tourists, but I believe I shall have served them faithfully, even though I only persuade them to remain away. (2) Much more important, I have exposed Lord Salisbury's deplorable sacrifice of British prestige and commerce; I have indicated a possible avenue to retrieving lost opportunities and eventually ousting the modern Barbary pirates, the inheritors of the selfish traditions of Rome, from a land where they have unwarrantably trespassed. (3) I have paid a tribute to the last survivors of that grand mediæval race, which has bequeathed to us whatever civilization we may possess and which shall yet, *inshallah*, live to restore a portion of its departed glories.

I crave special attention for the passages referring

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to the caravan trade across the Sahara. To the fascinating subject of Tripoli I hope I may return later on.

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