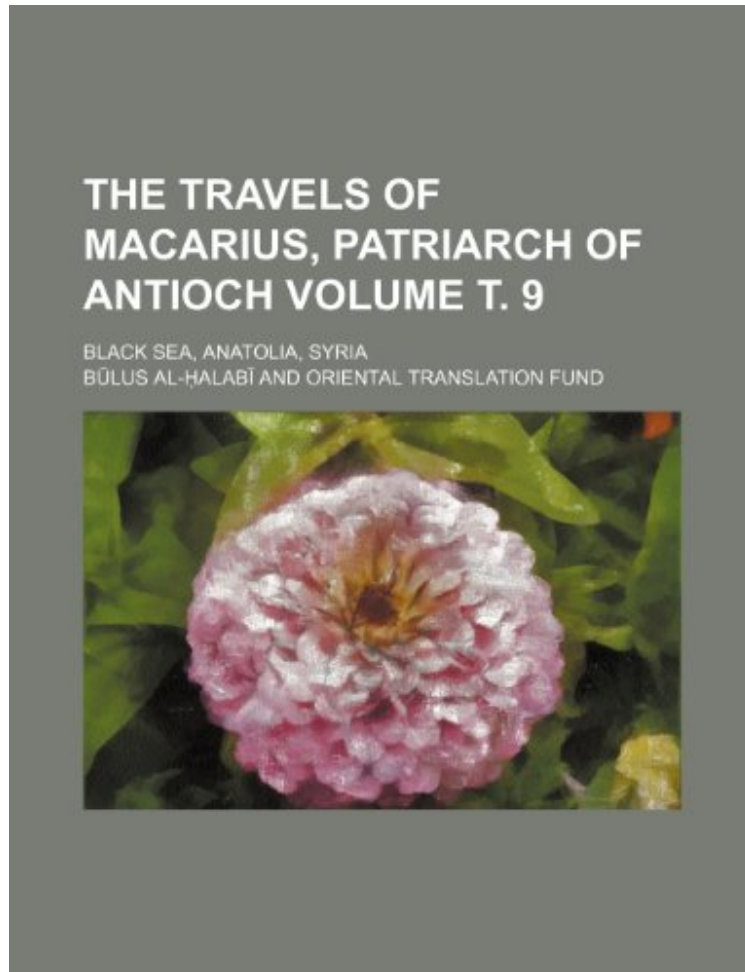


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could procure no fire-wood, and our other shirts and clothes were all packed up. However, we spared no expense in obtaining what was to be purchased for our restoration to vital warmth: but it was impossible for us to rise from the spot where we were seated: there we remained, just as we sat down, till the next morning. Early on Good Friday, the caravan proceeded: but we staid behind, with those travellers on horseback whose bundles had fallen into the water. Having beaten up the neighbourhood, they engaged the peasants to draw out their packages. This delay was very convenient for us, who staid, till near the approach of noon, drying our goods and wardrobe in the sun. We then mounted our horses; and again, on this day, suffered great hardship from the roughness of the road. Indeed, we had as yet seen nothing equal to it: for this route by Zeitoon (the well-known Armenian town) is notoriously bad, all the way from Eli Bostan to Marhash. It winds on ridges of hills; and through valleys, the bottom of which is covered with rapidly-flowing streams, issuing down from the tops of the mountains; and here and there are springs, throwing out water like rivers. Withal, the path is narrow, admitting but of one horse to pass at a time; and, O heavens! if any of the baggage-cattle happened to totter, and its feet to slip, it would tumble the whole descent, with its burden, down to the bottom of the valley. And how many burdens were carried away by the River Jihan! for the whole border of this river is...