Chapter Twenty Seven

On Mentioning the Reports of the Return of the Shehu to the Country of the Enemies Among the People of Gobir

When the time of autumn approached we regrouped and reorganized our forces and took mutual counsel regarding our affairs. Our opinions were in agreement concerning returning to the borders of the lands of the enemies in order to consolidate our military campaigns against them. Therefore the Shehu made hijra from Magabshi and alighted at a place called Sifawa. From there he journeyed until he reached Rikina where he sent out a military detachment led by Abd’s-Salaam. The Jama`at transported the necessary provisions to Abd’s-Salaam for this military campaign. Then the Shehu dispatched another military detachment and had provisions transported for them as well. Then the Shehu made hijra and settled at a place called Sokoto and remained there for some days.