as far as Sor, making no stop, then was necessary to dash a few head of tobacco & pipes to the head men or Kings of the different towns.

At Sor we endeed there the Sierra Leone. but as this would not do for them, we must & should come on shore; we could not nor could not. So the poleon stood for some minutes amidst a tremendous shower of rain. But on we went, & having rounded a point a little past the town; hailed in shore to partake of our lunch or dinner. While having had now informed me that in consequence of our not stopping, the Sor people would make poleon for this trade river cabo might as well the river beneath. & he begged me to return & stay all night. Being rather weary I yielded, & was turned back to be deceived & smothered to death by the barbarous kindness of these people. This was darkly prophesying, as about 10 o'clock, after passing Gadee, I had been greeted with a most beautiful prospect of the Sierra ~~hills or mountains~~ mountain & longed to approach it: my heart was truly in the highlands. Having spent the early & happiest part of my life in the ~~most mountainous~~ mountainous district of Vermont & New Hampshire: intimate with the splendid scenery of the Green mountains & White Hills: & now after a confinement of two years to almost a single point on the coast of Africa, the sea & land presenting on either side an almost equally regular horizon: now amid the varied & delightful scenery around me. to have a sudden & unexpected view of this vast blue mountain in the distance, whose well marked outline most strikingly resembled my favourite Ascutney, (whose evening shadow darkens the place of my birth. my own white cottage & the scene where in boyhood all my earthly hopes. this was too much for my easily excited feelings, & I gave way to them in ~~a fit~~ such a childish manner, as to excite the affected laughter, but real sympathy, of my favourite head Kroo boy.

At Sor I was much less annoyed by the natives than I expected. It is a beautiful place, & I spent a very agreeable afternoon in contemplating the variety of the surrounding scenery. After breakfasting, & not running & talking a little hours longer, in which I was violently urged to stop another day, we departed on our voyage. A few miles further up, we came in sight of the Gapole falls, on the east side of the river, considerably more elevated than my adopted Sierra. About four miles from Sor we passed five small towns on the east side of the river, scattered about on the peaks of little sugar loaf hills. These names you will see on the map. Some, as Jetra & Rito were considerably elevated, say from one to three hundred feet. On the west side, a little ~~beyond~~ past these towns we come to a moment under the banks of the sweet little town of Nanya. I have never seen any native town that could at all compare with it. The houses are entirely ~~first &~~ plastered with a light yellow clay, they are located at a convenient distance from each other, the streets are perfectly clean & smooth, skirted with beautiful short green grass. Altogether the place was so charming that I was for once urged by my Kroomen to despatch. We have proceeded to cause to conduct us through the rapids which commence immediately on leaving the town. The boat may strong pulling the most of the way. About two miles from Nanyah we come to the falls, here the river is divided by an island. I did not particularly examine the eastern branch. We took the western, ~~branch~~ which after a very dangerous passage brought us immediately under the foam of the cataract, to Daya a small beautifully located town belonging to King of Acica. From the best information I could obtain, I should judge that there were a succession of falls & rapids for some miles up the river. The ~~town~~ one allows a fall of water of about ten feet, perhaps less, & forms one of the most perfect natural mill privileges I have ever seen. The soft rocks on the western bank could be easily excavated as a flume & the water supply a wheel perfectly free from any

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