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our manner of singing that I believe they
would have listened to us all night. However
at 10 o'clock we separated for the night & were
conducted to our lodging rooms, where beds
were provided fit for a king to repose on —
The man of the house sang an evening hymn
in which the whole family joined. He
then made a prayer & we went to repose.
In the morning I was waked by our mother
who was in the same room making
a prayer with his little family all kneel-
ing round him the youngest of which
was not more than 2 years old. The sight
struck me with pleasing astonishment.
It is truly surprising thought & I to see
a race of people who so lately descended from
unsocial savages who even devour their
enemies leaving their children in the pos-
session of virtue & morality & teaching them
to fear God & worship him in the most
devout manner — after he had finished his
prayer the family descended in great affec-

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for our breakfast — I arose & walked out
in the adjoining plantation of yams, plan-
tains, bananas, tians, & melons & the soil
was very fertile & ~~every~~ promise a heav-
y fall harvest. There are ten families in
all the heads of which all till the same pie-
ce of land & share alike in every thing
acknowledging no master but God — about
8 o'clock we were called to breakfast which consist-
ed of chickens, cooked various ways with most
of the yams, plantains, bananas, &c. &c.
Previous to eating a blessing was asked & after
thanks rendered — Our ship being in readiness
for sea at 10 o'clock we were bidden with regret to
take leave of the inhabitants of this little Para-
dise — They flock round us with tears in the
ir eyes & presented us with some little tokens
of friendship & that we would not forget
it them but visit them often & there as they
should be very homesome when we go —
They subsisted as with such vegetables & fruit
as the Island produced without asking any thing
for them but seemed pleased to have it in