

gospel, into the most remote regions of this almost unknown Country. But the purport of this is to excite your interest in our behalf in using your endeavours to procure us an Intelligent Missionary and Schoolmaster. Some time ago wrote my Friend the Rev. M. Greg, of Crown Court on the same subject, but have not yet received an answer, and as it is of the utmost importance that immediate steps be taken, to cultivate the minds of the youth in Senegal, I have taken the liberty of earnestly beseeching you to use your influence, in doing something for this hitherto neglected Settlement. In my opinion nothing can be so productive of good in this Country as Schoolmasters, and some steady Artificers, to impart to the youth a knowledge of Mechanics, and the blessings of a civilized state. Art and Science naturally tend to cultivate the rude ideas of the mind, and to stimulate it to enquiries of a more sublime nature. Little, very little good can be done among the aged here, in the ways of religion; it is to the rising generation that our chief attention should be directed, from them we may expect every thing which human nature is capable of receiving and imparting, but the aged are in general rigid Mahometans, whose delusive Religion reigns here, in its full Meridian splendour. A Missionary or Schoolmaster coming here, might depend on every assistance from our worthy Lt. Governor, who has often assured me, that he would do any thing in his power to assist, either a Missionary, or Schoolmaster, but they should be both conversant in the French Language, as it is much

or rather generally spoken in Senegal. I cannot help lamenting that the place should be so little known in England, its importance as to situation, and trade, infinitely exceeds every other Colony between here, and the Cape of Good Hope, and I sincerely trust, that Government may keep it in our possession, which will be the only means of completely abolishing the horrid traffic in our fellow Creatures. In this part of Asia, but for the presence of a few interested Frenchmen, Slavery would soon be forgotten in Senegal, and Honorable Commerce, which already begins to rear its interesting form, be pursued with alacrity and interest. Ever since I came to this Country, two and a half years ago, I have wished to see something of its Interior, and about a month ago I embarked in my Boat for Donie, a place upwards of two hundred miles up the Senegal, (and of course due East from this Place) where I have a depot trading for Gum. It would be presumptive in me, and foreign to my subject to begin, and give you, a detailed account of this part of the River Senegal, whose banks abound with large Villages, and Towns, but I cannot help remarking that after I had sailed about ninety, or a hundred miles, the Banks of this fine River, presented a most interesting scene to the eye of an Englishman. On the right Bank of the River, the eye is lost, in viewing the immense Plains bordering on the great Desert Tarda, there grows a rich sandy soil, and well calculated to produce Rice, Tobacco and Cotton, but the left Banks were covered with fields of Corn, Tobacco, with quantities of European Melons &c. The Tobacco was in