

## LESSON LXXII.

## AFRICAN HOSPITALITY.

cel-e-brat-ed	vict-uals	cho-rus
in-ter-est-ing	un com-fort-a-ble	plaint-ive
hos-pi-ta-ble	de-ject-ed	li-ter-al-ly
dis-cour-a-ging	ben-e-fac-tress	trans-la-ted
mor-ti-fi-ca-tion	ap-pre-hen-sion	com-pas-sion-ate
pre-ju-di-ces	ex-tem-po-re	re-com-pense

Mungo Park, the celebrated African traveller, gives the following lively and interesting account of the hospitable treatment which he received from a negro woman: "Being arrived at Sego, the capital of the kingdom of Bambarra, situated on the banks of the Niger, I wished to pass over to that part of the town in which the king resides: but, from the number of persons eager to obtain a passage, I was under the necessity of waiting two hours. During this time, the people who had crossed the river, carried information to Mansong, the king, that a white man was waiting for a passage, and was coming to see him. He immediately sent over one of his chief men, who informed me that the king could not possibly see me until he knew what had brought me into his country: and that I must not presume to cross the river without the king's permission. He therefore advised me to lodge for that night, at a distant village to which he pointed; and said that, in the morning, he would give me further instructions how to conduct myself. This was very discouraging. However, as there