

care to remain ; and no schemes for civilising the negro will have any deep or permanent good effect which do not take note of, and legislate for, this singular fact.

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### THE LOWER AMAZONS.

A TRADER of Obydos, named Penna, was about proceeding in a cuberta laden with merchandise to the Rio Negro, intending to stop frequently on the road ; so I bargained with him for a passage. He gave up a part of the toldo, or fore-cabin as it may be called, and here I slung my hammock and arranged my boxes so as to be able to work as we went along. The stoppages I thought would be an advantage, as I could collect in the woods whilst he traded, and thus acquire a knowledge of the productions of many places on the river which in a direct voyage it would be impossible to do. I provided a stock of groceries for two months' consumption ; and after the usual amount of unnecessary fuss and delay on the part of the owner, we started. Penna took his family with him ; this comprised a smart mameluco woman, named Catarina, whom we called Senora Katita, and two children. The crew consisted of three men, one a sturdy Indian, another a Cafuzo, godson of Penna, and the third, our best hand, a steady, good-natured mulatto, named Joaquim. My boy Luco was to assist in rowing and so forth.