



riance of vegetation, and a great variety and abundance of animals, distinguish this part of the continent.

2. The inhabitants are ignorant and barbarous: their chiefs are despotic, and in some parts are regarded by their subjects as a sacred race. Mahomedanism is the religion of many tribes; but Fetichism, or the worship of snakes, lizards, and other disgusting objects, is prevalent. The Mahomedan tribes are less barbarous than the others.

3. The slave-trade has been carried on by Europeans from this region to a greater extent than from any other part of Africa; and, notwithstanding the exertions made to suppress it, it still continues.

SENEGAMBIA.

4. SENEGAMBIA extends from the Great Desert to the Colony of Liberia. It contains a number of small states, of which Foota Jallo, Bambouk, and Soolimana, all in the interior, appear to be the principal. Bambouk is noted for its gold.

5. The inhabitants of FOOTA JALLO belong to the Foulah nation, who are widely dispersed over Western and Central Africa. They are the most civilized people of this region, and have dark olive complexions, with high and often pleasing features. The Jaloffs and Mandingoes are also important races, but differ from the Foulahs in their complexion and general appearance.

6. The French, English, and Portuguese, have settlements established on various parts of the coast, for the purpose of trading with the natives for slaves, ivory, gum-arabic, and gold-dust.

Western Africa. Q.—1. Describe this region. 2. The inhabitants. Religion. 3. Slave-trade. 4. What is said of Senegambia? 5. The Foulahs? Jaloffs, &c.? 6. The French, &c.?