

COLONY OF SIERRA LEONE.

7. THE British Colony of Sierra Leone was established in 1787, for the purpose of introducing the Christian religion and civilization into Africa, but has not realized the expectations of its founders.

8. The bulk of the inhabitants are liberated slaves, taken from captured slave-ships. The population is about 43,000, of whom not more than 100 are whites; the extreme unhealthfulness of the climate rendering it unsafe for them to reside here. Freetown, or St. George, is the capital of Sierra Leone: there are also 8 or 10 small villages.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

9. LIBERIA, lately an American colony, became in 1847 an independent Republic. It was founded in 1821 by the American Colonization Society, as a place of refuge for the free negroes and emancipated slaves of the United States.

10. Many have emigrated thither, and the colony is in a flourishing condition. Several of the neighbouring tribes have put themselves under its protection, and are endeavouring to imitate its customs and learn its arts. The slave-trade has been abolished within the limits of Liberia. Several vessels, built at Monrovia, trade along the coast with the native tribes, for gold, ivory, palm-oil, &c., in exchange for American and European manufactures.

11. The first settled and chief town is Monrovia; it contains about 300 houses, including churches, schools, a public library, &c. There are several other towns and settlements situated at various points on the coast, from the St. Paul's river to Cape Palmas. The territory of Liberia extends along the sea-shore about 300 miles: it contains 3,500 colonists, and 20,000 natives.

Map No. 25.—How is Senegambia bounded? Which rivers are the principal? Sl., Ga., Nr., R.-Ge.—How long are the three first? What cape on the west? Ve.—On the south? Ps.—What French settlement on the Senegal river? St.-Ls.—British settlement on the Gambia? Bt.—What settlement on the Rio Grande? Pe.—What islands lie west of Cape Verde? C.-Ve.—What British colony in the south? S.-Le.

Map No. 27.—What are the principal rivers of Liberia? How long is the St. Paul's river? Which is the most northern cape? Mt.—Southern? Ps.—There are nine colonial towns—which are they? Native towns? What colony at Cape Palmas? Md.—At the St. John's river? Pa.—Near what cape is the town of Monrovia? Mo.

Sierra Leone. Q.—7. Describe Sierra Leone. 8. What is said of the inhabitants? 9. Describe Liberia. 10. What is said of the colony? The neighbouring tribes? The slave-trade? 11. The chief towns, &c.? How far does the territory extend?