THE GAMBIA: PLACE NAMES GIVEN BY TRAVELLERS & RESIDENTS IN THE 19th and 20th CENTURIES.

- a The 19th Century
- b The 20th Century
- c Accounts by visitors who sailed up the river.

Brisbane, California April 1999

(a) The 19 th Century

Material from this period is disappointing. Early settlers in Bathurst had little idea of conditions up river, and distances were just wild guesses. The distance to MacCarthy's Island was thought to be between three and four hundred miles, and it was not until Capt. Owen's survey of the river in 1826, that the distance was reduced to 150 miles. The island was supposed to be half way to Barrakunda, though progress was slower beyond MacCarthy Island, navigation being more difficult.

Even though traders might go up river, they were generally familiar with the river ports (crossing points), and little information is available about villages not visible from the river.

The spelling of the names also left much to be desired.

S.M.X. Golberry: Fragmens d'un voyage en Afrique, 1802

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Vol.1
         Gambra, ou Gambie
 39
         Fort James dans la rivière de Gambra
267
         Albreda dans la rivière de Gambra (describes crossing of cattle)
328
         to village of Bahio (unidentified) on south bank.
 13
         Fort James de la Gambie
         le bourg d'Albreda, situé vis-à-vis du fort James.
 39
379
         Gilfrey
                 (=Jufure)
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 73
                             Gylfrey
         Gilfrey
                        96
                                         (=Jufure)
129
         Kiawer
                    (=Kau-ur), (Kyahour)
130
         Joar
                        (=Jaxawur)
         Barra....Banguioù (Banjul)
150
         Kingdoms of Barra...Kollar....Haut et Bas-Yani [Upper and Lower Nyaani]
152
                                    Badibou,
156
         [James Island]
                          155-156
         Albréda
158
                      (163-4-6) Reopened 1786 (p.180-81)
159
         Badibou
166
         Barra-Inding
196, 199
                  [forest] west of Albreda
           Lamaya
149
         baie de Ste-Marie
         Cap Ste-Marie
         lle aux Oiseaux
150
                                   [Bird Island]
150
         Barra-Inding
                         (166)(174)
                                   [Banyon Point]
         Pointe de Banquiou
         Pointe de Barra
         Fort James
         Pisania (Haut Yani)
152
         Cataracte de Baraconda. (* Barrakunda Falls)
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William Singleton - Quaker.

Visit to The Gambia 1821. See #1025 in General Bibliogrpahy.

p. 18 Island of St. Mary

15 Feb. left Bathurst at sunset for Dumasansa near the Elephants! Isle about 259 miles from Bathurst. [Dumasansang]

landed at Badimee, Boy, Tenderbarport, Yamuliconda, Tankrowall.

[Badume, Bai, Tendabaa, Yamalikundá, Tankular]
with Waterman who was on a trading voyage.

- early morning passed Albreda, Fort James and Jillifree. (=Jufure)
- landed at Tankrowall. !The beach flat and low, and so is the land beyond it, not a hill to be seen."
- proceeded to Tenderbar-port, "Beyond the port is a small rise..... which is sprinkled with stones, some of considerable size. The ground continues rather elevated to Quenella, the king's residence (on the map named Tendebar".
- Mention of a trader Arafong of Tendaba. "He did not come aboard; because our vessel sailed, or rather was towed so slowly, that his canoe would proceed much quicker; accordingly, we saw it pass us towards the evening."
- rowed from the schooner several miles up a creek to Dumasansa. [Jaara]
 Mulatto trader there -Leza Itla.
- left Dumasansa, "and returning westward came to Badime". (=Badume)

"Here, and to a little beyond Dumasansa, the mangroves are so abundant on the banks, and the river is so much narrower than at the mouth, that we have not sufficient breeze to help us forward; almost all of our progress was by means of the oars."

- Came to Boy (= Bai ?), situated on a low plain, in some parts swampy.
- Went on shore at Yamaliconda. [Western Kiang]
- 26 " again. Trader resident there.
- Went slowly towards Bathurst...arrived late in evening...

Going up they proceeded as quickly as possible to Dumasansang, then made most of their stops at other places on the homeward voyage.

Other placed visited

- (a) short trop to Bakkauo 8 miles away (Bakau) by sailing vessel.
- (b) "Rowed to Combo to visit the King of Combo at Yindum. (Yundum). Had to walk 4 miles from the creek.
- (c) Journey by canoe to Mandinari where the Methodists were established.
 7 or 8 miles
- (d) Visit to the North Bank. Mentions Albreda (4 hours crossing from Bathurst) Jillifree 1 1/2 miles away. Dog Island

John Morgan: Reminiscences of the Founding of a Christian Mission on The Gambia.

Came to The Gambia in 1821.

Places mentioned

1 Island of St. Mary

Bathurst

2 Bak-ko = Bakau

Cape St. Mary

- 7 Tentabar (11, 12) trader Ainsley.
- Jillifree "A trading port on the north side of the river. There, at a cool stream, a rare thing in those parts, they took in excellent fresh water, a great luxury, the water at St. Mary's being brackish."
- 12 Queenella... (Kingdom of) ...King's town. (= Kwinela) (13)
- 18/19 Johanibah-Nung-o "The Devil's Nose" On North Bank. (Balingho area) (Presents, e.g. tobacco, gunpowder, thrown overboard.)
- 20 Kingdom of Kombo...Cape St. Mary
- 24 Mandinaree (Kombo..) 9 miles by water [=Mandinari].
- 28 Benjoul (= Banjul)

Burrah (King of Burrah) = Baara

77 Macarthy's Island

(Janjambure

81 Jan-Jam-bray = (MacCarthy's Island . Story about name 101-102.

86/94 Whoolly = Wuli

- 87 Cantalicund = Kantalikunda
- 87 Barracund/ Barracunda (94) -the fall of Barracunda, which is occasioned by a sunken reef of rocks.

Yannimaroo = Yani maru

Cattabah = Kataba

Mrs.Bowdich "A Description of the English Settlements on the River Gambia," in Bowdich, Thomas Edward: Excursions in Madeira and Porto Santo During the Autumn of 1823..... London. 1825.

Bathurst

201 Banjole (Island) = [Banjul]

204 Dog Island

Jillafree (Gillyfree) = Jufure

Albreda

205 Salem (= Saalum)

206 James Fort

206 McCarthy (Island) - believed to be 400 miles upstream.

206 Barracunda

207 Cape St. Mary

211 King of Coomba = Kombo

211 King of Barra

Memoirs of the Rev. Samuel J. Mills.... 1820 .

Brief stop at Bathurst. 1818

160 Mentions estuary. Cape St. Mary's and Banyan Point on Right,

Sanguomar, The Bird Islands and Barra Point on Left.

The village St, Mary's was situated on Banyan Point.

Report of the Commissioners of Inquiry into the state of the Colony of Sierra Leone. 1827

Second Part: Dependencies in the Gambia.

- 3 Island of St. Mary's
- 3 Barra Point (4-5)
- 3 Fort James (4)
- 3 MacCarthy's Island (Island of Lemain) . 150 miles up river (based on Owen's survey, previously said to be 300-400 miles distant).
- 3 Pisania
- 3 Barraconda (Falls) (=Baarakunda)
- 3 Fatenda (sic.) = Fatatenda
- 4 Deer Islands
- 4 Elephant Island
- 4 Vintan/Bintam (=Bintang)
- ц Jillifree (= Jufure)
- 4 Albrida/Albreda
- 5 Ceded Mile (arranged 1826)
- 5 Bonyadoo Creek (=Bunyadu)
- 5 Junkarda Creek
- 6 Dog Island Cape St. Mary.5.

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Beaufort, Grout de
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"Voyage de Grout de Beaufort sur le Senegal et la Gambie en 1824 et 1825"

In Walckenaer, C.A. Collection des Relations de Voyaes par Mer et par Terre en Differentes Parties de l'Afrique.. 1842

Vol.6: 355-372.

| 1824 | | |
|----------|--------------------------|--|
| 358, 363 | Visited Guiau | guiau bourey = Jamjambure (MacCarthy Island). Redwood exploited. Sarracolets came with gold. |
| 358 | Pisania | |
| 363-4 | Barraconda | (Senegal) |
| 366 | Coussaye (Woo | olli). East of Baraconda = the <u>Kussaye</u> of Gray & Dochard) |
| 363, 366 | Banankou) Balankou) | near Barraconda |
| 363, 366 | Koukongo | after Barraconda ? |
| 366 | Tambaconda | (Senegal) |
| 367 | Boulebane | after Tambakunda |
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| 364 | Woolli / Oul | li . |
| | Bambouk | |
| | Niage-Marigot | [Nianija Creek ?] |

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William Moister. (Methodist Missionary)
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From The Story of my Life amd Missionary Labours in Europe, Africa, America, and the West Indies . London. 1886.

Ch. 3 "Mission to Western Africa: 1830-1833," 53-102.

First voyage up The Gambia 1831. Travelled in a small sloop. Sailed from Bathurst 14 May, arrived McCarthy Island 19th.

Places mentioned:

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77 Tankerwall = Tankular, Tankural
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- 77 Tendabar = Tendabaa
- 77 Badamy up a long creek = Badume (Jarra).
- 77 Cower = Kau-ur
- 77 Macarthy's Island
- 78 Georgetown

Fatiota = Fatoto (outpost on east of the island)

79 (Return down river)

Cower = Kau-ur

Batida - up a long creek ,where the vessel took in corn
= Bat‡ Nda (Upper Saalum)

81 Barra Point

Second Voyage. 1832. by Cutter.

Sailed from Bathurst 8 March 1832; arrived MacCarthy Island on 16th.

Devil's Point = near Balingho

- 83 Jarmalicunda (says it is on north bank.) but in fact in Western Kiang at the mouth of the Nganingkoy Bolong.
- Doma-sang=sang a small village at the top of a creek.
 Dumasansang in Jarra
- 83 Cassang = Kasang
- 83 Georgetown

Moister.

Third Voyage. 1833. On a Brig which had come to take a cargo of mahogany.

Left 1 Feb. 1833

Cower

Bateda Creek = Nianija Creek

89 Yanemaroo = Yanimaru

Kyeye Island = Kai-Xai Island

Other places mentioned on short trips from Bathurst. (1) KOMBO AREA

98 Brikow = Bakau

99 Daranka (A village in the Kombo)

100 Lamin Two miles from Daranka. Liberated Africans had brick manufactory.

Mandanaree Mission started 1821; relinquished 1825. [Mandinari]

98 Cape St. Mary.

(2) NORTH BANK

100 Barra Point

101 Fort Bullen

101 Yassou [Yeseu]

Sir Henry Huntley: Seven Years! Service on the Slave Coast of Western Africa.... 1850.

In The Gambia 1840. Went up river in Schooner "Mary Paul"

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34
         Bathurst
  38
         Fort Louvel (described)
         Fort Bullen (described)
  39
                                              97 Barra
 39
         Half-die
                        (A district of Banjul)
 67
                      (Kau-ur ?)
         Comer
 64
         MacCarthy's Island
                                         George Town
                                                          Fort George
  66
                      East end of MacCarthy's Island (Fatoto)
         Fatola
                                          (69) Birikama
  66
         Brekama
                     On south bank
  66
         Broko (territory) " "
                                        Buruko
  66
         Cartabar, (70) (361)
                                   = Kataba
  70
                     = Ndwngu Siin
         Dunyassen
  85
                         Nyaani-maaru
         Nyani-Maroo
 88
                                       198-201
         Baccow
                         Bakau
 107
         Laming
                         (Lamin- Kombo)
                                         (200)
 105
         Banyouli
                        Banjul
 114
         Combo
                         Kombo (142)
                                          (199)
                            11
192
         Gunden
                                     (not identified)
214
         Melville
                         On St.Mary's (Liberated Africans)
                                        (Jola Town) - a small assemblage of huts
227
         Jolur Town
                         upon the edge of the swamp about two miles off
256
         Bussamballa
                         Busumbala (Kombo)
                                                   256
                                                         3accow
                                                                  = Bakau
                         [King of Kombo preparing to make war on the Jamboars]
256
         Jamboars
                         (People of Jambur ?)
271
         Colrein
                         In Upper Nyani
                                             (See Fox).
                                                                 Upper Nyani
                                                                                275
                                                                 Lower Nyani
                                                                                 45
 275
        (Dunkasseen
 70
        (Dunyassen
                                              (=Ndungu Siin)
271
       (Dunnyassen
282/3
                         =Jufure
         Jillifree
                                                                       herding place
 286
         Yessicore
                         Deserted. on road to Barrending [Esseu + Koreyo ?[
 281
                         One of the seven kingly towns. Its population does not exceed
         Barranding
                         2000 persons.
                                           (231)
 331
         Farraba
                         Faraba (Kombo ?)
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Maps accompanying

Report from the Select Committee on the West, Coast of Africa, 1842.

(Dr.Madden's Report)

- 1) In Part 1, pages 8-9 Map of The Gambia with the Coast and Country adjoining to accompany Dr. Madden's Report.
- 2) Part II after p.520. Map of the West Coast of Africa comprising @Guinea and the British possessions at Sierra Leone, on The Gambia, and the Gold Coast, together with the countries within the courses of the Rivers Senegal, Gambia & Kowara.

 Compiled from Official documents. by John Arrowsmith, 1842.

Essentially these maps contain information from Leach's map (1732) with additions from Mungo Park's Travels.

F.W.Finden Map of the Upper Gambia for 105 miles above the

Falls of Barraconda....from a sketch made by

His Excellency Governor Mac Donnell,

February 1849. Enclosure No.3 in Governor Mac Donnell's Despatch No.41. dated June 16th. 1849.

(See account by Stibbs #27). GS 35A

Grey, Earl "Abridged account of an expedition of about 200 miles up The Gambia, by Governor Ingram ..."

Journal of the Royal Geographical Society, 17, 1847, 150-155.

(A journey made in 1842-43). In cutter "Emma".

Left Bathurst 17 December 1842. Passed Dog Island, Laming Point..to Albreda [Returned to Bathurst, then back on 19th.]

150 Jillifree (Jufure)

Left 20st

James Fort

Vintan Creek (=Bintang Creek)

Moota Point (Mentions "Devils tree". (=Muta Point)

Tankerwall = Tankular, Tankural

151 Jamaly Cunda [at mouth of Nganingkoy Bolong]

Tinderbar = Tendabaa

Devil's Point [at Balingho]

Balana [at foot of high hill of ironstone]

= Ballanghar

22nd Bye Creek =Bai Creek

Bading Creeks = Bantanding ?

Barraconda =Barokunda (in Jaara)

Observation Creek =South Bank , just past Elephant Island

Doomasansang Creek= Duma-sansang Creek

Bambally Creek = Bambale Creek

Cower =Kau-ur

23rd Yanimaroo = Yaani-maaru

Red Hill of Casson 150 ft. high. Red Hill of Kasang

Contoo =Kunting

24th Baboon Islands Baboon Islands

Deer Islands (just swamps)

Brékama =Brikama (Fuladu West)

Kayeye Islands = Kai-Xai Islands

Ingram cont.

25th Fort George (MacCarthy's Island)

Visited by:

King of Nyambantang

Nyaani-bantang

King of Catabar

Kataba

153 Lindoe

village named after Dr.Lindoe

Jan 4 Barsangsang

= Bansang

5 Pisania

abandoned - ruins visible Pisania

Lower Coonda Point

Coodachay

154 Foulah Tenda

= Fula Tenda

Chacoonda

= Chakunda

Bankoobar

(Soninke)

= Bankubaa

8 Foulah Tenda

= Fula Tenda

9 Bannatenda

= Banatenda

Coro

=Kurau (On north bank)

il Fat

Fattatenda = Fatatenda

went inland to Medina the capital of Wuli

Jaconda (inland on way to Medina)

Cantalikunda

=Kantalikunda

Barracunda (Falls)

=Barrakunda Falls

(Impossible for cutter to pass)

Returned and reached Bathurst 25 January.

Anne Raffenel; Voyages dans l'Afrique occidentale.... 1846.

Journey made in 1843-44.

482-3 Fattatenda (brief description...huts on both banks...trade conducted from ship anchored in mid river.)

488 Baracounda = Baarakunda

489/490/492 Kantalicounda =Kantalikunda (Kantora)

490 Yaboutenda =Yaabutenda

491 Woolli Wuli

Konkonko village...barrage

493-5 MacCarthy's MacCarthy Island

494 Kanieby = Kanube

Foulah-Tenda = Fula Tenda

495 Walyha Creek = Waliya Creek

Badiara (Creek)

498 Sainte-Marie St. Mary's

[In February took 5 days to return from MacCarthy Island to St. Mary's,]

W. Fox: A Brief History of the Wesleyan Missions on the Western Coast of Africa.

1851 [In the Gambia 1833-44 - included leave]

Fox gives a large number of place names, based on both the accounts of earlier missionaries, and his own travels. In particular he went up to Wuli, and passed across it to Bundu.

The names have been re-arranged by region.

| КОМВО | Bathurst 1 | 51 |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | - Soldier(s) Town | 356 |
| | -Melville Town | 356, 358 |
| | Island of St.Mary | 232, 261 |
| | Sarra Creek/Oyste | r Creek 261 |
| | Baccow (Cape Town) | 286 (Bakau) |
| | Mandánaree | 267 (Mandinari) |
| | Cape St.Mary's | 326 |
| | King of Combo | 267 |
| NORTH BANK | Fort Bullen | 352, 365, 396 |
| | Berwick Town | 352, 356, 365, 396 |
| | Berrending | 396 |
| | Albadar | 263, 260, 395 |
| | Jillifree | 151, 260, 394 (Jufure) |
| | James Island | 260 |
| | Fort James | 262 |
| GOING UP RIVER | Tendabar | 266 (Kiang) |
| | Devil's Point | 248 (near Balingho) |
| | Elephant Isle | 232 |
| | Deer Island | 232 |
| | Yannimaroo | 285, 407 (Yanimaaru) |
| | Paboon or Dean's ! | sland 232 |
| | Barsansang | 108, 198, 546 (= Bansang) |
| | Kayaye | 401 (Kai-Hai) |

| MACARTHY ISLAND | Macarthy's Island Lemon Island Janjamberry | 279, 105, 151, 232 278 (Lemain I. Lamin I.) 278 (Janjambure) |
|-----------------|--|--|
| | Fort George | 279 |
| | Fattota | 401, 407 (Fatoto) |
| | Bodori | 548 (=Badari) |
| FULADU ETC | Broko/Brooko | 107, 108, 353, 373, 401, 546 (South Ban |
| | - a | |
| | Laming | 106, 304, 405 (North Bank) (Lamin) |
| | Jemera | 364 (=Jimara) |
| | Foolatenda | 456 , 106 (Fulatenda) |
| | Bankobata | 554 2 miles from Fulatenda |
| | Chakunda | 555 |
| | Bannatenda | 556 |
| NIANI | Cullareen | 284 ? |
| | Kattaba Catabar Cahtabah | 401, 545 (=Kataba) |
| | Dunkaseen | 546, 547 (= Ndungu Siin) |
| | Ngabantang | 570 (Nyanga-bantang) |
| | Foolokolong | 106 (Location ?) Fula-kolong |
| | Jamali/ Jamale | 106, 107, 353 |

(SE Of Kataba , NE of Lamin)

| ANT I | Woolli Woolley | 364 | [1842?] | |
|-------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | Barraconda | 332 | (Baarakunda |) |
| | Falls of Barraconda | 151, 278 | | |
| | Cantalikunda 108, | 151, 232, 278 | , 555 (Kantali | kunda) |
| | Fattatenda | 106, 450, 546 | , 547 (Fataten | da) |
| | Bantonding | 450, 547 | (Bantund | ing) |
| | Bajakunda | 450 | (Bajakun | da) |
| | Subakunda | 243, 451, 452 | , 547 (Half way | between Bantunding). |
| | Madina | 106, 249, 279 | , 452, 454 (Madi | - |
| | Barrakunda | 453, 454 (a | mile east of the | capital) |
| | Bambako | 456- 457 D | 28-XI (Bambako |) |
| | Kaniba | 458 =K | nape ? D 28-X1 | |
| | Sutuba | 458 | | |
| | Dirma | 459 =D | reme D 28-XI | |
| | Walufara | 450 | | |
| | Tambakunda | 460 | (Tambaku | nda) |
| | Kochair | 461 | | |
| | Nouday | 461 | Naude | |

D 28-XI A French map (Senegal)

Poole, Thomas Eyre: Life, <u>Scenery and Customs in Sierra Leone and The Gambia</u>, 1850. 2 vols.

(Poole was Colonial and Garrison Chaplain of Sierra Leone 1845-50).

During this period he paid a visit to The Gambia. Date not specifically mentioned.

He travelled up the river on the old Colonial Steamer, 'Albert'. The boilers frequently burst, and the vessel often ran aground.

Poole is the worst of all the 19th century travellers in his spelling of place names.Lucklly most can be identified.

| Vol.11 Ch V | p.74 | St,Mary's, Bath | t,Mary's, Bathurst | | |
|----------------|----------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| CII V | 74 | M'Carthy's Island | | | |
| | 75 | Fort Bullen | | | |
| CH VI | 95 | Saint James's I | sland [Originally named after the reigning monarch !] | | |
| | | Jilfree | = Jufure | | |
| | | Sicca | = Sika | | |
| | 97 99 | Albreda) ada) | = Albreda, Albadar [5 factories, 50 men. French and small English establishment. trade in groundnuts. native village of 3000 persons. | | |
| | 101 | Tontrowal | = Tankular, Tankural | | |
| | 102 | Tenderbar | = Tendabaa - some huts. had dwindled in importance. | | |
| | 104 | Devil's Point | | | |
| CH VII | 108 | Bye Creek | = Bai Creek | | |
| | | Bademe | = Badume | | |
| | | Elephant Island | | | |
| | 109 | Damasasang | = Duma-sansang Creek. [trading town. English factories. groundnuts.] | | |
| | 109 | Comer | = Kau-ur , Mandingos and Jolloffs. groundnuts rice fields. 3 large towns back from river. | | |
| | 111 | Yaanamaroo | Nyaani-maaru . Factory & village | | |
| | 111 | Nabunting | missionaries had established a Native Assisant Missionary. Place not identified. | | |

region under chief Sandegebar.

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129 M'Carthy's Island (Detailed description given)
  Ch IX
               138
                    St. George's
                                           = Georgetown
                                            at extreme point of island (east)
               138 Factota
               145 spot where Mungo Park set out. Not named = Pisania
  Ch X
               145 rocks in river
               148 Manidungaby
                                            =Mama Yungabi
               148 Dungasien
                                            up a creek = Ndungu- Siin
               149 Foulah Tendi
                                            a factory port = Fula Tenda
                    rocks on right hand side going up before Banatenda
               149 Bungobarlee
                                            =Bankuba (inland about a mile)
               150 Banna Tendi
                                            =Banatenda.
                                             (where they ran into the bush.
               150 Mangoree
                                             (3 hours from Fula Tenda) Present-day
                                                                      Sibifula ?
               151 Cushama
                                            =Kosema
                    Canaby
                                            =Kanube
                    Benefit
                                            = Brefet ? formerly NE of Kanube
               153 Finda Fati
                                            =Findifeto (near Kundam)
                                            =Fattatenda (North Bank)
               156 Faltatendo
                    Pry
                                            =Peray (factory port)
                        ran aground...went on in small boats.. were able to cover 8-10
                                         miles then decided to return.
                    Yabbu Tenda
                                            factory port
X \perp
               163 Bango
                                            in interior
         164
                 Then returned from Yarbu Tenda/ Yabertenda
                                            (unidentified = Fatoto area)
                    Cuptalla
                                                11
                    Cunda
                                            =Kusun (Kantora)
                    Cosson
         165
                    Fata Tendi
                                            =Fatatenda (North Bank)
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170 Lists Finda Fati =Findifeto Paddy Anderee = Madina Wharf (Port for Nyakoy ?) Barsary Brefet ? Benefit Carnaby =Kanube Cassama =Kosema Barra Tendi =Banatenda Chacondi Fort =Chakunda Fata Tendi =Fula Tenda Mammenunkaby (see p.148) Mama Yungabi Poompatory . opposite Karantaba Conteen Kunting- port just below Monkey Hill Bansang ? Basanary ran ashore 171 St. George's Georgetown This describes a sequence going up river. Seems to be a repetition of Ch. X. Fula Tenda 180 Foulah Tenda 149 cf Banana Tendi 150 Banatenda 182 Margarine Mangarinye (between Helakunda and Diabugu) - present day Sibifula. Canaby 151 Kanube 183 Bangary a small factory consisting of a few hut 189 Yuakoy Nyakoy- up stream from Basse 191 Paddy cf p.170 Findifeto 191 Findi Fatali 153 Kundam (inland - close to Findifeto) Cundum Prye 156 Peray Samaa Sami - factory port

ran aground on sandbank

XII

XII continued

| | | cf | |
|------|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| | 193 Kantacundi | | factory port Kantalikunda ? |
| | Yabertendi | 156 | Yaabutenda |
| - | | | |
| XIII | (Down river again) | | |
| | 203 Fort Bullen | | Fort Bullen (Lower Nyoomi) |
| | | | |
| XIV | 220 Cape | | Cape St. Mary |
| | 221 Oyster Creek | | Oyster Creek |
| | 224 Cape House | | Cape House |
| | Sabbidee | | Sabiii (Kombo) |

H. Hecquard: Voyage sur la cote et dans l'interieur de l'Afrique Occidentale. 1855

Journey & map = 1851.

Hecquard came into the Gambia from the south, reaching <u>Fataba</u> near the river bank, where a trader was established. (p.140). This cannot be identified but was probably in Eastern Kiang near Kolior & Jomar. He visited Albreda,

travelling by river, and then returned up river. He mentions:

146 Tankoral = Tankular

147 Diaoumar = Jomar (East Kiang)

147 Massembe = Masembe | 11 | 11

147 Guignir = Jenyer

147 Kaiaf = Kaiaf !! !!

147 Souboundou now just across the frontier in Senegal (Casamance)

148 Baylde not identified (a Fula settlement)

148 Domassansan = Dumasansang (in Jaara)

He mentions the royal towns of Jaara-

148/151 Diapina = Japeni

 ϵ 148/153 Badoumar = Badume.

He crossed the river to the north bank and set off from Kaour (Kau-ur) to

Niannianbeta (158) = Nyanibantang passing through N'Giender (unidentified),

160-1 Kassan = Kasang (site now abandined)

161 Pallam (On French map)

160-1 Kataba =Kataba

then south-east

162 Diamali =Jamali

162 (Dhiendienboure = Janjangbure (Makarty MacCarthy Island

167 Fatoto = $\frac{\text{now an}}{\text{abandoned village.Fatoto on east end of the island}}$ He would have gone by river to Fatatenda, in Wuli, (176-7), then crossed to

the south bank, and went south again by land.

He mentions Yaboutunda (=Yaabutenda in Kantora), and Prag (177) = Perai (176)

From the river he went south.

184 Coulari = Kular

184 Siçécounda = Sisekunda

185 Badari = Badari

and thence back into the Casamance region.

He provides interesting descriptions of most of the places he visited.

but the boundaries between the different kingdoms are of dubious value.

He does not mention Nyaamina, for instance, which on his map is absorbed by

Djemmarou (Jimara). The Kombo region is not named, nor are any boundaries shown
between Kombo and Fonyi.

On pages 170-1 he provides lists of the major islands, creeks and tributaries, and the states.

Map accompanying article by Pichard: "La Gambie", in Revue Maritime et Colonial, 14, June 1865, 225-260.

Carte du cours inférieur de la Gambie, pour servir au mémoire de M^r Pichard, Vice-Consul de France à Bathurst. Publiée par ordre de S.E.M^r le M^{is} P. de Chasseloup-Laubat, Ministre Secrétaire d'Etat, 1865.

The map covers the area from the coast to about the middle of Western Kiang, but has surprisingly few place names.

Kinggdoms mentioned are

Royaume de Bar

with Salum to the north

Royaume de Badibou Roy^e de Combo Pays de Kiang/Kaen

Physical features shown are:

on south coast

Cap Pelé ou C.Bald

C. Ste Marie (near which are Fort & Maison de Convalescence)

The Marigot des Huitres (Oyster Creek) separates the mainland from 11e St. Marie
The town of Bathurst is shown.

along the south bank

Marigot conduisant au Roy de Combo arrow points towards Traitants (traders) & Factorie Conda.

Marigot conduisant au village de Mandinari also shows traitants & Factorie Cabata. arrow points inland to Fooliconda Factorie.

Marigot de Vintang

with a factorie on the south bank and one

on the north bank (in Kiang) Broom Factorie (=Burong)

Pte Monta = Muta Point.

along the north coast

riviere Jinnak & crique Jinnak

then

Pte Booniadoo (with an 'arbre remarquable' nearby)

Pte, Fort et village de Bar (= Barra)

(populated by Ako)

along the north bank

Pointe du Chien (Dog Island Point).

Pte Lemon (Lamin Point)

Albreda - village

Pte Tudor (Sika Point?)

Marigot Joba

M^{rt} de Jaronka (Jurunka Creek)

opposite the middle of West Kiang is

Marigot de Salaginia (Salikenye Creek)

One curious statement is that the Governor was proposing to establish a town called d'Arcyville near Dog Island Point.

There is apparently one coastal settlement midway between Cape St/Mary and Bald Cape, called Yong (?)

In the river itself Fort James (in ruins) is indicated.

Major sandbanks and the depths of the river at different points are shown.

The area around Dog Island Point is labelled 'banc dangereux'.

Resources are shown - Bois a exploiter. Teinture. Construction.

Bois de calcédrats

Pierre à batir (building stone) Kiang

Pays excellent pour l'apiculture Kiang & Nyoomi/Jakadu

(Excellent country for bee-keeping)

pays excellent..pour la culture du coton (Jokadu area)

OUTLINE MAP SHEWING THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS ON THE GAMBIA.

To accompany the Report of Colonel Ord, R.E. Commissioner, 1865.

Parliament: House of Commons
Report of Colonel Ord, the Commissioner Appointed to Inquire into the
Condition of the British Settlements on the West Coast of Africa.

1365.

(Reproduced by Irish University Press, 1971, Africa. Vol.50.)

The areas occupied were the Island of St. Mary, Kombo St. Mary,

The Ceded Mile on the North Bank along the river shore, Kayaye Island, and McCarthy's Island.

The map goes as far as Pisania.

There are some misprintings of names - mistakes being made in reading the original handwriting.

On the South bank are shown

Cape St.Mary

= Cape St.Mary

Sabbagee.

= Sabeje

UPPER COMBO

Kombo (District)

LOWER COMBO

Berefet Ck.

JOLLAH TERRITORY

Vintang Ck.

Berefet Creek Jola Territory Bintang Creek Kiang (District)

Tankowall

Tankural, Tankular

Jemally.

Jamalikunda

Tendaba h

Tendaba

JARRAH

KEEANG

Jarra (District)

Toniatabah

Toniataba

Elephant Isld.

Elephant Island

Doomasansang Ck.

Dumasansang Creek

NYAMINAH

Nyaamina

Village of Conida

(Probably Kudang)

Jarev Ck.

Jareng Creek

CARBOO

= Kaabu

(The names of Wuropina, Jimara, Tumanna etc. are not used)

Kayage Id.

Kayaye Island

McCarthy's Id.

MacCarthy Island

Brako

=Buruko

Barsansang

=Bansang

Pisanea is shown on the south bank, instead of on the north bank. (Pisania)

On the North Bank are:

KINGDOM OF BARRA

Boonyadoo Ck

= Bunyadu Creek

Barra Pt.

Baara Point

Fort Bullen

Fort Bullen

Yessow

Yessau

Berrending

Berending . Labelled King's Town.

Albreda

Albreda

Jillifree

Jufure

Swarra Ck.

Suwarekunda Creek

KINGDOM OF BADDIBOO

Badibu

Sallicanea Ck

Salikenye Creek

Mendora Ck.

Mandori Creek

Catchang Ck.

Katchang Creek

Indea (King's Town)

India

Alcalli Cunda

Alkalikunda

Jimansar

Jumansar

Catchang Town

Katchang

Devils Pt.

Devil's Point

Attengo

(Not known. near Balingho)

SABBAH

Sabach

Tarrafaynia Ck.

(Not identified) Farafenyi ?

Bombarley

Bambali

Cam Cunda

Kanikunda

SARLUM

Saaluum

Cower

Kau-ur

Batida Creek

= Nianija Creek, which runs þast Bati Ndar

NYANIE

Nyaani

Deer Islands

Deer Islands

Nyamamaroo

Nianimaru

Red Hill of Cassang

Red Hill of Kasang

Plan of British Combo

Scale 2 inches to 1 mile.

Accompanying Sir Arthur Kennedy's Despatch No.93 of the 2nd November, 1870. (Drawn by J.C.Jackson, Lt. July 1867).

Places named listed alphabetically. Modern spelling in Italics.

Albert Town

Bacow Barcootea Bakau Bakoti

Barrow

Bijulo

Bijilo

Cama1oo

name survives in Camaloo Corner

Carcoley

Cinto

Clifton Coley Coley

absorbed by Bakau. name survives in 'Clifton Road'

Cou_{too}

Kololi ?

Dennytown

Eboe

Ibo Town

Hamilton

Jerry Town

Jammah Town

Latter Cunda

Latrikunda ?

Latcombo

Marree Cuncle

Newcastle

Oyster Creek

Oyster Creek Saabije

Sabbagi

St. George's Hall

St.Mary's Island

= Baniul Island

Tuswant

The Fort at Baco

also shown

Sanitarium on the coast

Maps and Plans in the Public Record Office Vol.3,

See #817 Gambia in Great Britain: Public Record Office

Map shewing the <u>Territory of the British Government and that of the King of</u>
Combo to accompany the Report of E.A.M.Smith, Manager of British Combo, Gambia.

Enclosed in Sir Arthur Kennedy's Despatch No.93 of the 2nd November, 1870.

Scale given in paces (a pace being 30 inches) (1" = 1830 yards)

Modern names in italics.

| | | | Modelli names | in italics. |
|-----|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (a) | St.Mary's Island | now known (b) as Banjul | Bijilo | Bijilo |
| | Bathurst (White Road | " " | Bourfoot S | Burufut |
| | Clifton Road) | | Tanjay | Tanji |
| | Oyster Creek | Oyster Creek | Busumballa S | Busumbala |
| | Fort (at Bakau) | Old Government House | Lamin | Lamin |
| | Clifton | absorbed in to Bakau name survives in 'Clift | Daranka S con Road' | Daranka |
| | Baccow | Bakau | Babelon | Babilon |
| | Cape St.Mary | Cape St.Mary | Mandinary S | Man đi nari |
| | Colon | Kololi ? | Cubuneh S | Kubune |
| | Jeswong | Jesuwang | Youndum S (King's Town) | Yundum |
| | Hamilton | Hamilton | | |
| | Sire Jobe | Saare Job Kunda | Kaimbujay | Kembuie |
| | Barcootee | Bakoti | Brokameh S | Birikaama |
| | Sabbag e e | Sabije | (King's Town) | |
| | | | Jamboor S | Jambuur |
| | • | | Tujarain S | Tujereng |
| | | | Saryang S | Sanyana . |
| | | | Karkemah | Kakima River (1980 , man) |
| | | | Goonjour S | Gunjuur |

S= stockaded

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Various Government Reports of the late 19th Century provide a number of names.
        Journey up river in 1875 by H.T.M. Cooper, Acting Administrator. By steamer.
        Mentions
                   Contafarra - a town midway between McCarthy Island and Yarbutenda.
 272
        Feb. To Yarbutenda
              Back to Sappo
              Then to Bathurst.
              Visit to nYoro - capital of Baddiboo (now in Senegal)
    18
              Visit to Tenderbar
                                      = Tendabaa
        Mar
              King of Keeang
                                      = Kiyang
              Visit to nYanejar
                                      = Nianija (Nyaani-bantang)
        19
                       nYanijar
              Steamed up creek 12 miles...arrived off the town.
273
        20
              to Sappo
                                       = Sapo
        22
              Contafarra
                                       not identified
        24
              Yarbutenda
                                      = Yaabutenda.
              Ref. to Kooting
                                      [a rebellious town]
              Cowar
                                      =Kau~ur
274
        28
              back to Bathurst
        Apr
              Swarracunda Creek (by cutter) = Suware-kunda Creek
              went up creek to nJian*- then.35 on horseback to nYoro.
                                     mentions discussion regarding the jurisdiction over
              Jaronko
                                     these three towns as the Ceded Mile Treaty had come
              Sicca
                                                      (Jurunku, Sika, Sutununku).
                                     into effect
              Sootonounko
                                     nr.nYanijar = Bati Ndar
              Batteda
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^{*}This is now in Senegal , On French map as Mdiayene . i.e. Njai-en.

Places mentioned in 1875 in various letters, notices etc.

278 Doomasansang

Dumasansang

Bantang Killing

Bantang Kiling

Tambah Cotoo

Tamba Koto

Ballinghar

a Bal**y**nghar

nDorna

Ndorna

nYanejar

Nianija

Succuta near Cassang

Sukuta

Kihie

- Kai-Xai

Woolie

Wuli

Koonting

Kunting

(Warnings were given to traders to avoid certain places as there was potential trouble in these areas.)

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Busumballa

Busumbala (Kombo)

Lamin

Albert Town

Near Lamin

Youndoum

Yundum

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IUP pages
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Travel up river by V.S.Gouldsbury, Administrator in Gunboat "Seagull"

in April 1877, to deal with various complaints made by native traders against local people.

| 337 | 3 April | Perang | (Muslim) | Kombo Pira | ∍ng |
|-----|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | Brefret | (Soninke) | Brefet | |
| | 4 | Tenterbar | | Tendabaa | (Kiang) |
| | | Battaling | | Bateling | |
| 388 | 5 | Tonniatabah | Creek | Toniataba | (Jaara) |
| | 7 | McCarthy I | sland | | |
| | 8 | Down river t | 0 | | |
| | | Kayaye | | Kai-Hai (Ka | ai-Xai) (Niani) |
| | | Baragally | | Barajali | , |

Letters -1867 Saml. W. Blackwell. Governor in Chief.

392 Koonting (Marabout) Kunting

Joncakunda (Soninkee) -opposit

-opposite McCarthy Island =Jonkakunda

1881 Upper Gambia Expedition

427 Cannubay

Kanube.

723 Yarbutenda

Yaabutenda - had been destroyed by the King of Bundu, 1879.

road journey 2 1/2 days to Jallacotta - longer by river.

At Yarbutenda now only a few huts of a trader Mr. Verminck.

Rocks of Barraconda.

The accompanying map shows only a few of the places visited by the author and mentioned in the text.

His map has a certain amount of confusion regarding the creeks in the Fonyi area. The label Bintain C. should be attached to the creek to the north of it, separating Fonyi and Kivang. Bintang is on the south bank of this creek, and Geregia is to the south of the creek, some nine miles east of Bintang.

| | Page | M = appears on his m | ap | |
|------|-------|---|---|---------------------|
| | 389 M | Description of Bath | urst (now Banjul) | |
| | 411 | Djola palm-wine col | | nurst, inhabited by |
| 414/ | 415 | Mitchinson Villages in the Komb Djosuan = | Modern spelling bo region which he mentions Jesuang | s are |
| | | Hamilton-town | Hamilton (on old road to | Sabije) |
| | | Sabedje | Sabije | |
| | | Youndoum | Yundum | |
| | | Busun-Bala | Busumbala | |
| | | Djambur-Sanja | Jambur | |
| | | Kunjuroo | Kujuru (Gunjur) | |
| | | Katon | Katong | |
| | | He then crossed the | river into what is now Cas | samance. |
| | 416 | Fort St.Jacques | James Island (Fort) | |
| | 416 M | Albadar, Albreda | Albadar, Albreda | north bank |
| | 417 M | Barra (territory) | Baara (now village name) | H . H |
| | 418 | Gilfre | Jufure | 11 |
| | | | | |

Bintain Creek Bintang Creek south bank

Bintang (village)

Gereie

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Μ

Bintain

Gereges

Going up river on a boat bound for Fatatenda in the Upper River, he mentions the following places

| mentions | the following p | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 435 | Mitchinson = | Modern spe Sika (Nyoom | | north bank | | |
| | Kasera | (Not identi | fied) | south bank | | <i>(</i> |
| | Jurunkee | Jurunku (Ny | Jurunku (Nvoomi) | | | |
| | Tambana | Tambana (Jok | adu) | sorth bank | | |
| | Kianmandina | Kiyang Mandi | na | south bank | | |
| | Swaraicunda | Suwarekunda | (Badibu) | north bank | | |
| | Oulomesen | Wulumisa | (Kiyang) | south bank | | |
| | Tancular | Tankular | (") | 11 11 | | |
| | Salikonjeva | Salikenyi | (Badibu) | north " | | |
| | Jamali | | | south bank | (mouth of | Nganingkoi Cree |
| | Jaliblom | (Not identif | ied) | north bank | | |
| 437 M | Elephant island | l Elephant Is | land | | | |
| 440 M | Damasen š i | Dumasansang | (Jaara) | south bank | | |
| | Segar point | Sika Point | (Nyoomi) | north bank | | |
| 441 M | Moto Point | Muta Point | (Kiyang) | south bank | | |
| 441 M | Devil's Point | Devil's Poin | t | | | |
| | near Balingo | Balingo) Balingho) | (Badibu) | north bank | | |
| М | Kasan (Hill) | Kasang | (Niani) | north bank | | |
| 442 | Baboon Island | Baboon Islan | d | | | |
| 442 | Balajeli | Barajali | (Niani) | north bank | | |
| | Sapo Island | Sano (Sanu) | | south bank | | |
| М | Macarthy's Isla | (MacCarthy and (McCarthy | | | | |
| 448 | Cadjay | (between Bab | oon Island | and Macarth | nv's Island | ?)= Kai-hai |
| 448 | MacCarthy's Isla | and (descr | ription) | | | |
| 451 | Baragally | (16 miles ab | | thy's Island Niani (Bara | | |
| 454 M | Ki Hi (a trading poir | | ai-hai) (M | Kavave I. on | his man) | north bank |

| 454 | | Yanimaroo | Yanimaaru | north bank |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| | M | Cower | Kau-ur | ;- 11 11 |
| 455 | M | Deer Island | Deer Island | |
| 455 | | Manidungabi hill | Mamayungehi Hill | south bank |
| 455 | | Countin | Kunting (Sami) | north bank |
| | M | Majombo-me (Monkev Hill) | | miles from Macarthy's) north bank in centre of the river) |
| | | Jabutenda | Yaabutenda (Kantora | south bank |
| | М | Cantalicunda | Kantalikunda (Kantor | ā) " " |
| 459 | М | Fatatenda | Fatatenda (Wuli) | north bank |
| 460 | | Prai | Peray (Fuladu East) | (A Serahuli village) south bank |
| | | Kunjubili K | Kunjubili(Wuli)- SE of | Brifu, now Forest Park north bank |
| | | Kusson | Kusun (Kantora) | south bank |
| | | Yaboutenda | Yaabutenda (Kantora | 1) " " |
| | M | Cantalicunda | Kantalikunda (Kanto | ora) " " |
| 461 | | Koina | Koina (Wuli/Kan | ntora) north/south banks |
| | | Banange | Bananko | |
| | | Konkoboloto | | (near waterfall) (now Senegal) |
| | М | Baraconda | Barakunda | (rapidsrocks) " " |

Badibu appears on page 179 as Bardabou, on p.183 as Badilou

On page 423 Tancluor and Sendabar are Tankular and Tendaba (Kiang-south bank)

On page 455 he mentions Mangrin - about 150 miles from Macarthy's, where a rock in the centre of the river is washed on both sides by water 2½ fathoms deep.

The 150 miles is certainly greatly exaggerated..

(Not identified.)

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Accompanying Colonial Office Report C.3065
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Correspondence relating to the recent expedition to the Upper Gambia under Administrator V.S. Gouldsbury, M.D., C.M.G. 1881

Two maps

1. Map of the Upper Gambia from Yarbutenda to Bady Wharf.

Scale 1:145,800

By Lieutenant H.N. Dumbleton, R.E.

War Office, Intelligence Department, August 1881, No.65.

(A much more accurate map than Governor MacDonnell's sketch map of 1849.) - Detailed description of the river banks, hills, channels, etc.)

2* Expedition to the Upper Gambia. 1881. Route Survey.

Scale: 1:729,000

By Lieutenant H.N.Dumbleton, R.E.

War Office, Intelligence Department, September 1881, No.66. (Shows the route followed to Sierra Leone.)

On 2 the only places in present day Gambia that are shown are:

McCarthy's Island

Pisanea (destroyed)

(in Wuli)

(Tabajang "

(Medina " (now Senegal)

Varbutena (in Kantora)

In present day Senegal

-The Grey River (on the south bank)

-The Nerico River (on the north bank)

are shown.

Jalleotta Wharf and Badu Wharf are shown.

Varbutena (in Kantora)

Cantora (a town)

on 1 Yarbutenda and Barraconda are the only places shown.

Rock of Barraconda (North bank) (Senegal)

^{*} See #822 in Great Britain: Public Record Office
Maps and Plans in the Public Record Office. Vol.3. 1967..p.92.

IUP: British Parliamentary Papers.
In 1886 messages were sent to various towns regarding the new bushel measure size & rate for sale of groundnuts.

Places mentioned

| 479 | Kooteingo | Badibu said to | be Saide Mati's town = Kutingo |
|-----|-----------|---|---|
| | Tonyataba | Kiang Fode Ka | ba's place |
| 480 | (Nyoomi) | Albreda Sekar Jelefuray Bantang Kiling Lameng | <pre>= Albreda Sika Jufure Bantang Kiling Lamin</pre> |
| | | Juroonku | Jurunku |
| | (Jokadu) | Jokadoo | Jokadu |
| | | (Dasalamey (Darselamey | Dasilame |
| | | Carantaba | Karantaba |
| | | Barkang | Baakang |
| | | Tamberna | Tambana |
| | | Barley | Baali |
| 481 | (Kiang) | Tankularr | Tankular |
| | | Jarley | Jaali |
| | | Kenneba | Kenebaa |
| | | Jolly | Juoli |
| | | Woollemessa | Wulimisa |
| | | Macca | Maka |
| | | Jarmey Coonda | Jamali Kunda ? Jannekunda ? |
| | (Badibu) | Sallikeneh | Sallikenye |
| | | Jarmey Coonda | Jamali Kunda (South Bank) |
| | | Barney | Bani |
| | | Goonjour | Gunjur |
| | | Saba | Saba |
| | | Rueta Coonda | - not identified |
| | | Swary Coonda | Suwarekunda |
| | | Carawan | Kerewan |

| 481 | (Badibu cont.) | Catchang | Katchang | | | | | |
|--------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| | | Jumansa | Jumansari | | | | | |
| | | Alcally Coonda | Alkali Kunda | • | | | | |
| | | Tonyahtaba | Toniataba | (South | Bank |) Ja | ara | |
| 482 | | Sankuyah | Sankwia | н | 11 | Jaara | | |
| | | Tandito | Tandaito (San | njal North | Bank | (Chief | Gumbo | Ge) |
| (J | aara) | Doomersenseng | Dumasansang | | | | | |
| | | Burang | Bureng | | | | | |
| | | Jashong | Jasong | | | | | |
| | | Parcaley | Pakali | | | | | |
| | | Sutucong | Sutukung | | | | | |
| | | Mandina | Mandina | | | | | |
| | | Sucuter | Sukuta | | | | | |
| | - | Barrawconda | Barokunda | | | | | |
| (N | iamina) | Peniegh | Piniai | | | | | |
| | | Catanina | Katamina | | | | | |
| 483 (N | ianija) | Nyahneger | Nianija | | | | | |
| | | Koodang | Kudang | (South B | ank) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

PAUL SOLEILLET : VOYAGE A SEGOU (1878-1879), Paris, 1887

Paul Soleillet followed the River Senegal, and the map prepared by Gabriel Gravier following that of Lannoy de Bissv, 1887, merely names the Districts along the River Gambia.

On the north bank we find Bar (=Nyoomi)/ Babib@u (=Badibu)- though a place is shown as Badibou. These have Saloum to the north, Saloum coming down to the river Gambia east of Badibu. Next Niani is shown, Niani Inferieur & Niani Superieur. Then comes Ouli (Wuli), which borders Bondou and Tenda. The only place name shown is Barranding, near the river mouth.

On the south bank we find Ste. Marie de Bathurst, and James (Island), The Districts are

Combo Kombo

> Fogni Fonyi

Kian Kivang

Diara Jaara

Yamina (Yamina also shown as a place name Nyaamina

Diamarou Jimara

Toumane <u>Tumanna</u>

Kantora Kantora

Tenda East of Kantora MAP OF THE ANGLO-FRENCH BOUNDARY IN SENEGAMBIA

delimited by the Anglo-French Commission in May 1891.

Scale: 2 miles to one inch. 1: 12672. Intelligence Division War Office No.848 4 sheets a b c d

Francis Bisset Archer in <u>The Gambia Colony and Protectorate</u>, 1906, p.84 wrote: "On May 5, 1891, the Administrator, Mr. Llewelyn, proceeded up-river in the yacht "Countess of Derby," borrowed from the Government of Sierra Leone, with the Commissioners, who were introduced to the important chiefs of Kantora, Wuli, Sandu, Karantaba, Kunting, and the king of all Fulladu, Musa Molloh. Every assistance was given to the expedition, which by the end of May completed the work of fixing the boundary of the Kantora and Wuli districts. In addition an excellent survey was made of the river from McCarthy Island to the frontier."

The 1891 map would seem to have been the result of this journey up river. The map shows the international boundary, but only places along the major creeks and the main river are named. The plateau which rises from the flood plains is shown, but the names of places back from the river with a few rare exceptions such as Sonkunda, the capital of Kantora, are not shown. The map makers state that the small villages on the banks of the river are trading wharves generally named after the nearest village in the interior. These are abandoned during the rainy season, new landing places being constructed on the subsidence of the flood. It is noteworthy that in the Upper River area the same place name is applied to places on both the north and south banks of the river, examples being Changalli, Presumably trading vessels in troubleseome times would Kossema, and Kanube. anchor in mid-stream, and trade with people on both sides of the river. A number of villages are indicated as "burnt village" - a sign of recent warfare. A number of the larger villages have circles drawn round them to indicate cultivated areas.

1905 Map. 1931 Map = 31 = 05

The following islands are shown:

Elephant Isld
Pappa Island
Deer Islands
Baboon Isds
Ka Hai Islands
Pangon I.

McCarthy's Island (Shows Cemetary, Govt.Ho. Village)

Named hills are:

Monkey Court Mamayungebi

Rocks in the river:

Alligator Rock

| | 3 (Sc | outh Ba | nk) | |
|------------|---|---------|-----|---|
| [Jaara] | Sutukung | | 31 | |
| | Barukunda | | 31 | (Baro Kunda) |
| [Nyaamina] | Katamina | | 31 | |
| | Dankunko | | 31. | (Dankunku) |
| | Paddiki * | | | Not on later maps |
| | Jakotto | 05 | 31 | (Ja Koto) |
| | Barokunda | | 31 | |
| | Kuda | 05 | 31 | (Kudang) |
| [Fuladuu] | Sapu | 05 | 31 | (Sepu on 31 map) |
| | Bruku North bank wharf on south bank | 05 | 31 | (Old trading station in Francis Moore's time 1732 was on the south bank) The 1931 map shows the place on the south bank |
| | Bansang | 05 | 31 | |
| | Perif | - | - | shown on Leach's map 1732) |
| | Kalitenda | 05 | _ | opposite Monkey Court |

^{*} Name not shown on 1905 or 1931 maps

3` (North Bank)

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[Saalum]
                        Bantanta
                                            05
                                                    31
                                                          Bantanto
                        Bati Hai
                                                    31
                (North of Nianija Creek)
                        Bante*
                                    unknown
                                                           maybe Buntung (31)
                        Drama*
                (South of the Nianija Creek)
                        Kai Hai
                                                    31
                        Tubakuta* unidentified
                        Jianshia*
                        Suteu Boyon*
                        Nianija
                                                    31
       [Niani]
                                            05
                                                    31
                                                         Nianimaru
                        Niamimari
                        Kassang
                                            05 .
                                                    31
                        Kontu
                                                    31
                                                         Kuntaur
                                 [On south bank opposite Kuntaur] = Ida? 05
                                                                                     31
                                                         Sukata (05), Sukuta (31)
                        Sukutao
                                            05
                                                    31
                        Barajalli
                                            05
                                                    31
                        Ka Hai
                                            05
                                                    31
                                                         Ka Hai
                        Yandum*
                                    unknown -
                        Lamin Koto
                                            05
                                                    31
                        Bruku
                                                         in 31 on south bank
                                            05
                        Dobo
                                            05
                                                    31
                                                         (Near river, had moved inland by 1931
                        Kunting
                                            05
                                                    31
(Sheet 4)
                        Karantaba
                                            05
                                                    31
                         lower wharf
                                            05
                         upper wharf
                                            05
                                                            = Tandikunda ? (31)
                        Tende
                                            05
                        Niani Baia
                                                    31
                                                            Baiaba
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| et 4 cont | .) | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|----|-----|---------------------------------|
| Kunc | ha Cree | ek | | | |
| (West | side) | Fori | 05 | 31 | |
| | | Tabending | | 31 | · |
| | | Same | 05 | 31 | (Sami) |
| | + | - 2 burnt villages | | | |
| (East | side) | N'Dai Kunda | | 31 | (Njaikunda) |
| | | Kerelima* | | | unidentified |
| | | Tabanakli* | | | 11 |
| | | Shaba* | | | 11 |
| On River | | | | | |
| | Niani | Kunda* | = | ••• | |
| | Ringar | ra | 05 | - | |
| | Jannik | unda* | ~ | - | unidentified |
| | Kurau | | | 31 | |
| | Dir b ok | 0 | | 31 | = Diabugu |
| | Niani | Kunda* | | | (Second place with that name) |
| | Jahabi | | | 31 | Jakaba ? |
| | Kossem | a (South Bank) | 05 | 31 | |
| | Chang | alli | | 31 | (Map shows it on both N & S bar |
| | Kanub | e | 05 | 31 | H H H H H |
| | Pillik | unda | | 31 | Pillinki ? |
| | Begend | a | 05 | = | at mouth of creek 31 M'Baia |
| Up Cre | ek | | | | • |
| (west | side) | Darsilami | | 31 | |
| ч | н | Tubakuta | 05 | 31 | |
| (east | side) | Kambali* | | | unidentified |
| (east | side) | Kandimai | 05 | | |

Peri

(=Pirai)

31

Folakunda*

unidentified

Sama

31 Sami

Tuba Kuta* on river

| [WULI.1 | Bambiniar* | | | NE of Ander |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|----|--|
| | Beretenda | | 31 | Beritenda |
| | Darsilami (SW of Bantunding) | 05 | 31 | |
| | Fatatenda | 05 | 31 | |
| | Burekunda | 05 | | (Perhaps Boro (1931) |
| | Samitenda | | 31 | |
| | Yarbotenda | 05 | 31 | Yarbatenda in 1905 1931 map shows it on south bank |
| | Koina nr. river | | 31 | By 1931 Koina had moved to the south bank -Kantora |
| • | Barrakunda Rapid | | | |
| | | | | |
| In present day Senegal | Netebula | 05 | 31 | |
| | Sin | 05 | 31 | |
| | Marajankunda | 05 | 31 | Makajankd. Makajangkunda |

4 (South Bank)

[Old Kantora]

| Fu i a Kunda | | 31 | = Fula Tenda ? |
|---|-------------|----------|---|
| Bannatenda | | 31 | |
| Bangarin | Q 5 | | |
| Коѕѕема | Q5 | 31 | • |
| Changalli | | 31 | [Shown on both north and south banks. At present on north bank.] |
| Kanube | 05 | 31 | [Shown on both north and south banks. At present on south bank.] |
| Basse Ander | 05 | 31 31 | Andieri |
| Temasisi | 05. | 31 | (Tambasansang) |
| Findofato | 05 | 31 | (05 Findefato 31 Findefeto) |
| Pria Point Pria Kunda | 05 | 31 | (Pdrai) |
| Kusutenda | | 31 | (Kusun Tenda) |
| Sunkunda | 05 | 31 | (Sonkunda) |
| burnt village between Sunkunda and Yarbutenda | | | |
| (Yarbutenda is here the south bank.) | shown on th | ne nor | th bank.) On the 1931 map it is shown on |
| Amdallai* | - | - | no village of that name now at this point |

Keneba (burnt) 05 31 (31 = Kenniba). The town was rebuilt.

(b) Twentieth Century Accounts by Residents and Travellers.

Governor G.C.Denton's Journey to the Upper River, 1902,

(Contained in the Annual Report, 1901). In the 'Mansah Kilah'.

| - . | * 1.1 |
|------------|---|
| 7 Jan | • Tendaba |
| 8 | Quinella |
| | Elephant Island. (Anchored for the night) |
| 9 | Reached McCarthy Island |
| | On to Misera Wharf |
| | Landed and went to Misera, the principal town of Sandu. |
| | (The Mansah Kilah returned to Bathurst) |
| 13 | Left Misera, reached ₹oruba Wul - a 3 hours march |
| 14 | spent night there. Went to Bantoding. |
| 17 | Left Bantoding and reached Koina Wharf, |
| | passed through Marsuto, Sutuko, Berif, Fulahkunda |
| | Crossed on a cutter which was there and went on to Koina Village. |
| | 2 miles away on the south bank, in Kantora |
| 18 | reached Sunkunda, the capital. |
| | Mention of Farintunba. |
| | Between Koina and Sunkunda are Keneba, Jowokunda, Farintunba, |
| | Kasirikunda. |
| | Went on to Tuba Kouta (10 miles away). Met by N'Farli Cora, |
| | chief for the eastern portion of Fulladu. Tuba Kouta is about |
| | three-quarters of a mile west of the boundary. |
| | March to Tambasansan. (Where N'Farli Cora lives). |
| 23 | Meeting with Headmen of the principal villages |
| 27 | Left Tambasansan and reached Basse (Headman Mansah Jang) |
| 28 | Reached Gambisara. |
| | Mentions Numuyelle |
| 31 | Left Gambisara. |
| | |

The "Mansah Kilah" met them at Kossema.

- 31 McCarthy Island
- 2 Feb. Boraba (Western Fulladu) where Dembo Danso resided

 Kai-Hai

On way down river stopped at Tendaba and again visited Quinella.

Names derived from both previously published material and own experience of the country.

- H. Reeve: The Gambia. 1912
- 6 Bald Cape

Broken or Bird Islands (N)

Cape St. Mary

Bathurst

9 Barra Point

Pavilion (of the King of Barra)

Island of St. Mary

Dog Island

James Island

16 Photo of Kossoun (Kusun)

" Ballangar

- 33 Bintam
 - St. Grigou River

Vintang Creek

- 36 St. Andrew's Island
- 42 Tankula/ Tankural

Kasan

Pisania

44 Half Die

[Careening]
Beretto (nr. mouth of Lamin Creek)

Dog Island = Charles Island

48 Kassan

Fath Tenda (Thompson)

- 49 Barra-Kunda
- 50 Jera Kunda (Jobson)

Oranto

Jallacotta (above the Nerico)

51 Settico (=Sutuko)

Yarbu Tenda

Fatta Tenda Photo

Blacksmith's Hill = Photo

58 Albreda

Geregia (Jeregia)

Joar (Ballangar)

65 King of Barra's Pavilion at Barra Point

67 Gillifree

Stibbs

Barrakunda Rapids

84 Pisania (Karantaba) F.Moore Houghton

Kunchau Creek

Walia

Wallikunda

Medina (Wuli)

M. Park

92 Leopold (first name for Bathurst)

(= Sierra Leone ?)

Fanway entrance to river

94 McCarthy Island (Lemain)

Ceded Mile

Yakadoo Creek to Jakanda Creek

(up river)

98 Suarakunda

Barranding

99 Fort Bullen

105 Panshang

107 Nianimaru

125 Wuli

Kantora

Medina Wharf (10 miles below Fath Tenda

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Seimo River (above Perai Wharf)
125 con.
            flows from south. 7 miles from Fath Tenda
127
            Sunkunda (Kantora)
            Bananko - frontier
129
130
            Koina
            Berif
                  (=Brifu- Wuli)
            Yarbu-Tenda (port of Sunkunda)
131
            Bruku rocks
132
            Passi Massi (N)
            Kossoun
            Misera
            Gambissara-Kuta
133
            Sami Tenda
            Perai
135
            Kulari (S)
            Tuba Kuta Creek
            Bassy (Tomany)
            Finde-fato (Port of Kulari)
136
            Kanube
            Sandugu River= Kunchau Creek
137
            Kossema
            Walia
137
            Kingdom of Jemarrow
            Karantaba/ Pisania
            Kali Tenda hills (SB)
            Monkey Court
            Dobo
            Bruku rocks
            McCarthy Island/Lemain Island
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Bruku (Pholey's Pass)

| 138 | Boroba Wharf | 142 | Kau-ur (Cower) |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 139 | Kai Hai | | Ballangar (Joar) |
| | Sapu | | Sea Horse Island |
| | Pangoon Island | | Dunkuku (sic) |
| | Jarrume | | Katamina |
| | Kai Hai Islands | | Pinai |
| | Sapu | | Indea (S) |
| | Wallikunda (3 miles below Sapu) | | Dumasansang |
| 140 | Jemarrow | | Sofanyama |
| | Europina | | Sanjally |
| | Elephant Island | | Bombale |
| | Sofamyaman Creek | | Elephant Island |
| | Baboon Islands | 143 | James Island |
| | Kontu-ur | | Dog/Charles Island |
| | Eda | | Barsally |
| | Kununku | | Bai Creek |
| | Kudang | | Devil's Point |
| | Sukuta | | Toniataba |
| | Wassu | 144 | Tendaba |
| | Kassan | | Kwinella |
| | Nianimaru | | Batelling |
| | Carrol's Wharf | | Katchang Creek |
| 41 | Deer Island | | Toubabkolong |
| | Nianija | | Jali |
| | Niamena | | Tankular |
| | Fuladugu | | Muta Point |
| | Kudang Wharf | | |

145 Geregia River/Vintang Creek

Kansala

Suara Kunda Creek/ Colar River

Jurunku Creek

Sika Point

Lamin Point

Gillifree

Albreda

James Island

Dog Island

146 Brefet Creek

Faraba Creek

Medina Creek

Lamin Creek

Half Die

Barra Point

Jinnak Creek

Broken Islands

147 Fairway Buoy

Knoll Buoy

Anfreville de la Salle, Dr. L. d' Sur la Cote d'Afrique..... 1912

Description of The Gambia Ch.6 137-165 Bathurst 7 166-196.

- p. 137 Diawara (= Jowara, Lower Badibu) pp. 140-142
 - 145 Mac Carthy
 - 146 Kuntaour Kuntau-ur
 - 146 Wassu
 - 147 Yarboutenda (163) Yaabutenda
 - 152 Fort-James (164)
 - 153 Ceded Mile
 - 164 Albreda
 - 163 Niani Maru
 - 166 Sainte Marie-de Bathurst

Mary Gaunt: Alone in West Africa. 1912

- Ch. 2 The Gambia.
 - 32 Balanghar

M'Carthy Island

- 35 Fatta Tenda
- 38 Kossun =Kusun
- 38 Yarba Tenda ==Yaabutenda
- 39 Nianimaroo = Niani Maaru

Neveu-Lemaire, Dr.M. <u>Deux Voyages: Cynegetiques et Scientifiques en Afrique</u>
Occidentale Française, 1911-1914. Paris, 1920.

Though the author sailed up The Gambia before a land trek into the region of present day Senegal, there is little to add to our knowledge of the English region.

Tiamoi would be Chamoi east of Basse.

Fatatenda which is marked on the south bank, is on the north bank.

Fatoto marked on the north bank, is on the south bank.

Yaboutegenda (Yaabutenda) marked on the north bank, is on the south bank. I

Son Counda (Sonkunda) is in about the right position.

Missira There is a present day Misera in Sami, but not in the

position shown by Neveu-Lemaire.

Touba Couta The stream is presently known as the Tuba Kuta bolong,

and there are serveral settlements called Tuba... to the

east of it.

Badari The old village of Badari is much closer to the river.

1 But maybe people moved back and forwards between north and south banks and the same name seems often to have been applied to points on both and north and south banks.

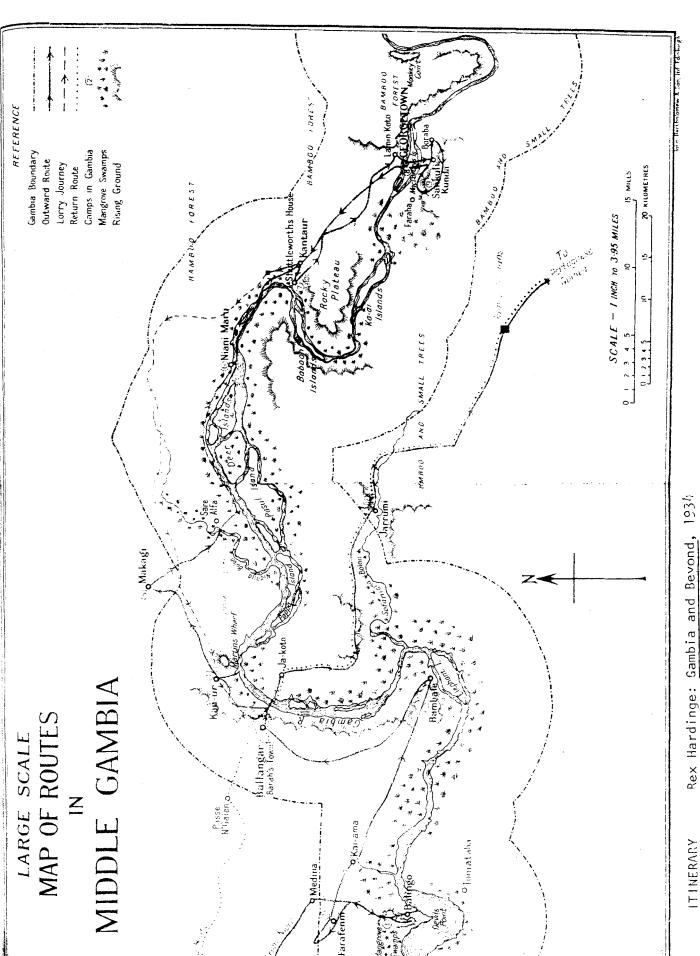
Lady Dorothy Mills: The Golden Land . 1929

186 Basse р. 190 (Description of the place) Fattetenda 191 Fatoto 194 Basse 194/5 Kontu-ur = Kuntau-ur McCarthy Island 195 Monkey Island (above McCarthy) = Monkey Court. 195

Large scale map of routes in Middle Gambia. 1" = 3.95 miles.

Published in Rex Hardinge: Gambia and Beyond, 1934.

Shows area from just west of Farafenni to Monkey Court, east of Georgetown.



Rex Hardinge: Gambia and Beyond, 1934

Rex Hardinge: Gambia and Beyond. 1934

Georgetown

Basse

| 68 | Medina (Senegal) on frontier | 162 | Fatta-t | enda | | |
|-----|--|--------|---------|----------|--------------------|-------|
| 73 | Balingo (Description 78-79) | 167-16 | 68 Sank | uli-kund | a | |
| 74 | Farafenni | 166 | Boraba | (SE of | Georgetown | 1) |
| 78 | Toniataba | 168 | Faraba | (NW of | Sankuli-ku | ında) |
| 80 | Devil Point | 169 | Kau-ur | | | |
| 81 | Basse | | Nianija | Bolon | | |
| | Fattoto | 174 | Sofaniy | ama Bolo | n | |
| 86 | MacCarthy Island | | Jarrumi | | aamina ?) | |
| 94 | Kai-ama (SE Of Farafenyi. Bolong of that | | Laliaka | | mance ?) | |
| | Kau-ur | 202 | Jakoto | Balla | ing place nghar | to |
| 95 | Elephant Island | | | | | |
| 95 | Kerewan Baddibu | | | | | |
| 105 | Kau-ur | | | | | |
| 105 | Ballangar | | | | | |
| 115 | Georgetown | | | | | |
| 120 | Monkey-Court | | | | | |
| 124 | Niaija Bolon | | | | | |
| 129 | Sare Alfa (in Nianija ?) | | | | | |
| 139 | Niani-Maru | | | | | |
| 141 | Kuntaur | | | | | |
| 148 | Lamin Koto | | | | | |
| 149 | Georgetown | | | | | |
| 151 | MacCarthy Island | | | | | |
| 154 | Guenoto (Senegal) | | | | | |
| 156 | Ballangar /170 | | | | | |
| | Kau-ur | | | | | |
| | Kuntaur | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

W.T.C.Berry: Before the Wind of Change. = 1948

- 84 Genieri
- 84 Yoroberikunda
- 85 Kaiaff
- 85 Fajara
- 91 Sankwiya
- 92 Balingho (100)
- 93 Jenoi
- 93 Brikama
- 93 Kassang (in Fonyi Bintang Karenai)
- 93 Jomar
- 93 Jassobo
- 93 Toniataba
- 94 Pakali Nding

- 29 Bathurst
- 28 Albreda
- 27,28 James Island
 - 28 St. Mary's Island
- 21/22 Yundum (Egg Scheme) (Teacher's Training College)
- 22/23 Brinkama = Brikama
 - 31 Geneiri (sic)

Keneba

Sekuta = Sukuta (Kombo)

- 34 Georgetown
- 35 Wallikunda
- 40 Karantaba

Mungo Park Memorial

Michael Crowder: Pagans and Politicians. 1959

- 34 Bathurst
- 35 Cape St. Mary
- 36, 43 Genieri
 - 40 Kanikunda
 - 41 Keneba
 - 43 Mansakonko
 - 43 Jenoi

Smith Hempstone: Africa- Angry Young Giant, 1961

361 St. Andrew's [Island] 363

363 James Fort

363 Albreda

364 Lemain Island = MacCarthy Island

Banjol [Island]

St. Mary's Island

Bathurst

Kombo

Ceded Mile

366 Kombo St. Mary's

367/9 Fujara = Fajara

368 Church St. Mary of Kombo (sic)

368 MacCarthy Square

370 Koina

373 Arse Hill

Monkey Court (20 m. above MacCarthy)

374 Kuntaur

375 MacCarthy/ Georgetown

375 Memorial to Mungo Park (Pisania)

376 Basse

376 Barrakunda Falls (Senegal)

378 Yundum

Wallikunda (Rice scheme)

386 Kombo St. Mary

Richard Owen: Saga of the Niger. 1961

Owen set out to follow the path of Mungo Park.

Places mentioned:

20 Bathurst Barra

- 22 Jillifred Juffure
- 22 Fort Bullen
- 25 Albadarr
- 27 James Island
- 29 Pisania
- 31 Yelitenda

Kuntaur

32 Georgetown

Walli Creek/ Samee Creek

35 Jindey <u>Senegal</u>

39 Samee

Peckaba = Pakaiba 44

Nyana Sandugu

35/ 45 Kootacunda (remains only) -grove of trees

46 Tabajang

41 Wallia -once known as Jindey 43

52 Medina

52/53 Koussanar (on railway)

48 Faddicunda (Wuli)

51 Fadiacunda

57 Tambacunda

John Gale: <u>Travels with a son</u>. 1972

116 Barra

117 Bathurst

121 Farafenni

124-33 Kaur

134 Georgetown

134 Basse

Olive Naylor: Kambi Bolongo. 1985

| 2, 6 | Bathurst | 118 | Fatoto | |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| 5 | James Island (72)(36) | 158 | Marakissa | (112) |
| 6 | Banjul Island 12- | 159 | Kubariku | |
| | St. Mary's Island | | | |
| 28 | Bakau (41, 38) | | | |
| 30 | Basse (34) *118) | Photographs | Alletento | 117 |
| 30 | Georgetown (91) | | Marakissa | 85, 112 |
| 31 | Bai | | | |
| 31 | Bambale | | | |
| 32 | Carrole's wharf | | | |
| 33 | Kuntaur (63) | • | | |
| 36 | Kaur | | | |
| 37 | Albreda | | | |
| 40 | Yundum- TTC. Airport | | | |
| 52 | Fort Bullen (Named after Comm | odore Bullen of | H.M.S. Maid | stone) |
| 52 | Barra Point | | | |
| 59 | Kombo | | | |
| | Serrekunda | | | |
| | Lamin (158) | | | |
| | Rakau | | | |
| 63 | Wassu Bridge | | | |
| 67 | Brufut | | | |
| 76 | Bansang (92) | | | |
| 87 | Fajara | | | |
| 111 | Mansakonko | | | |
| 111 | 3akau | | | |
| 112 | Serrekunda | | | |
| 113 | Brikama | | | |

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Names recorded by Regine Van-Chi-Bonnardel
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"Exemple de migrations multiformes intégrées: les migrations des Niominka (îles du Bas Saloum, Senegal),

Bulletin de+1'1.F.A, T.39, ser B. no.4, 1997,

p.862 footnote 3

Albreda N = Albreda, Albadar

Bafulotu N Bafuloto

Diawara N Njawara (Joward on mays)

Same N Sami (Upper Nyoomi ?)

Salake-Guir N Salikenye

Kathiang N Kachang

Kemoto S Kemoto (Western Kiyang = Muta Point)

Balingo N Balingho

Koniataba S Toniataba

Farafeni N Farafenye

Iltenda S Yelitenda

Sankoniang S Sankwia (Sankuya)

Diabine S Japine (Japeni)

Bakaly, N Bambale 3

Kankulda N Kanikunda

Kaur N Kaur (Kawur)

Kulegnian S Kulenyo (out of order ?)

Nyammarigo N Niani Maru

Kareuaf N Carrol's Wharf

Kubau S Kudang ?

Kuntaur N Kuntaur

Walekunda S Walikunda

Bansang S Bansang

Karantaba N Karantabaa

Banatenda Banatenda

Tiadie (Chaajel) S Chargel Bihabugu ..N Diabugu Kossemare S Kosemar Kaniube S Kanube N Dasilame Dassilame Madina Madina Findifetu Findifeto S Fatatenda N Fatatenda

Piren

List of names, in order going up The Gambia, supplied by a group of Nyoominka as places where groundnuts were loaded.

Pirai, Perai

I have supplied the S $$\operatorname{for}$$ south bank N $$\operatorname{for}$$ north bank and the modern English spelling.

A combination of the Nyoominka pronunciation, and her own hearing and handwriting produced the discrepancies. Clearly she did not refer to a Gambian map.

(c) Accounts by those who recently "sailed" up The Gambia.

Of the **** accounts that follow, only one was in a truly engineless vessel, the others progressed upstream by means of auxiliary engines.

No detailed accounts are provided which give times and distances, and only a few major places or natural features are mentioned - James Island, Elephant Island, the Trans-Gambian Ferry (at Yelitenda), Kau-ur, Kuntau-ur, Georgetown, Bansang, the Mungo Park Memorial, Basse and Fatoto. The Mandori Creek, near Salikenye (Central Badibu) is also mentioned by one traveller.

| 1 | Captain Dod Osborne | 1955 ? "The Victory | y''• |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------|
| 2 | "Aquarius," | 1971 ? 1972 ? | |
| 3 | "America" | 1974 ? 1975 ? | |
| 4 | "Nabob III" | 1979 ? | |
| 5 | "The Jeshan" | 1989 ? | |
| 6 | "Breath" | 1992 ? | |
| 7 | Crazy Horse' | 1998 ? | |

Though one knows when articles about the trip were published, not one author is specific about the year when the journey was made up river!

(1) Captain Dod Osborne, acquired

"a seaworthy ketchrigged vessel." Reconditioned. First launched at Banff, Scotland, in 1916. Named "The Victory."

Trials runs summer 1954. Only member of crew his girlfriend Jeannie.

Travelled up The River Gambia in 1955 ?

- p.58 Bathurst
 - 58 St.James Island
 - 69 Kuntaur Swedish vessel had brought machinery for groundnut processing plant.
 - 69 Cape St. Mary (mentioned)

"Beyond Kuntaur we were compelled to depend solely on our auxiliary motor. Not only had we to stem an increasingly powerful current as the river narrowed, but also we had to manoeuvre continually, zigzagging from bank to bank, to avoid the numerous rocks and shoals that lay in the chapnel."

73 Past the Mungo Park Memorial he ran aground.

"Suddenly the bow lifted into the air like a rearing horse. There was an agonizing grinding on the ships' bottom. On eitherside black rocks appeared, glittering in the moonlight. To the right and left a long line o rapids stretched across the river and the ship was gripped hard and fast between two great boulders..." Astern the water was 25 feet deep.

The bow was high and dry. It was the dry season, when the water was falling. He failed to move the ship by kedging. After the third day - in the night the water apparently rose due to rain in the interior, and swept the ship free.

He next mentions Bansang, and running aground again just before reaching Bansang wharf.

From this it would seem that the rocks he struck were not at the level of the Mungo Park Memorial, but those of "Pholey's Pass" (Fulas' Ford) or "Devil's Bridge". just beyond MacCarthy Island.

He struck several times later (p.76) but got off without difficulty.

Later he encountered more rapids (before Basse), but found a passage close to the bank. "A passage so narrow and with so swift a current that I doubted if our ship had the power to battle against it. Nevertheless, determined to continue, we went ashore and fastened a rope to a tree beyond the farther mouth of the channel. Then we slowly winched the ship through into safe water on the other wise. Finally we reached Basse."

He was able to continue to Fatoto - where he met the trader George Banna and his family.

Other places he mentions are Kaur (84) where George Banna also had a store, Koba Kunda (where the chief of Fuladu East lived) which he visited accompanied by Lumley Frank of the Gambia Oilseeds Marketing Board.

At Fatatenda, they visited a man with power over snakes.

Mr. Frank also took them to visit a seer at Diembuco - some 16 miles inland from Diabugu. (North Bank).

They left The Gambia just as the rainy season was beginning (p.118).

(2) Matthew Heron: "Aquarius to Africa," <u>Boys'Life</u>, May 1973, 32-35, 64-5, 70-1.

The Aquarius was a 31 foot steel sailboat, with an auxiliary engine.

Arrived in the Gambia in 1971 (?). Tore out a propellor-shaft bearing coming into Bathurst...and had to wait a month for replacement.

Eventually they sailed up the river, first anchoring at James Island where they had a picnic. The same evening they anchored further up river for the night. They visited a major creek (unnamed) in the middle of the afternoon. In the evening they came to <u>Kuntaur</u>, where they spent the night. At a fork in the river they ran aground but were able to winch off. The rainy season was now starting.

4 July reached <u>Bansang</u>, but there was a bad storm, so they returned down river.

(3) Mark Gibbons "America" in Africa," <u>Yachting</u>, 138(1), July 1975.

A 104 foot schooner owned by S. Presley Blake. Diesel powered.

Date of visit to The Gambia not clear - 1974 ? 1975 ?.

Were there in the cool season - the dry season.

They invited President Jawara to sail with them, and he accompanied them to Albreda, where he left them. The schooner spent the night at Tendeba (35 miles further on). They next mention stopping at the TransGambian Ferry, then proceeding to Elephant Island and Kau-ur, finally reaching Kantaur (=Kuntau-ur), 30 miles further on.

They then turned round, and with the wind in their favour were able to sail down river.

They explored the Mandori Creek.

They anchored near James Island, and then returned to Banjul.

(4) Henry F. Davis III. "Cruising the Heart of Africa," <u>Sail</u>, 11(6), June 1980, 70-77.

In the Nabob II, a 57 foot ketch. Claimed to have sailed up in waters
"where no other yacht had ever been." Went up river in November,
and seemingly went aground on the Baarakunda Rapids (though not specifically
named). At this time the river level was dropping.

The boat had twin 70 h.p. diesels. It was a heavy boat of iroco, oak and teak. They had a pilot 'Aliga Babau Nian' (Alhaji Baba Nyang?) who had never been up river as far. and a 'bodyguard' Kabar Sarnang (Kaba? Keba? Sanyang) who came from near Fatoto. [They spell the name Eatoto (p.73), but later give the name Fatoto]. Sanyang was supposed to have come from a nearby town 'Lori' - not identified.

No other details of places given.

After running aground adroit management of the engines and use of the steeling managed to pull them off.

Their refrigeration system gave up, but they were able to obtain an expert from Tambakunda in Senegal (40 miles away), who was able to make the repairs necessary.

(5) Julia Hazel: "For the Contrasts," <u>Cruising World</u>, 16, Jan.1990, 54-59.

the <u>Jeshan</u>

Julia Hazel had an engineless vessel. Her aim was to join with friends in the Coquitlam and for them to explore the river together.

She arrived at a period when the Harmattan was blowing at its worst.

"The river is so wide and its banks so low that they are invisible in the haze and I have to steer a compass course upstream, sounding cautiously to clear vast shoals. It looks for all the world like the North Sea in fog, yet it feels and smells as hot and dry and dusty as the desert. Sailing here is a strange experience indeed.

Gradually the river narrows and deepens, and a few days later we are sailing close to banks forested with amazing tall mangroves...

It is a slow journey. The river is tidal for almost 200 miles and we progress only with the flood, anchoring during the ebb.."

"Some places we find a landing and wander away from the water to one of the small villages." But nowhere does she name a single place or geographical feature. She tries to explain to one villager that the keel enables her to sail to windward.

No dates are given or distances, but apparently she spent six weeks in The Gambia.

(6) Peter Muilenberg "Blame it on the monkeys," Sail, 24(1), January 1993, 67-70.

In Breath, a 42 foot fiberglass ketch. Went up river in harmattan season.

Ran aground 200 miles up river...two days run upriver from where the chart has ceased coverage.

"We left Banjul early one morning on the flood tide and motored up the huge estuary in a glassy calm...the wind, which varies from frequent calms to strong trades, is usually adverse on the way upriver. We motored most of the way up to Basse Santa Su, but we would have the wind behind us on the way back, and our sails would speed us along, even against the tide.

The first day we paid our dues, seeing little but low gray banks at a distance... By the end of the second day we had come 100 miles upstream and here the water was finally fresh. The banks were close and lined with high, luxuriant walls of mangroves.

The third morning ..we motored..through delightfully cool air past extensive marshes whose tall reeds waved golden tufts in the zephyrs. By midday we were well into tropical forest. Tall trees crowded the banks.. Thatch palms, ferns, and (Rhun palms?)

falls of creeper gave the jungle a shimmering gloss.

Mentions red rock cliffs with apes (= baboons)

Georgetown. Then headed for Basse but ran aground...Anchors, winches, and their diesels got them off. They then took the precuation of hiring a "pilot" from the nearest village, and seem to have made it up to Basse.

On the way back they stopped at Kau-ur. "We climbed the hill overlooking the town and saw the broad loop of the river, the border of forest that lines its banks, and the rice fields that stretched as far as we could see beyond the river.."

(7) Charles J. Doane: "Africa dances: Cruising the Gambia River," Sail, June 1998, 29(6), 62-65.

In <u>Crazy Horse</u>, an Alberg 35 yawl, with an auxiliary diesel engine. Like other writers he does not state the date of his arrival, nor the chronology of his journey up river. Before he sets off, he mentions Banjul (Haif Die), the Denton Bridge area, and Bakau and Serekunda. The only place he mentions in the text is Georgetown, which seems to have been the final point of his trip, as the river is charted only to that point.

However accompanying photographs show that he stopped at Tendaba,

Bambali, and Kuntaur. He would seemingly have spent more than three weeks
to reach Georgetown.

PROBLEM NAMES

Source

General location

Attengo

1865 Report (Ord) near Balingho

Badiara (Creek)

Raffenel

Bahio

Golberry (south bank, opposite Albreda)

Bailde

Hequard

(Kiang, a Fula settlement), near Jappeni

Basary

Poole

(Colrein

Huntley

in Nyaani

(Cullareen

Fox

Contafarra (1875 Report). -midway be

(1875 Report). -midway between MacCarthy Island and Yarbutenda.

Coodachay

Ingram

(Between Pisania and Fula Tenda)

Lower Coonda Point

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Cunda

Poole

Cuptalla

Poole

(Fatoto area)

Gunden

Huntley

(Kombo)

(Yundum ?)

Jamalikunda

(at mouth of Nganingkoi Creek in Western Kiang)

-Yamalikunda

Singleton

probably on the Bateling side of the creek

[Jurunku Creek ? Jookadu ?]

-Jarmalicunda

Moister

-Jamaly Cunda

Ingram

-Jamali

Mitchinson

Junkarda Creek

(1827 Report)

in Nyoomi [Jur

Kochair

Fox

in Wuli (Senegal ?)

Lamaya

Golberry

wood near Albreda

Mangrin

Mitchinson

rocks in mid river

Nabunting

Poole

in Nyaani

Paddy

Poole

Rueta Coonda

(1886 Correspondence) Lower Baddibu ?