

in a northerly direction. This town is situated on a very fine river called Accoa, with a bridge across it.

On the 21st September reached the town of Baga, twelve miles distant from Dzuguma, still proceeding northward, the country wild, and uncultivated bush land and high grass, road so narrow, only admitting the passage of one horse.

On the 22nd September arrived at the large town of Egbe, containing about 6,000 inhabitants, some fourteen miles from the town we stopped at the night previous; country less wooded, and of a more level description than that we travelled through the day before. Egbe is situated on a small stream called Damba. Our route this day lay in a northerly direction.

On the 23rd had a long dreary ride of twenty-six miles under a scorching sun, through a forest of small trees; saw quantities of monkeys and beautiful birds. Arrived at 5 p.m. at the village Tanga Auxallos, on the river Manullar, a very fine-looking stream. We are out of Nupe country to-day, and are now in Ebbé. All the villages we passed through have been lately taken by Massaba. Sent this morning my messenger on to the King, to inform him of my approach. Our journey this day still continued in a north-easterly direction.

*September 24.*—Feeling rather ill this morning, I was much pleased to think this day would terminate my tedious journey, but was sadly disappointed at reaching Likoro to find the King's messenger waiting to inform me that it was his wish that I should proceed no further that day, but remain and sleep for the night. We travelled twelve miles in a northerly direction.

*September 25.*—At 7 a.m. started for the camp called Eddo; met a number of war chiefs on horseback sent to meet me. Arrived at 11 a.m., when the King sent to salute me, and said if I wished he would see me at once, but not being prepared I appointed 4 p.m., and employed the interval in getting ready his presents. At 4, Mr. Southwick and myself, accompanied by a guard of five kroomen, together with the head chief and others the King had sent to escort me to his presence, proceeded to the King's house, where we found him sitting on a mat, and another spread with cushions for Mr. Southwick and myself. He is a fine-looking man, and from the great name he bears just the man I expected to see. We had a little palaver and exchange of compliments, after which I presented him with the presents I brought. He seemed much pleased with the coat of mail, and said it showed him he was not forgotten in England. He then requested me to go and see his sons, whom I found in great numbers with the second King, ready to receive me; some of them were remarkably fine men. I was then presented with some cola-nuts in accordance with the custom of the country, which broke up the palaver, and I returned to King Massaba, with whom I had a long palaver about Dr. Baikie. He informed me that he had gone to Kano after the papers and effects of a Dr. Vogel, who had been murdered there, and that he had recovered the papers; the King had given him horses and men, but did not seem pleased at his going. The camp here is on a very large scale; and I have been informed he has upwards of 5,000 horsemen: his reason for being encamped is on account of an order from the Sultan of Socatoo to open the road between Bida and Socatoo, as the messengers were frequently robbed and murdered passing between those places, so that Massaba has taken the whole country, dethroning the Kings, and placing guards of his own men in their towns. Came twelve

miles in a northerly direction this day. The camp is situated near to a river called Talaware, and the country named Combalie.

*Friday, September 26.*—Had a long palaver with the King to-day; he spoke a good deal about Dr. Baikie, and again expressed his dissatisfaction at him going away, and not returning in time for the ship, as he had promised. I read to him a letter from the Governor of Lagos; and he replied, "It is good," and promised on his return to Bida he would open a road to Lagos. He then informed me he was going to send a large present to the ship, consisting of two bullocks, ten sheep, yams, honey, rice, butter, &c., for which I, of course, thanked him.

*Saturday, September 27.*—In the course of the day the King sent six of his great war chiefs on horseback to my house; they certainly were ferocious-looking fellows, but the quantity of dress, both on men and horses, must render them useless in battle. He has 250 like them, and they only stand still in battle to frighten the enemy.

Called on the King in the afternoon, and he told me he felt sure I would neither hear nor see Dr. Baikie this year, but promised to send his letters to Lagos whenever he received an answer, as he had sent a messenger to Dr. Baikie on my arrival, with the letters and despatches I had brought up for him.

From September 27 to October 2, nothing of importance occurred, I being ill from an attack of fever most of the time.

On the morning of the 2nd, called on the King to wish him farewell. He sent a chief, and one of Dr. Baikie's men, who understood English, to accompany me to Rabba, to take charge of Dr. Baikie's things. Arrived at noon at Likoro, where I remained for the night.

From the 3rd to the 7th of October I again travelled the same road as I came up, so there is nothing of importance to relate. On the afternoon of the 7th I again reached the ship, and felt very pleased at finding all well on board.

*October 8.*—My Kroomen, and the chief that Massaba had sent, arrived, so made preparations for proceeding down the river on the following day. Had a long palaver with the chief, who informed me it was King Massaba's intention to conquer the country right down to the mouth of the river for trade under his protection.

*Thursday, October 9.*—Weighed at 6 a.m., and proceeded close to the shore; landed forty-nine articles belonging to Dr. Baikie, and gave them in charge of a chief called Sonafadder. This chief then came off, and we had another long palaver, which detained me till 1 p.m., at which time a messenger from King Massaba arrived, informing me that the King had heard from Dr. Baikie, and that he was on his way back to the camp, and requested me to wait a few days longer; but this I knew would be of no use, as I could not possibly get an answer from the camp under ten days; and the water having already fallen 2 feet 7 inches; I did not consider myself justified in remaining another hour. At 1:30 p.m. started from Rabba; found it difficult to steam with wood; made thirty-five miles.

*October 10.*—Anchored at Egga, and sent on shore a messenger from King Massaba to order some wood. Remained at Egga Saturday and Sunday receiving wood.

On the morning of the 13th started for the Confluence, and arrived there at 5 p.m.; picked up coal-boat. Anchored off Dr. Baikie's Settlement for the night.

*October 14.*—Weighed, and proceeded to Gbebe, where I remained until the 19th wooding ship,