

be, was obliged to part with his costly ornament. I could not save him from the loss, as all had been forewarned; and it is the universal custom among the Mokololo and many other tribes to show whatever they may find to the chief person of their company, and make a sort of offer of it to him. This had ought to have done so to me; the rest of the party always observed this custom. I felt annoyed at the imposition, but the order we invariably followed in crossing a river forced me to submit. The head of the party remained to be ferried over last; so, if I had not come to terms, I would have been, as I always was, in crossing rivers which he could not swim, completely in the power of the enemy. It was but rarely we could get a head man so witless as to cross a river with us, and remain on the opposite bank in a convenient position to be seized as a hostage, in case of my being caught."

Having crossed the river Kasai he proceeded in an almost direct westerly course till he arrived at the district of the Chiboque. The Chiboque were the first who offered any serious opposition to his passing through the country. They demanded payment for leave to tread upon their ground; and the more he yielded to them the more unreasonable became their demands. In nearly every village belonging to the Chiboque the same demand of "a man, an ox, a gun, or a tusk," was made, so that Dr Livingstone's men, becoming disheartened, proposed to return home. The following extract will show what respect they entertained for their leader:—

"After using all my powers of persuasion, I declared to them that if they returned I would go on alone, and went into my little tent with the mind directed to Him who hears the sighing of the soul, and was soon followed by the head of Mohorisi, saying, 'We will never leave you. Do not be disheartened. Wherever you lead we will follow. Our remarks were made only on account of the injustice of these people.' Others followed, and with the most artless simplicity of manner told me to be comforted—'they were all my children; they knew no one but Sekeleta and me, and they would die for me; they had not fought because I did not wish it; they had just spoken in the bitterness of their spirit, and when feeling that they could do nothing; but if these enemies begin you will see what we can do.'"

After passing the Chiboque the next tribe he visited was that of the Bashinje. They also displayed hostility, making the same demand as the others. The reason why these tribes entertain the idea that they have a right to receive payment from those who pass through their country Dr Livingstone thinks to be this. They have never had intercourse with any white men except those who were engaged in the slave-trade. These men have always been to a great extent at the mercy of the chiefs; for if they offered a ready reception to runaway slaves the traders might at any moment be deprived of their property; so that it is their interest to obtain the favour of the chiefs. This they endeavour to do by offering gifts, and hence any trader who now passes through the country is expected to bestow some present upon the chief.

The Bashinje, however, were the last who offered any opposition, for having crossed the river Quango they were in the territory of the Bangala, who are subjects of the Portuguese. They now proceeded on their journey with light hearts, and visiting many places of interest on their way they at length arrived at the desired Loanda, on the west coast. Of the feelings of the Mokololo as they approached the sea Dr L. says:—

"As we were now drawing near to the sea, my companions were looking at every thing in a serious light. One of them asked me if we should all have an opportunity of watching each other at Loanda. 'Suppose one went for water, would the others see if he were kidnapped?' I replied, 'I see what you are driving at; and if you suspect me, you may return, for I am as ignorant of Loanda as you are; but nothing will happen to you but what happens to myself. We have stood by each other hitherto, and will do so to the last.' The plains adjacent to Loanda are