## MERICA.

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ent of noble trees, g variety of every darkest green and med with bloom of of others bend with

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## FIRST JOURNEY.

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mournful sound does the ear in music, and seem to becken to the sentimental traveller to stop a moment or two, and see that the forests which surround him, like men and kingdoms, have their periods of misfortune and decay.

The first rocks of any considerable size that are Rocks. Observed on the side of the river, are at a

place called Saba, from the Indian word, which means a stone. They appear sloping down to the water's edge, not shelvy, but smooth, and their exuberances rounded off, and in some places deeply furrowed, as though they had been worn with continual floods of water.

There are patches of soil up and down, and the huge stones amongst them produce a pleasing and novel effect. You see a few coffee-trees of a fine luxuriant. Residence growth; and nearly on the top of Saba of the post- stands the house of the postholder. He is

holder. He is appointed by Government to give in his report to the protector of the Indians, of what is going on amongst them, and to prevent suspicious people from passing up the river.

When the Indians assemble here, the stranger may have an opportunity of seeing the Aborigines, dancing to the sound of their country music, and painted in their native style. They will shoot their arrows for him with an unerring aim, and send the poisoned dart from the blow-pipe, true to its destination; and here he may often view all the different shades, from the red savage to the white man, and from the white man to the sootiest son of Africa.

Beyond this post there are no more habitations of white men, or free people of colour. B 2