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tlements, along the banks. In many places wearied travellers, like myself and my poor black, were passing the heat of the day, buried in profound sleep; in others, parties were busily preparing their repast; and some newly arrived, were engaged in pitching their camp equipage. As I carefully viewed the lively scene before me, I perceived in the remote distance, under a very thick foliage, an aged Portuguese officer, who was surrounded by many attendants; and his horses, mules, and palanquins, were near him. His stature was majestic, and his soulbeaming countenance possessed all that happy serenity which at once denotes a great and powerful mind, engaged in the contemplation of the highest subjects. All who contemplated his countenance and figure seemed to feel a degree of veneration, mingled with that love which was almost involuntarily excited by his appearance.

Knowing that I had many very sultry