

(where there is neither pine, thuya, taxodium, nor even a podocarpus,) resins, balsams, and aromatic gums, are furnished by the maronobea, the icica, and the amyris. The collecting of these gummy and resinous substances is a trade in the village of Javita. The most celebrated resin bears the name of *mani*; and of this we saw masses of several hundred-weight, resembling colophony and mastic. The tree called *mani* by the Paraginis, which M. Bonpland believes to be the *Moronobæa coccinea*, furnishes but a small quantity of the substance employed in the trade with Angostura. The greatest part comes from the *mararo* or *caragna*, which is an amyris. It is remarkable enough, that the name *mani*, which Aublet heard among the Galibis\* of Cayenne, was again heard by us at Javita, three hundred leagues distant from French Guiana. The *moronobæa* or *symphonia* of Javita yields a yellow resin; the *caragna*, a resin strongly odoriferous, and white as snow; the latter beomes yellow where it is adherent to the internal part of old bark.

We went every day to see how our canoe advanced on the portages. Twenty-three Indians were employed in dragging it by land, placing branches of trees to serve as rollers. In this manner a small boat proceeds in a day or a day and a half, from the waters of the Tuamini to those of the Caño Pimichin, which flow into the Rio Negro. Our canoe being very large, and having to pass the cataracts a second time, it was necessary to avoid with particular care any friction on the bottom; consequently the passage occupied more than four days. It is only since 1795 that a road has been traced through the forest. By substituting a canal for this portage, as I proposed to the ministry of king Charles IV, the communication between the Rio Negro and Angostura, between the Spanish Orinoco and the Portuguese possessions on the Amazon, would be singularly facilitated.

In this forest we at length obtained precise information

\* The *Galibis* or *Caribis* (the *r* has been changed into *l*, as often happens) are of the great stock of the Carib nations. The products useful in commerce and in domestic life have received the same denomination in every part of America which this warlike and commercial people have overrun.