

lands I have visited: they have one fault, however, that of having too frequent intercourse with the devil."

The Rio Sinu, owing to its position and its fertility, is of the highest importance for provisioning Carthagena. In time of war, the enemy usually stationed their ships between the Morro de Tigua and the Boca de Matunilla, to intercept barques laden with provisions. In that station, they were, however, sometimes exposed to the attack of the gun-boats of Carthagena: these gun-boats can pass through the channel of Pasacaballos, which, near Saint Anne, separates the isle of Baru from the continent. Lorica has, since the sixteenth century, been the principal town of Rio Sinu; but its population, which, in 1778, under the government of Don Juan Diaz Pimienta, amounted to 4000 souls, has considerably diminished, because nothing has been done to secure the town from inundations and the deleterious miasmata they produce.

a question of morals than of race, and the denomination of Caribs is altogether avoided. Cieça asserts that the natives of the valley of Nore seized the women of neighbouring tribes, in order first to devour the children who were born of the union with foreign wives, and then the women themselves. Foreseeing that this horrible depravity would not be believed, although it had been observed by Columbus in the West Indies, he cites the testimony of Juan de Vadillo, who had observed the same facts, and who was still living in 1554, when the *Cronica del Peru* appeared in Dutch. With respect to the etymology of the word *cannibal*, it seems to me entirely cleared up by the discovery of the journal kept by Columbus during his first voyage of discovery, and of which Bartholomew de las Casas has left us an abridged copy. "Dice mas el Almirante que en las islas passadas estaban con gran temor de *carib*: y en algunas los llamaban *caniba*; però en la Española *carib* y son gente arriscada, pues andan por todas estas islas y comen la gente que pueden haber." [And the Admiral moreover says that in the islands they passed, great apprehension was entertained on account of the *caribs*. Some call them *canibas*; but in Spanish they are called *caribs*. They are a very bold people, and they travel about these islands, and devour all the persons whom they capture.]—(Navarete, tom. i, p. 135.) In this primitive form of words, it is easy to perceive that the permutation of the letters *r* and *n*, resulting from the imperfection of the organs in some nations, might change *carib* into *canib*, or *caniba*. Geraldini, who, according to the tendency of that age, sought, like Cardinal Bembo, to latinize all barbarous denominations, recognizes, in the Cannibals, the manners of *dogs* (*canes*), just as St. Louis desired to send the Tartars "ad suas *tar-tareas* sedes unde exierint."