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THE DELTA OF THE RIVER KOWARA OR QUORRA, THE ANTIENT NIGER

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Old Portuguese and French Maps from 1702, Matthew 1776, Ammission Serra Woodville and T. Clark 1780, Fairweather and Latham 1790 and from the recent Surveys of Pomy, Owen, Lander, Macgregor Laird, Allen, Oldfield, Hill, Bowditch and Cumming, as well as from much written and oral evidence.

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Remarks. The Rio de Formosa is 34 miles wide with 2 bars the outer one is hard sand and carries 14 feet water, but there is a passage at its S.E. end with 34 fathoms. The inner bar is mud with 13 feet. The river brings down numerous floating Islands. The branch above Eboe is 800 yards wide and from 10 feet to 6 fathoms deep; and near New Town it is 1700 yards wide, with 3 fathoms close to the bank. The Rio dos Forcados is 2 miles wide, and 8 feet deep; but near Egghabo it is 600 yards wide, and 6 fathoms deep, with a strong current. The Branch A is 500 yards wide. The Entrance of the River Nun is very narrow with a dangerous bar on which there are 21 fathoms, and a heavy surf. 15 miles from the sea it is only 30 yards wide; and higher up it is only 8 feet deep. The River Bonny is 11 miles wide at its mouth, with high breakers on each side, but within 3.4.5 to 10 fathoms water. The Old Calabar is 12 miles wide at its mouth & the Cameroons 13 miles. That part of the Kowara which is above its junction with the Shadda has been reduced from Comm^W Allen's Survey, but adapted to the Longitude taken by M^Q Queen in the rest of the Chart.



