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"A more enviable renown England never won—no, not when from the reluctant hand  
of the throne she wrung the Charter of her liberties, not when beneath the raging waves  
she sank the Spanish Armada, not even when her power struck down Napoleon—than  
when the perishing African cried to her and she listened and saved."

R. R. GURLEY (one of the founders of Liberia),  
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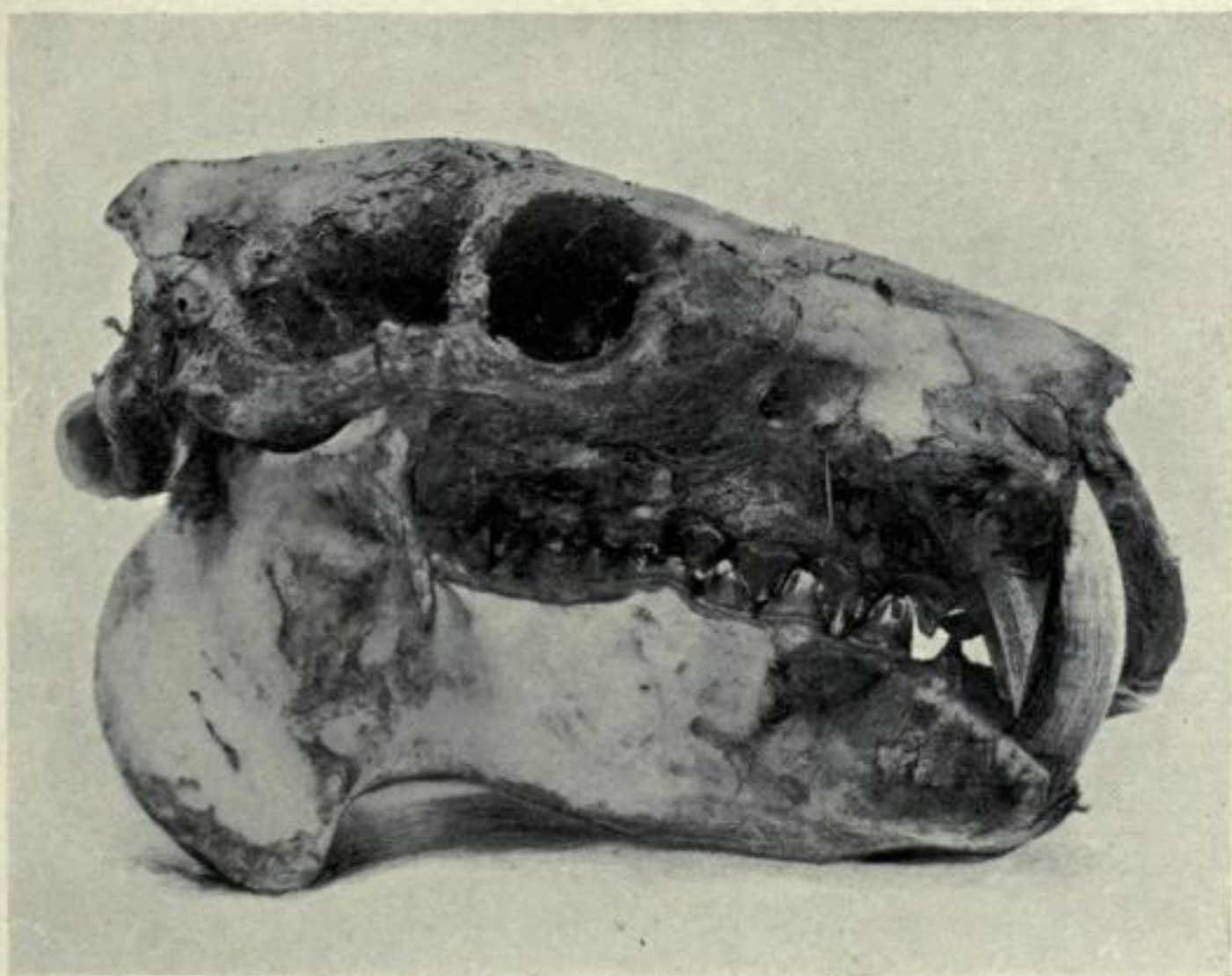
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a Rhinoceros exists in their country. They recognised at once pictures of the common two-horned rhinoceros, and named it "kowuru." This is a very interesting question to be examined into in the future. It seems strange that the rhinoceros should be absent from the open country of West Africa at the back of the forest, since it is found so abundantly in the Eastern Sudan, in Eastern, South-western<sup>1</sup> and South Central Africa. But although its existence is constantly asserted or reported by



276. SKULL OF LIBERIAN HIPPOPOTAMUS (*HIPPOPOTAMUS LIBERIENSIS*)

Arabs, Hausas, or Mandingos in the regions of West Central Africa between Lake Chad and the Upper Niger, no vestige of a rhinoceros has ever been sent to Europe or America from those regions. Until therefore some direct evidence of its existence can be laid before us we must consider the question "not proven."

<sup>1</sup> The author saw a rhinoceros killed in the southern part of Angola (Lower Kunene River) when with Axel Eriksson in 1882 (Lord Mayo's expedition). The rhinoceros ranges north from the Zambezi into the southern part of the Congo Basin.