

MACOBA.

This place lies on the road from Iturbide to Peto, and is about fifty kilometres South of the latter, Peto, as will be known by this time, is the terminus of a railway, and one hundred and fifty eight kilometres from Merida. Macobá lies within the limits of the State of Campeche.

A strange feature here, is observed for the first time for whereas the indian generally, is nervous in passing the night within the "old walls" of the ancient inhabitants, these ruins have actually become re-peopled, as indians have taken up their residence here, it seemed strange to see smoke issuing from the ruins, and the place alive with mankind.

Stephens pathetically remarks, it depicted and combined present misery with past magnificence. The doors were stopped up with leaves and branches, and sculptured ornamentation on the façades blackened with smoke, and all around were to be seen the characteristic confusion and filthiness of indian housekeeping.

The ruins here are not extensive, there being only two, and they much decayed. One of the buildings is about one hundred and twenty feet in front, and has two stories, with the last remains of what had been a grand staircase, the upper story was in a ruinous condition, but parts of it were occupied by indians. No information is available relative to their origin.

MANKEESH.

Ruins are said to be here, but no one seems to know exactly where the place is. Stephens remarks that it would require a large circuit to get to them, but from what he heard, they merited the attention of some future traveller.