

a silver stream of water flowing from their sides. The vales with their peculiar shade of green dotted with houses and filled between with bright spots of cultivation. All served to render its appearance indescribably pleasing to the distant beholder for the first time.

But I am told that on a near approach its beauties at first so striking "vanish like the dewy morn" no doubt distance lends enchantment to the view."

The boat was now lowered away and a crew jumped in - happily I sat on the occasion - and Capt being seated pulled for the shore. It took us about an hour for the land though it looked quite near was at least 8 miles distant and we had lowered thus far from it on account of light wind thinking to gain more in this manner than by sailing. In performing our voyage we found there was no small amount of labor required and one of our most tender saplings was quite melted when we arrived. We found no difficulty in landing among the rocks though they were covered with the inhabitants of the island who had come to meet us on our approach.

Leaving the boat in charge of one of the crew we strolled up to the town through a narrow crooked lane which I supposed would shortly lead us to a more respectable

thoroughfare where I expected to find strange and interesting sights. Nothing could equal my astonishment when I found there every thing the reverse of my expectations. In the back ground where nature alone held unlimited sway there seemed indeed some chance for romantic and pleasant speculations. But here in the midst of the living at sight of so much filth and dirt - such squalid misery I could hardly credit my own eyes although I had previously allowed for at least some depreciation of its fine appearance at a distance.

Instead of neatly constructed houses I beheld nothing but a mass of rude habitations built chiefly of stone and covered with poles and then with grass or tiles to keep out the rain. Those covered with tiles are by far the most comfortable and respectable looking as they serve the double purpose of protection from the weather and a free circulation of pure air. The outer walls are generally plastered with clay or mortar. A church occupying a more elevated spot than the rest and a few more aristocratic looking houses complete the town. This is traversed through towards the interior by one street or lane only and for aught I know