

alongside from another vessel lying off and on here which was not entered. It is contrary to some of their new regulations here for a crew to land or even the Capt. to land after having been visited by that of another not entered in the health department and other offices. This is supposed to be a guard against any sickness which might or might not be on board of said vessel not boarded by the health officer and of its being carried on shore from the one visited. So owing to their notions of propriety I was obliged to retain with the exception of four I was fortunate enough to finish and send by the first boat, all the letters I wished to send.

I have not yet been on shore here and cannot judge so well of its natural scenery the town and its inhabitants though of course the latter must be the same as those of Flores and the other islands belonging to this group. At least those who came on board board to sell fruit and lighters oil and for various other purposes bore no signs of being advanced any above those we met at Flores, an island much inferior in size population and wealth to this.

The island presented a fine appearance from the ship however and on the farms clustered all over this portion of country the prospect of a rich harvest

seemed generally to prevail and the different hues of green and yellow produced by the various stages of the crops of wheat, corn, potatoes and other articles made up a scene at once beautiful and impressive. The town a numerous collection of houses among which several churches were conspicuous interested with trees looked neat and pretty. But I have no doubt as in a former instance distance lent its peculiar charms.

My eye was at first considerably attracted to the island of Pico near by and especially by its peak whose summit appeared to me to be remarkably lofty and sublime. It is in fact nearly two miles in height and is seen in clear weather at a great distance. But it is generally surrounded by clouds either shutting it entirely from view or hovering around midway leaving all but its peak obscure. At 1 P.M. having finished our business here Capt. came on board and we bore away from the island standing N. with the wind light from the S.W. and

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Wind strong from N.W. Cloudy and some rain nothing above topsails
Lat 38° 08' Lon 28° 46'