

unwell I had been on shore all day and besides being exposed to a hot sun drank rather freely of the water there which of itself before it has become pure is sufficient to cause sickness to those unaccustomed to it. As he grew worse and complained of difficulty in breathing, a boat was sent to the man of war for a physician. He came and administered some dose that soon brought relief in half an hour he was quite better and is fast recovering. The physician has just left us in our own boat and as I am quite tired I will turn in as I expect to get a run on shore tomorrow.

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I have had my run to-day with the barboard watch and I think there will be no difficulty in describing what I have seen.

Found the town small but neat and regularly laid out and situated on a good hard bottom just above high water and directly facing the mouth of the harbor. There is one pier for landing coal &c. which is almost constantly in use. A small fort on a high and almost perpendicular point from the sea overlooks the town. I visited this and found it guarded on the outside by two soldiers. On application to one of these I was readily admitted and shown round as they thought I could easily comprehend every thing but their language and found it contained but about 10 guns. It commands a fine view of the harbor and surrounding scenery, some of

which is very fine. I was well paid for the ascent by a crooked and rather steep route in the vein I got while there. This is on the left as you enter the harbor.

In the town there are soldiers stationed at various places to prevent disturbance from the many sailors who come on shore "for a good time" and to apprehend all who are guilty of the same. A very necessary arrangement. I had reason to think when I found several of my own countrymen in the "Chokee" or jail who were placed there the day before yesterday for being in a drunken brawl. They looked rather "down in the mouth" when they realized a sense of their disgraceful situation. All except one a savage looking fellow who swore by the "gods eternal" he would be the death of some of them if he could get out. For a jail this was a curious structure and but for the guard stationed about it there would be no trouble for one who wished to escape and certainly no one could wish to stop there to live on bread and the miserable water the place affords. In front it had very much the appearance of a hen coop with strips of board fastened perpendicularly to stringers running the other way. The sides and back however were tightly boarded so that all the light reached them through the grating where the guard were placed. It had no floor and is capable of holding not more than 20 persons in an upright position. I took this to be the