

ripe fruit on the laden trees or hanging in clusters from the trellised vine temple me to pluck and eat. figs pomegranates oranges pears and grapes were plentiful and peaches in their season are so but it is now late for them though I saw a few in the market. For grapes one shilling per pound is charged but happily this did not deter me from testing their quality and though they were not golden I found them possessing an extremely delicious flavor. Up to this garden it is just a pleasant walk being not more than a mile from the town and it is thus rendered one of the principal resorts for visitors. Its gates are daily opened to those who would enjoy the beauty of its scenery or eat the fruit which here grows in abundance under the care of the proprietor who spares no pains in making it attractive and worthy of the highest. While looking around here I thought of my friends and wished they were here to share the pleasure of all. The mate joined me here and after having eat as much fruit as we wished we started for the town. On the way we had a chance to observe more closely the valley below and as we sauntered slowly along we admired the lovely panorama unwinding as we went. Patches of vegetable plots of grass and flowers and here and there a towering palm ^{with} some smaller trees

intermingled formed the attractive parts which were continually changing as we advanced. About half way to the upper one there is ^{the} garden in the bottom of the valley containing fruit and ornamental trees but it is not so extensive and is less visited than the former. Through this and other delightful prospects a small meandering stream winds its way to the sea. One of the first buildings we came to was the hospital and here we paused to look around. It is very pleasantly situated with shady trees in front and is an institution which reflects great credit on its directors. Upon the numerous disabled seamen whether sick or wounded and of every nation the utmost care and attention is ever bestowed. Nothing which can be done to alleviate the suffering of its inmates is left untried and it is a singular fact that most of them go forth not burdened with disease but with health restored again. The climate here is very healthy and of course may aid in the restoration of the patient. A little lower down we passed the barracks and parade ground where the soldiers drill and here also I am told the military brass band daily rehearse. Think I shall have an opportunity of both seeing and hearing them perform. This will indeed be to me one great source of pleasure which for a long time I have not known.