

of our men a Cape Verde Portuguese was today confined in the Choke for drunkenness and had not yet been released. A company of soldiers marched down to the Church at 9 A.M. they were accompanied by the band which played several rich airs for the occasion. Halting immediately before the Church they disbanded in good order and went in to attend service. Those of the higher classes generally attend here.

On the street leading to the garden there is a small Church or Chappel where strangers are generally preferred who wish to attend service. This was the first Sabbath I had spent on shore since coming from home. I concluded in company with the mate to improve the opportunity and go in. Was somewhat disappointed in my expectations of listening to a sermon instead thereof the chief feature in the discourse was reading from the Bible which I think I could have done myself as well. I love to listen to preaching extempore and here there was none of it. The parables of the sower and the good Samaritan with a Chapter in St. John were read which with bad singing completed the service at 11 A.M.

From here we strolled up to the garden to "view the landscape over". It was a most lovely aspect to day, the weather being extremely fine and the light breeze exhilarating enough. The fragrance of the fruit and flowers were

never so charming it seemed at now. I believe I could visit such scenes of romantic beauty an hundred times and yet find some new attractions each time. Having refreshed ourselves here we proceeded to the "Coastal down town" had a good chance to sit and was glad of the opportunity for a while.

I have generally avoided the liquor holes for I cannot help disliking all such places where human beings are converted into beastly sets for a few pennies for bad wine is about the only cheap article on the island.

Altogether it was rather dull on shore to day though we made it as pleasant as possible and got on board just before sunset feeling more the demands of appetite than rest for refreshments were not easily obtained. Accordingly we cut our way into corned beef and cabbage in a manner well calculated to frighten the Steward into some important facts relating to the next meal. The remainder till dark passed in sitting the various surrounding objects. The view is quite extensive embracing the town the high hills on each side forming the valley the fort on the left and the observatory on the left with the shipping at anchor which forms no small part of the pleasing picture. They are not quite so numerous as they have been at sundown I counted 16 two having left just previous.