

afternoon and had an opportunity of observing the town and the surrounding prospects. Visited

the residence of Prince Jack who met us and conducted us thither. It is situated amongst a cluster of reed houses interspersed with trees.

The grounds all around are kept remarkably clean I thought well worthy of imitation by some of the more refined people at home who are the fortunate owners of homes.

Prince Jack's dwelling is divided into only 2 apartments a sleeping room and a sitting room the sleeping apartment containing a bed of mats slightly raised from the ground. He made us go in and sit a while, found it quite cool for the reeds are purposely placed at a little distance apart to admit a current of air.

From there he escorted us to his big house where he kept all his presents and his regalia.

Here we examined his curiosities. There were symbols of war such as drums shells horns feathers of every hue in short everything that the country could produce. But what drew my attention

the most was an image intended to resemble the human species which however was not a very close imitation. They all have their idols of some description generally on a small scale which will

admit of their being carried around the neck that is when they venture out in their canoes under the impression that they will preserve and keep them right side up with care. But there

was a local one of greater dimensions and had many peculiar properties and attachments noticed about the smaller. It had red

and a flaming tongue. In one hand it held a knife and in the other a handful of shells. The whole body was armed with sharp points of iron and as near as we could understand by his gestures and signs this was the invincible spirit grand and only resorted to upon rare occasions.

Prince approached it with great solemnity of countenance when we signified our desire to examine it and going through a ceremony gave it a light thump and our astonishment it began to rattle away and by its peculiar construction continued for some time the noise coming from the inside.

He gave us to understand that he had beseeched the protection of the spirit and it had thus answered his prayer and further that we could possibly meet with no harm as he had just implored it in our behalf. A strange thing was this and I thought to my self will

this people ever see the light of civilization and become strangers to superstition? The impression on the beholder is that they cannot and even if it is now possible how many years must be employed before they are converted to a Christian faith.

From Prince Jack's we went to an adjoining village near by and on a hill the most commanding from the anchorage.

Prince did not accompany us here for I believe he was not on amicable terms with the biggest man there. We passed through delightful groves of palms and orange trees which were enlivened by the voices of birds among these the blue parrot were very numerous. Also saw in the rich valleys bananas and plantains and