

August 10th 1883-

Light gales from same quarter.
Made Pico and Fayal this morning
bearing about E. N. E. When within 5 miles
of the island it being nearly calm got a
boat ready to pull in taking out Craft &c.
I am to go for one and as it is near
night suppose we will not return till
morning. The Bark means time to stow
off and on again at daylight. The crew
are being mustered so I'll lose no time
for I anticipate finding letters and am in
excellent spirits at the thought. All ready

August 11.

Just arrived on board to night for
a few minutes as the bark is now close
in going ashore again shortly as soon
as the boat is ready. This is the first time
I have been on the island and yet have
not had time to look round but little have
been busy most of the day overhauling large
piles of lumber for repairs of the right demands
and having their boxes fitted.

But thus far my opinion is that this is
anything but a pretty place though I
suppose those who are used to it and know
no other think differently. Of all the

peculiarities noticed of the inhabitants
however the costume of the ladies of
Fayal strike me as the most absurd.

The cloak and hood are the prominent

articles. The first when compared to the
latter is quite tolerable, but the hood I say
How a lady could bring her fancy to bear
on such an unsightly object well I do
declare fashion does reconcile us to everything.

I can scarcely hazard an attempt at describing
them. Only imagine 2 pieces of thick
heavy black cloth nearly square and sewed
together lengthwise at the top and ^{and} ~~one~~
which will be the back part and
you have pretty near the article when
adjusted - the corner where it is sewed
together should be a little rounded in order
to perfect it. Now then imagine you are
placing it on the head hauling it forward
so as to have it sufficiently projected then
instead of letting the back part droop
smoothly down behind draw it in against
the neck leaving a couple of ears projecting
one on either side and you have the
adjustment.

What a nice lot of
jackets and trousers this superfluous
quantity of cloth would make for the
poor ragged urchins and in fact many
of the older ones who get but 2 or 3 dunks
a day. Well these hoods are well calculated
to keep out all such vulgar sights that
contain.

It was very late last night
when we landed for we had to wait in
the boat some time for one of the officers
and being unacquainted with the place
a man who would direct me to where