

to be in good order; the officers are natives. The men, who are obliged to provide their own clothing, had a good appearance, although a part of their small pay yet goes to the priests. If an inhabitant wishes to be married, he must give a Spanish dollar to the monk, who pays no regard to the scarcity of money which is felt here. The governor showed me some canoes that had been bought of the Carolineans, and told me of some of the feats of these people in swimming and diving. A gallion, loaded with specie, some time ago suffered shipwreck near the new harbour, when some of the Carolineans, who were here, fetched the barrels, filled with piastres from the cabin of the ship, which lay several fathoms under water; and it was even affirmed that they had remained half an hour in it.

The whole chain of the Marians is uninhabited, with the exception of Guaham; the North Americans, who are carrying on the fur trade between the N.W. coast of America and Canton, chose the islands Agrian and Saypan as resting places on this voyage. In order to find fresh provisions there, they took some families from the Sandwich Islands, whom they compelled to attend to the cultivation of the soil and breeding of cattle; and they had actually succeeded in their subsequent voyages in supplying themselves with fresh provisions without expense. The Spaniards being informed of it, soldiers were sent there, who destroyed the plantations, and carried away the poor Sandwichians, who seemed to be very comfortable in the governor's house, where I saw them, and who were pleased when I gave them some news from their country. The governor was informed that the Americans had formed another settlement at Agrian, which probably will not be suffered to exist long.

In the afternoon I parted from the governor, to return on-board. In the villages where we stopped, the inhabitants readily refreshed us with a pleasant beverage, obtained from cocoa-nut blossoms. These people have been too long subdued to show anything in their behaviour but submission. They are entirely dependant on the governor, and, although government demands no taxes from them, they are but poor. The present governor treats them with great lenity; but his predecessor was a tyrant, and they still seem to fear a relapse.

Men, women, and children, are constantly in the habit of smoking segars; at the same time, they chew betel, which dyes their teeth and lips a disgusting red. In all the Spanish possessions, government monopolizes the right of cultivating tobacco, except in Guaham, where every one has the privilege.

The natives having observed that some of our sailors wore no crosses round their necks, they were denounced by them as bad christians. Lieut. Schischmareff, during my absence, be-