

by the officers of the town. The governor's house is two stories high, and quite adapted to the climate; the interior is lofty and roomy, the wall to the north containing roll-frames, which are only shut when the sun shines in; these frames are filled up with the shells of the pearl-oyster, instead of glass, which admit the light, and exclude the hot rays of the sun; the wall towards the south is without windows. Our beds were good, yet, had we not been tired by our ride, we should have been disturbed by the constant quarrels between the dogs and cats, the latter often taking refuge upon our beds. All houses here are annoyed by a species of small green lizzards, which, at night, run about the walls, whistling, and sometimes even get into the bed. Dogs and cats are very numerous both in town and country, and are much encouraged, on account of the rats, which are every where very troublesome. The dogs are used to hunt a small species of stags, which the Spaniards have brought here from the Philippines.

*Nov. 25th.* We were scarcely awake when the governor invited us to drink chocolate, and we were not permitted to go out and see the town, till we had taken another breakfast, resembling a dinner.

The town of Agadna, which is little more than a small village, lies in a delightful valley, a few hundred yards from shore. A small stream which runs through the place supplies the inhabitants with water; the houses, which are of the same architecture as in the village, form a regular street. There are only seven or eight houses, built of coral-stone, which belong to government, and are inhabited by the governor and other officers. At the east end of the town is a capacious church and a convent; the whole of the clergy consists of two monks, who are natives of Manilla, and are descended from the Malays. It is said here, that after regular periods of about 20 years, a violent storm arises from S.W. which swells the sea to such a height that the water inundates the whole town, and compels the inhabitants to take refuge among the hills. Only the stone houses resist the fury of the water, the bamboo cages being all destroyed. The town is defended by two forts, built of coral-stone; the one lies before it, on the sea-shore, but, as yet, has no guns; the other, situated on an eminence in the west of the town, seems to have been chiefly built for the purpose of quelling any insurrection that might take place; but, as the governor told me they are without powder on the island, both the forts seem to be useless. The town consists of two hundred houses, and contains 1500 inhabitants. There is but one married couple remaining of the aborigines, and at their death the race of the Ladrões will be extinct. The military consists of the militia, and seemed