

officer on board, for thirty-two shillings, which is at least one third more than they would have charged a native; indeed, the value of money in all the Azores is matter of surprise and astonishment to every Englishman that visits them.

There is no manifest difference in the town, which is also called Fayal, from the Ponta del Gado. It contains several convents, as indeed do all the places of any consideration in these islands; but we found the fair sisterhood of much lower rank and manners, and wanting in those refinements, that so elegantly characterized the conduct of our secluded friends of St. Michael's. At one convent here, they were not allowed even to see any company, owing, as we understood, to an elopement which had very recently taken place. A dashing son of Neptune, commanding a British sloop of war, that touched at the island for re-