

ordered her to be newly lined with copper. So small a ship as our *Rurick* has the disadvantage that the most necessary articles cannot be taken with her, and the assistance of others must be often dearly purchased. Mr. Tobias set a hundred people to work, and to his activity we are indebted for our being ready in time, notwithstanding the number at work. In the mean time I occupied myself with trying the chronometers, and copying the charts which we had made. Cavite, which is only inhabited by soldiers and labouring Malays, is a fortress, and by no means a pleasant place of residence; it is a long walk before you reach a village, the houses of which, two stories high, are built in the Chinese and Malayan style. Hither I went every evening to amuse myself with the sight of the well-lighted market, which is always held after sun-set. Hundreds of women are sitting on the ground in long rows, where they sell various kinds of eatables, fruit, &c., and the labourers from the fortress and the soldiers come here for their supper. The crowd is great, and the musical natives, who are hardly ever without their guitars, spend the evening in playing, dancing, and walking in the open air. Three miles from hence is the beautiful town *Terra Alta*, where several rich Spaniards have their country-seats, the air being considered very salubrious.

The 24th, being Christmas-eve, set the whole town of Cavite in motion; monks, with their holy images, paraded the streets, followed by the Malays in procession, and the children ran behind with lanterns, in the shape of various beasts. Delightful music was occasionally heard, the sounds of which, however, were soon drowned by the noise of fire-works and rockets. During this night no one in Cavite goes to rest; at twelve o'clock all the bells are rung, and the people crowd to the church for prayer.

On the 25th we went to Manilla, in Mr. Tobias' sailing-boat, and were received by the governor's aid-de-camp, there being no inn in the city. The governor immediately sent us two carriages, in which we visited the beautiful country about the place, where we found a crowd of richly-dressed ladies and gentlemen promenading the favourite walks, and riding in carriages. In the forenoon we visited the beautiful environs, chiefly inhabited by wealthy Chinese, who fully understand how to cheat Christians. We dined with the governor. The higher classes only begin to stir in the evening; till then, the time is spent in sleeping, eating, and smoking, which latter is no-where carried to such excess as on the isle of *Luconia*, as children smoke their segars before they can walk. The women, not satisfied with the common segars of a small size, have some made for themselves of about twelve inches long, and a proportionate