

where I wished to put the *Rurick* under repair. It was four o'clock when we reached the road, which, in this season, is very secure, and where eight merchantmen, under British and American colours, rode at anchor. Manilla lies on a plain, and presents, on the sea-side, a stone fortification, lined with cannon, over which the roofs of the houses and some steeples are rising. In order to land, we rowed up the river, deep enough even for large ships, but the mouth is shallow, over which the depth in full and new moon is not above fourteen feet. The river here divides in several branches, two of which, whose banks are covered with villages, run into the famous lake *Bahia*, which lies twenty miles inland. A large number of fishing-boats, manned with Chinese and Malays, were engaged upon the shallows: our attention was peculiarly attracted by some *fetries* that were standing there, from which, by simple machinery, a large net was thrown out by two people, and drawn back again in a few minutes full of small fish. When we had entered the river, we saw the city, on its right bank, surrounded by a well-constructed wall; on the left, lay a large village, inhabited by Malays, which, like at *Guaham*, was formed like bamboo cages. After we had landed in a fine valley, we walked in the town, between high houses, through several dirty streets, to the governor's house; *Don Fernando Mariana Fulgeras*, from whom we met with a very friendly reception, immediately granted the permission to sail to *Cavite*, whither he sent his orders respecting the repairs of the ship. At the same time he invited me to visit him frequently, and offered his assistance to *Mr. Chamisso*, if he would take a trip into the interior. An elegant carriage, with four horses, took us back to the pango, and I reached the *Rurick* at seven o'clock P.M. A gentle breeze having sprung up, we heaved anchor, and tacked through the night, in order to gain *Cavite*, which lies twenty-one miles from *Manilla*.

On the 18th we reached *Cavite*, where two merchantmen rode at anchor. The port captain, *Mr. Tobias*, on being informed of our arrival, immediately sent two boats, by the aid of which the *Rurick* was brought into the arsenal. Here she was immediately unrigged and unloaded, her contents being placed in an empty gallion, standing close by, in which, also, the sailors found comfortable quarters, while we had a house assigned to us in the town. *Mr. Tobias* accompanied me, with a shipwright, to the *Rurick*, and all the preparation for the repairs were then begun. Every thing, even to the water-casks, had become unserviceable during our long voyage. On keel-hauling the ship, she was found to be worm-eaten in some places, and the copper to be much damaged; therefore the governor