

many weeks. While with him they heard that Mr. John had come with a ship to a place called Tamatave, and was waiting to take on board any of the persecuted Christians that could get to him. They were then 250 miles from Tamatave, and the road to it lay directly through the capital, but for all that they resolved to go. Andrianilaina, Sarah, and Rafaravavy, all set out together. The two first were dressed as master and mistress, and Rafaravavy as their servant. She carried a large bundle upon her head, and allowed a part of it to cover her face, to prevent her being known. The journey was most dangerous, but they got safely through. In three days they got to the capital, and Rafaravavy and Sarah were hidden by their friends, while Andrianilaina went on to Tamatave to see what they were to do. One day 15 or 20 men came into the house where Rafaravavy was hid. She was in a closet at the time, and the men tried to push open the door, but could not, for she was pushing in the inside. The men thought the man had his sacred things in the closet, and went out to let him take them away. The moment they were gone, Rafaravavy got out and escaped down the garden, and over a wall to another house. The men were back in a minute, but she was safe.

When David and Joseph and Simeon heard in the forest of Mr. John's visit, they also resolved to go to him, and joined the others at the capital just as Andrianilaina came back to tell them to go to Tamatave. They all set out together. It was in the middle of the night that they began their journey. Two friends went with them for the purpose of giving the alarm, if any danger was discovered. One went before, and the other followed some distance behind. They had not travelled very far, before they met people they knew, but they turned into a wood, and so escaped their notice. They soon after passed through a village. The people were all in their beds, and the rain fell in torrents, and they passed without being seen or heard. It was now about midnight,