

tivated. The Irish potato, Indian corn, beans, coffee, cotton, figs, oranges, guavas, and grapes, have been introduced, and might be successfully cultivated, if there was any demand for them.

The climate is mild throughout the district. The thermometer ranges between 62° and 76° in the winter, and from 70° to 86° in the summer, and seldom above 86° or below 62°; this, it will be remembered, is on the lee side of the island. They seldom have strong winds; and in the day they enjoy a cool sea-breeze, which changes to the land-breeze at night.

From May to September is the wet or rainy season, when they experience a good deal of rain; and this is also the growing season.

In December, January, and February, they have usually very dry weather, and the winds prevail from the north, from which quarter it sometimes blows fresh.

The natives are better off here than could have been expected, and some of their houses are large and airy. The chiefs set a good example in this respect. Kapiolani, one of the chief women, has a very comfortable two-story stone dwelling. They have also built a stone church, one hundred and twenty-five feet long by sixty feet wide.

Good paths for horses have been made throughout the district, with much labour. An evident improvement has taken place in the habits of the females, who have been taught the use of the needle, and other feminine employments. Kapiolani has been very assiduous in introducing improvements, and she has caused to be erected a sugar-mill, to introduce the manufacture of sugar, and make it an object for the people to raise the cane.

Our gentlemen, during their detention, crossed over to the north shore of the bay of Kealakeakua, to visit the place where Captain Cook was killed. The natives pointed out the spot where he fell, which was on a rock, the most convenient for landing of any in the vicinity, as it is somewhat protected from the swell by a point of lava rocks. Within a few yards there is a stump of a cocoa-nut tree, at the foot of which he is said to have breathed his last. The top of this tree had been cut off and carried to England by H. B. M. ship *Imogene*. It is now treasured up in the museum of the Greenwich Hospital, which I cannot but feel was an appropriate disposition of it, calculated to recall his memory to the minds of the thousands who view it, and inspire in them the feeling of proper pride, in finding that the country appreciates so remote an emblem of their distinguished countryman. If any thing is capable of inspiring ambition to exertion in deeds of valour or of usefulness, such things must assuredly have that effect. The drawing of the stump of this tree, is from a sketch made by Mr. Peale, who