

although it was not a little provoking to see several natives staggering under their loads, while one or two would be skipping along with a few pounds' weight only. At first, many of them preferred the hog-driving business; but I understood that they afterwards found out that it was no sinecure to drive a hog either of large or small size, and still less so to have charge of the bullock, who was half wild. The terror and fright he produced among the natives, proved a source of much amusement to us; and some droll scenes took place as the natives rushed in all directions to get beyond the reach of his horns, throwing down their loads without regard to the consequences. This was, however, prevented afterwards, by sending on the bullock, with his *attachés* or drivers, in front.

I found Olaa to be one thousand one hundred and thirty-eight feet above the level of the sea; and the temperature there was 72°.

While we were getting a slight nap, Dr. Judd was engaged in superintending the distribution of food to the multitude, during which time much confusion and noise existed. The natives put me in mind of wild beasts in this respect; they seldom make any noise unless their appetite and ease are in some way concerned.

Among the party we had several white men as interpreters, besides our native guides, who formed as it were a connecting link between ourselves and the natives proper. The whole was in keeping, for all had set out for a hard and rough journey; and knowing we had an arduous task to perform, we were all appropriately clothed for work.

The dress of the natives consisted of the maro and a light piece of tapa-cloth, worn as a shawl, which, when working, was usually wrapped around their bodies. In order to protect the feet, they were each furnished with a pair of raw-hide sandals, which they tie on their feet as boys do their skates. These are put on so as to cover the palms of the feet. For want of hide, some made sandals of ti-leaves, which answer the purpose quite as well for a time, though they are not so durable, and walking in them causes an awkward gait.

The whole company was a sort of mob, each moving after his own fashion, and straggling occasionally out of the path to save a few yards of distance. The chief Pea and his body-guard brought up the rear, to pick up stragglers and assist the weary.

After leaving Olaa, we had no distinct path to follow; for the whole surface became a mass of lava, which retained all its metallic lustre, and appeared as if it had but just run over the ground—so small was the action of decomposition. There were only a few stunted bushes on our track; but some dense patches of wood were observed on the