

the loose and absorbent lava. This was a dreadful blow to my friend's feelings, and produced much laughter among us, in which the consul himself at length joined; although I must confess I was somewhat of his opinion, that it had been done designedly, either to secure the sale of that belonging to others, or to get rid of the load, which had been a great annoyance and trouble to the bearer all day, and for which he had already been paid.

On the baggage coming up, Mr. Eld reported a deserter, who was brought up for trial, and an investigation had, in order to make an example of him. He was a swarthy and diminutive-looking person, with rather a good countenance, but it was just then so distorted with fright, that it was impossible to look at him without laughing. It appeared that he had been left by his chief at the crater, to superintend some hogs and provisions that belonged to the party; while thus employed, Mr. Eld, the officer in charge of the rear, wanted another person to carry on the clock-case, as one of the four that were attached to it had not been forthcoming; he in consequence had pressed the culprit into the service against his will, taking him from the station where his chief had placed him. On the route over some of the roughest part, seeing this man somewhat fatigued, Mr. Eld kindly relieved him for a few moments, of which he took advantage and disappeared. Mr. Eld immediately left the load and gave chase, but in a few moments he stumbled and fell over the clinkers, by which he received a contusion on the knee; rising with the prospect of having to aid in transporting the clock, he discovered the delinquent concealed under a neighbouring bush, and immediately forced him to return to his load, and thus brought him on. Mr. Eld, on hearing the facts of the case told by the native, interceded in his behalf, and Dr. Judd, after giving him an admonition, set him at liberty to return to his charge at the volcano.

We were now for a long time enveloped in mist, for we had reached the region of clouds. The thermometer at 6 P. M., stood at 54°; the dew-point at 44°. Instead of trade-winds from the northeast, we had a mountain breeze from the west, which caused the temperature to fall to 43°, and produced a feeling of great cold, being a fall of forty degrees since we left the coast.

The men whom we had hired just before leaving Hilo, belonged, as will be recollected, to Kanuha's district, and engaged to find themselves in food; but many of them had been so improvident of their supply that it was now found to be gone, and as many as twenty of them were without any thing to eat. When this became known, we proposed to supply them with rations at the original cost of the poe,