

edness and feeling that came under my observation on the mountain might be mentioned, did I not feel it would be a digression from the course of the narrative, that would not be allowable.

The only account that Longley could give me was, that being sick, he had lain down near the path, and was unable to move afterwards: he endeavoured to make signals to those he saw passing, but could attract no attention.

At about four o'clock we reached the Recruiting Station, having encountered the boxes and various articles, together with pieces of the portable house, strewed along the way. These had been left by the natives, who deserted *en masse* when those who had left me the first night came down giving exaggerated accounts of the cold, and other difficulties of the journey. I found Lieutenant Budd quite well, and only a few of the men that were with him sick: they had little or no provisions.

The difference of temperature between the altitude of fourteen thousand and nine thousand feet was very apparent: we could now enjoy sitting in the open air without feeling cold; it was as if we had passed at once from winter to spring. Although, ten days before, I had looked upon this spot as particularly barren, being destitute of vegetation and without water, yet, by comparison with the upper station which we had just left, every thing now appeared comfortable. It had been chosen, as I have said before, for a very remarkable cave, which had now become our hospital, and which was found dry, warm, and large enough to have accommodated the whole party. All the sick were immediately transported here, and placed under the superintendence of Dr. Judd and his assistants. The men here had procured a large turtle-shell from the natives, and in commemoration of their jaunt, engraved on it all their names, and nailed it to a staff which they erected at the mouth of the cave.

We passed the night with Lieutenant Budd, and although the lava floor of the tent was a rough bed, we seldom enjoyed so sound a sleep.

After arranging every thing relative to the provisions, when they should arrive, and visiting the sick with Dr. Judd, I determined to return to the top. The doctor remained for a day or two, to arrange matters with the natives at the lower station, so as to have our supplies more regularly forwarded; and also for the transportation of Longley to the ship. Taking with me James G. Clarke, a seaman, I again started for the summit, heavily laden with provisions. Longley was found better, and some of the men able to move about; and in order to prevent any accident by losing the direction, small flags were placed, as we went up, within sight of each other. We reached the observatory