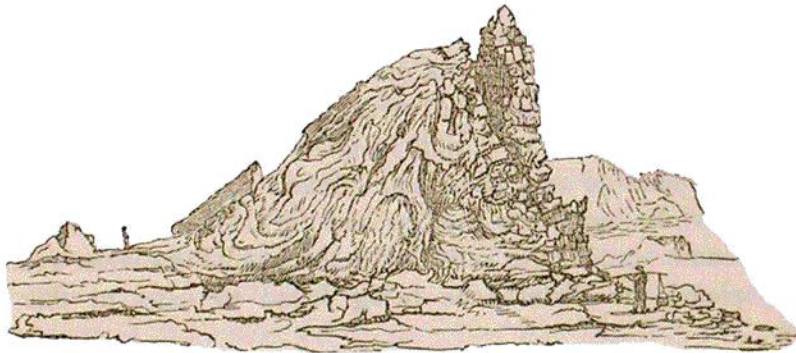


rain as well as the constant sunshine that prevailed; and from all the statements I received, I should, notwithstanding my own experience advise all those who visit this port to be prepared for the interruptions a few hours of rain each day may occasion; with this exception, it may be strongly recommended as a convenient and safe resort for vessels.

Having thus closed the narrative of the ascent of Mauna Loa, my visits to Kilauea, and of the difficulties that attended not only the excursion to the mountains, but the experiments performed near the water's edge, it is time to revert to the operations of the parties which were not under my own immediate command. These will form the subject of the succeeding chapter.



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