

approached, is the seminary of Lahainaluna situated on the side of the mountain that rises behind Lahaina.

The king's palace is built of coral rock, and is only half finished: it already seems to be in a somewhat dilapidated state, and exhibits poverty rather than regal magnificence. I could not but feel that too little attention had been given to his household by those who have had the management of his affairs. I regretted to see that any change, except for the better, had been effected in the native style of accommodation. His present residence is neither calculated to maintain the respect of his subjects, nor to enhance his importance in the eyes of foreigners. I am well aware that improvements are going on near to and connected with the situation his house occupies, but I believe that these could all have been long since finished, had proper exertions been made.

The town of Lahaina is built along the beach for a distance of three quarters of a mile: it is principally composed of grass-houses, situated as near the beach as possible: it has one principal street, with a few others running at right angles. After the king's palace, the fort is the most conspicuous object: its form is quadrangular, the longest side facing the sea: it is of little account, however, as a defence, serving chiefly to confine unruly subjects and sailors in. The area within is about one acre, and the walls are twenty feet high. By the observations which I made here, it is situated in longitude $156^{\circ} 41' 00''$ W., latitude $20^{\circ} 51' 50''$ N.

There are storehouses, which are used for the reception of the king's revenue, that consists of large heaps of tapas. At a short distance from the landing are situated the cottages of the Rev. Mr. Richards and Dr. Baldwin, who act as missionaries here. Mr. Richards, as has been before remarked, is connected with the government.

I had the pleasure of receiving his majesty on board, with suitable honours, accompanied by his suite. They made a very respectable appearance; and although what I had already seen of the king had greatly prepossessed me in his favour, a visit which I paid him before my departure tended greatly to increase the interest I felt for his welfare. Instead of being received in the dilapidated and half-finished palace, I was ushered over a small causeway to a short distance behind it, into his private apartments, and introduced to his wife, who had been quite unwell. She is not acknowledged as queen. She is the daughter of an inferior chief on the island of Hawaii, and the prettiest woman on the island. The king, it is believed, married her from affection, and against the wishes of his chiefs, after they had prohibited his marriage with his sister Nahienaena, as has already been mentioned.