

entered, at the expense of \$1000, and remanufactured. Every body was up in arms. The commercial association of Funchal passed resolutions denouncing the publication in strong terms, as designed by certain interested persons to injure the reputation of the wine of Madeira. So strict are the laws to prevent frauds, that even genuine Madeira, after being once shipped, cannot be returned to the island. I heard, however, of an attempt, and but one, to smuggle in Teneriffe and Fayal wines, which was discovered. The casks were broken, the wine destroyed, the boats confiscated, and the smuggler condemned to be transported to the coast of Africa.

We were informed that the industry of the inhabitants had much increased within a few years, and since the new order of things: this is shown in the increased quantity of grain which is raised, viz., wheat, barley, rye, and Indian corn. Sugar and coffee are also raised, and of superior quality. All kinds of vegetables and fruits are in abundance, all of very fine kinds, and not only sufficient for their own wants, but to supply the shipping that touch there.

There are some things relative to the organization of the present government, that seem to forebode any thing but harmony in its operations. It is too complicated for an ignorant community, that cannot value the elective franchise. The system is somewhat a caricature of our own, in the frequency of elections, and the numerous small magistrates who have for the most part little or no emolument. I was told that instances had occurred of their refusing to educate their children, in order that they might escape being elected to an office, which would bring them nothing but toil and vexation. As they become more enlightened this prejudice will pass away.

The people are industrious, sober, and civil, and although ignorant, I should think happy. There is little, if any, mixed blood among them. They are of the old Arabian stock. Free negroes are seen. Dark hair, eyes, and complexion, are most common; but much diversity in form and feature, and in the colour of the hair exists. The character of the features of the inhabitants is usually rather a broad face, high cheek bones, and pointed nose, full lips, good teeth, and retreating chin. The men are very muscular, rather above the middle height, strongly built, and capable of enduring great fatigue. We all agreed that the women were particularly ugly, which is to be imputed in part to the hard labour required of them. The two sexes do not appear to belong to the same race.

The men of the lower order are dressed in a kind of loose trousers (cuecas), descending as far as the knee, with a shirt or jacket of a gaudy colour. Both sexes wear a kind of cap (carapuca), of very