

in Crete and Cyprus. Among other preservatives from the plague Ladanum is used; an aromatic substance, which heat softens and renders more odoriferous; they smell to it from time to time, and especially when they fear any dangerous emanations." *Olivier*. *Cistus ladanifolius* is the *Κίστου εἶδος λήδου*. *Diosc.* 1. 128. See *Sprengel, His. R.H.* 1. 177.) Some land was sown with corn, but this was almost devoured by the locusts, which had now their wings, and flew in swarms destroying every green plant. No vegetable escaped their ravages, except some prickly cartilaginous plants of the thistle tribe. After five hours we arrived at Peristeroani, where I found my companions waiting for me. I had collected some grasses in my road, *Poa aurea*, *Cynosurus durus*, and *Avena cypria*. Leaving Peristeroani, we travelled over a plain for five hours, and at sunset arrived at the convent of the Archangel, at a small distance from Nicosia. Near the convent I observed the coriander and the garden-cress growing wild among the corn.

May 3. At seven we left the convent of the Archangel, and after a ride of eight hours through an undulated plain arrived at our lodgings at the Salines; near Hagios Georgios we observed immense beds of petrified oysters, Pectines and Balani. Our chasseur shot a very rare bird of the Tetraco kind; T. alchata, called by the Greeks Παρδαλός. (Found also in Syria, and called by the natives of Aleppo, *gata*: see a plate and description of this bird in *Russell's Aleppo*, II. 194.) This is a bird of passage, visiting the island in the spring and retiring in the autumn. We shot also on this plain the stone curlew, *Charadrius oedicephalus*.

May 8. At six in the evening embarked on board the Providence, a small vessel, for Rhodes. May 11. We anchored about eight in the morning about five miles to the east of Bafo. The town now presents a melancholy ruin; few of the houses being inhabited. In walking through it, we entered the inclosure of a modern Greek church, where we discovered three pillars of the most beautiful Egyptian granite: at four feet from the ground they measured ten feet four inches in circumference; and from the present surface, which evidently had been much raised, fifteen feet in height. At the distance of about forty yards were two smaller pillars; one of them was fluted. This was probably the site of an ancient temple of Venus: near it stood the ruins of a small Gothic chapel, probably Venetian. From Bafo we passed over some fields to a beautiful village called Iftinia, where the Governor of the district resided. We produced our firman, and his dragonian, full of promises, offered his services. The bishop, who had been informed of my arrival, wished to consult me. Like the Governor I found him with no other complaint than that of old age, and a weakened vis vite. We were offered pipes, and entertained with coffee, liqueurs and perfumes. From Iftinia we walked to what our guide called the Diamond Hill: these diamonds we found to be nothing but common quartz crystal. Hence we descended to the beach, to some ruins underground. We found there several buildings; and from the architecture we were led to suppose them catacombs, or repositories for the dead. They occupied a very considerable tract of ground, and offer a curious and interesting field of research to the antiquary. On removing some stones I discovered two species of lizards; the *Lacerta chalcides*, and *Lacerta turcica*; on the sand I observed the *Sea Eryngo*, the *Sea Sapphire*, and the *Prickly Cichorium*: the *Silene fruticosa*, the *Cyclamen cyprium*, and the *Ruta graveolens* grew on the rocks: on the road from Bafo to Iftinia, and upon rubbish ground on the outskirts of the town, the *Aloe vera*, the *Sempervivum arboreum*, and the *Physalis somnifera*: the *Galium cyprium* on the diamond rocks: the *Crucianella aegyptiaca*, the *Teucrium pseudo-chamedrys*, and the *Teucrium pseudo-polium* on the plain below. It was late when I returned to the ship, where I found a Turk, to whom I had offered a suitable reward, waiting for me, with a specimen of the formidable *Κουφή*.