

each of the other three sides there is a room cut out of the rock, and the door-cases are executed in a beautiful manner.

Half a mile to the east of this place is the new town of *Baffa*, where the governor resides, new Paphos being now called old *Baffa*, and is inhabited only by a few Christians and by a small garrison in a castle at the port. There was antiently at new Paphos a celebrated meeting once a year for the worship of Venus, from which place they went sixty stadia in procession to the temple of Venus at the port of old Paphos, where, according to the fables of the antients, that goddess, who is said to have been born of the froth of the sea, came ashore on a shell. The ruins of the city, called by the antients new Paphos, are now known by the name of old *Baffa*, where there is a small village of the same name about a mile to the south of *Baffa*. There is an aga and some janizaries who live at the fort in this place. I was recommended to a brother of the bishop of *Baffa*, who at that time was imprisoned by the Turks at Famagusta, by the instigation of the archbishop of Nicosia, with whom he had some difference; and I afterwards saw him at Rosetto, when he fled from this place into *Ægypt*. When I was in my lodgings some janizaries came to me, on which I took occasion to talk of my design to wait on the great aga at *Baffa*, with a letter I had to him. On the first of December I waited on the aga with my letter, and a small present of sugar, which I found was necessary, and could be of no ill consequence, as it was the only present I should have occasion to make on the island. He entertained me with coffee, and sent his falconer along with me, who attended me with his hawk wherever I had an inclination to go.

When I had seen everything there, we proceeded on our journey; going at some distance from the sea along the plain, in an hour we came to a running water, and saw some ruins of the aqueduct to the right, which here crosses the river on an arch: in half an hour more we came to *Borgo Ashedieh* where there are remains of a high Gothic aqueduct. Opposite to this place is the first small cape to the south east of *Baffa*, which might be the old promontory *Zephyrium*. In half an hour we passed by *Iteme*, and about the same distance we were opposite to another cape, which might be that of *Arsinos*; the port of *Arsinos* might be on one side of it, and the port of old *Paphos* on the other, which was a mile and a quarter from that city; for though I went in search of it, at the cape opposite to *Coucleh*, where old *Paphos* stood, and observed the ruins of several aqueducts that way, yet I could see no signs of the port. We ascended to the village of *Coucleh*, which is situated on a narrow hill extending to the south into the plain. Old *Paphos* was doubtless here, and there are great heaps of ruins about the place, and remains of the foundations of thick walls; the ruins extend about a quarter of a mile in breadth, and half a mile in length. Some say that this city was built by Paphos, son of *Pigmalion*, others that it was founded by *Cynarus* king of *Crete*, and father of *Adonis*.

These hills extend quite across the island, and are much lower in this part than they are towards the north; they end here in high white cliffs; and where they make a great head of land to the south they are known to mariners by the name of *Cape Bianco*, part of which might be the promontory called *Drepanum* by the antients. We travelled over these hills to the east, and in about two hours from *Coucleh* came to a Turkish village called *Alefoora*, where we got a place to lodge in with great difficulty. On the second we went near a large Turkish village called *Afilim*, which is the same as *Aulimo* or *Aitimo*. We went on to the other side of *Cape Bianco*, and came to two delightful villages which are contiguous; they are called *Episcopi* and *Colosse*. These villages are finely watered, and most beautifully improved with mulberry trees for the silkworms, and also with a great