

according unto Strabo, foure hundred twenty seven miles, sixty miles distant from the rocky shore of Cilicia; and from the maine of Syria an hundred: from whence it is said to have bin devided by an earthquake. Devided it was into foure provinces, Salamina, Amathusia, Lapethia and Paphia, so named of their principall cities. Salamina was built by Tencer in memoriall of that from whence he was banished by his father Telamon, for not revenging the death of his brother (Hor. I Od. VII. 21.)

When Teucer fled from Sire and Salamine
 Crown'd with a wreath of poplar dipt in wine,
 He thus his sad friends cheeres: Go we lov'd mates
 Which way soever Fortune leads; the Fates
 Are kinder than my Father: nor despair
 When Teucer guides you. He whose answers are
 Most sure, Apollo, in another land
 Did say another Salamine should stand.

The Island being assigned to him by Belus, if Didoes relation may be beleev'd (Virg. Æn. I. 619.)

Teucer, exiled Greece, to Sidon came:
 Who a new kingdom sought by Belus' aide.
 My father Belus then did Cyprus tame,
 And that rich country tributary made.

This city was afterwards called Constantia; but destroyed by the Jewes in the daies of the Emperour Trajan, and finally by the Saracens in the reigne of Heraclius. Upon the ruins thereof the famous Famagosta was erected by King Costa, as they say, the father of Saint Katherine. Eternized by the unfortunate valour of Signior Bragadino, who with incredible fortitude withstood the furious assaults, made by the populous army of Selimus the second, conducted by Mustafa; and after surrendered it upon honourable conditions, infringed by the perjured and execrable Pasha, who entertaining at his tent with counterfeit kindness the principall of them, suddenly picking a quarrel, caused them all to be murdered, the Governour excepted, whom he reserved for more exquisite torments. For having cut off his eares, and exhibited him by carrying of earth on his backe to the derision of the infidels, he finally fleyed him alive, and stuffing his skin with chaffe, commanded it to be hung at the maine yard of his galley. Famagosta is seated in a plain between two promontories; in forme wehgh quadrangular, whereof two parts are washt with the sea; indifferent strong, and containig two miles in circumference. It standeth almost opposite unto Tripoly having a haven which openeth South East, the mouth thereof being straightened with two rocks which defend it from the weather. There was Saint Barnaby borne, there suffered martyrdome under Nero, and there buried, to whom the Cathedral Church was dedicated. This greatly ruined city is yet the strongest in the Island, the Seate of the Sanjaq: late put into such an affright upon the approach of the Florentine ships, that he fully purposed, as is credibly reported, to have surrendered it upon their landing who (perhaps posest with a mutuall terrour) forbare to attempt it. The aforesaid region of Salamine (which lieth on the East of the Island) contained also the celebrated cities of Aphrodisium, Tamassus abounding with vitriol and verdigrease; Arsinoe, Idalium, and the neighbouring groves so chanted off: the Olympian promontory (where Venus had her Temple, into which it was lawfull for no woman to enter) with the hill on the opposite Pedasium, square on the top like a table, and sacred unto her, as all the aforementioned. In the territory of Lapathia comprehending the north part, where once stood Tremitis, in the heart