

town there was a large bason now almost filled up; it served for the security of the shipping, and was defended by a strong castle, as appears by the foundations of it; this must be the inclosed port mentioned by the antients; the walls seem to have been very strong, and in the foundations there have been found many stones, with inscriptions on them, in an unintelligible character, which, I suppose, is the antient *Phœnician*; and if the city was ever rebuilt, after it was destroyed by *Ptolemy*, these stones might be put into the walls when they were repaired. They have discovered a great number of antient sepulchres in and about the city of *Larnica*; I saw some built of hewn stone; in one of them I observed the stones were laid along at top like large beams, and others laid over them like a floor; there is another which ends at an angle, and both are of excellent workmanship, and finished in the most perfect manner. The fathers of the *Terra Santa* have a large convent in this town; the Capuchins also have a monastery here; and the *Greeks* four or five very good churches. The republick of *Ragusa* have a consul residing in this place, as well as the French and English.

Chap. II.

OF FAMAGUSTA AND THE ANTIENT SALAMIS.

On the tenth of November we set out from *Larnica* on mules, under the protection of the consul's janizari, in order to make the tour round the island. We travelled eastward and came to the bed of a torrent, called *Camborounula*, which had water in it; I saw mounds near it, which might be the remains of some antient work. In three quarters of an hour we came to the hills that stretch to cape Pyla: That head must be the antient *Promontory of Daides*; I observed an old tower on it. We came to the vale of Ormilis, where there are several houses and silk gardens belonging to the people of *Larnica*. We afterwards had a sight of cape *Grega*, probably the same as that which the writers of the *Turkish* history call cape *Gracia*, and was probably cape *Throni* of the antients, where there was a city of the same name. Going on I was told that we passed within four miles of *Trapeza*, which, if I mistake not, is to the right, though *Blaen's* map puts a place of that name near *Famagusta*; this probably is a village near the high hill, that was compared by the antients to a table, and was sacred to *Venus*; I had a view of it on this head of land. This hill was over cape *Pedalium*, which may be the same as *Aumochostus*, and I suppose it to be the northern point of that broad head of land, which is now called cape *Grega*. *Pedalium* is thought to be a corruption of the antient name *Idalium*, there having been a town of that name in *Cyprus*, which was sacred to *Venus*; the *Idalian* wood was near it, in which, according to antient fables, *Adonis*, a favourite of *Venus*, was killed by a boar, and they feign that she turned him into a flower. There are two ports mentioned between this and *Salamis*, which are *Leucola* and *Arsinoe*; a city also is mentioned with the latter, which might be where *Famagusta* is at present situated.

We came to a village called *Merash*, which is half a mile south of *Famagusta*, where the *Christians* live who are not permitted to dwell within the city. I was here recommended to a *Christian*, who assigned me a room, which he had built in his garden, where I was entirely alone, and sent to the town for whatever I wanted. The next day I went with the janizari to the city; for though I had a letter to the Governor, yet I was advised not to send it, as I had no present for him. I went with all freedom wherever I pleased about the town. The Governor however was afterwards informed, that I had viewed the town very exactly, and wrote everything down, tho' I had only copied a short *Greek* inscription. Upon this he sent