

entire military force; and the clank of Western armour and the tramping of Western horses were soon spreading terror in the startled streets of Limasol. Isaac, as best he could, got his forces together; but Richard, falling on them, put them to instant rout, seized an immense treasure, and returned to Limasol in triumph. Here he was presently joined by Guy de Lusignan, who in the most romantic manner imaginable had risen to be King of Jerusalem; and here Richard was married in solemn state to Berengaria. Isaac meanwhile had fled into the recesses of the mountains; and thither Richard, as soon as his wedding was over, accompanied by Guy, lost no time in pursuing him. They at last drove him into the open country, and joined battle with him outside the town of Tremitus, which lay in the central plain, some ten miles north of Larnaca. Here Richard was again completely victorious; he took Isaac prisoner, and he found himself master of the island. As for Tremitus, he made it a heap of ruins. Near its site there are still some broken Phœnician walls; and long afterwards the story lingered amongst the islanders that these were the remains of a town that had been destroyed by an English king.

As a pendant to this story I must add that of Guy de Lusignan. Some ten years before the events just related Baldwin IV., King of Jerusalem, was dying. His eldest child, who was destined to succeed him on the throne, was a widowed daughter