

Europeans, with great exaggeration, tell a long story how, before the body of the victim was flayed—however it was that he killed the Moslem prisoners—his nose and ears were cut off, and then he was slain with tortures. If the case is compared with the frightful cruelties committed by the tribunal of the Inquisition upon the Arabs, it is clear anyhow that the Turks were more merciful than they.

After the conquest of Famagusta Janissaries and Cavalry were posted where and as necessary, and trustworthy commanders left for the protection of the island. The General Lala Mustafa Pasha, taking with him his staff, returned with the fleet to Constantinople. A brilliant deputation was sent to meet him: Selim II offered congratulations and yet higher honours, and the revenues of conquered Cyprus were assigned to the brave Commander.