

~~The former method of~~
the ground is adapted for agricultural purposes. The
improvement & cultivation has been hitherto greatly neglected.
& the capability of supplying itself all its provision has been
sent from Algiers ^{the coast} of Spain. The whole land
which would produce corn for the consumption of the
place is at present planted with vines, & turns &
alone contribute to the luxuries not the necessities of
life with a fatal policy too frequent with the Spaniards
of preferring the ornamental to the useful, & no small part
is not even planted with these another indirect advantage
the rather freedom from evil than a natural good
the prevention of the gun trade, which used to issue
from hence during calms & when pursued took refuge
under an island of the batteries of the place, an act of
no small moment. besides this it is very mild
& healthy & furnished with many things subservient
to pleasure & amusement in which Gibraltar is deficient.
The opinion that Lenta is more healthy than Gibraltar
may appear singular to those who only consider the
short distance between the 2 places, but it is undoubtedly
true fact for the great height of Gibraltar constantly
catch the passing clouds, which descend during
the rainy season in unseasoning showers at once un-
healthy & dangerous, ^{dangerous} ~~often~~ ^{frequently} large portions of stone
~~which are~~ ^{are} ~~ruled~~ ^{ruled} from the summit of the rock
by these periodical torrents, & occasion great injury
to the houses below & endanger the lives of passengers
but the effects felt by this elevation during the
winters are still more prejudicial, for the clouds
then form a complete cap over the rock, & render
the air so thick & suffocating that it is scarcely
possible either to see or breathe. & if it happens during
the summer season, & continued any time, renders

even an sun to follow