

as a recompense for his service. he is of an amiable mild disposition yet possesses sufficient dignity & authority as to command respect & obedience, but his orders are issued with such suavity that they appear complied with more from regard to his person than the power he is invested with. his friends & family adore him, & he is so just, mild & vigilant in his government that whilst he satisfies the Junta & performs his duty to his country, not a single voice is raised with a complaint against among the numerous distended entrusted to his care - his wife is no less degree a pleasing amiable woman, but gifted with such loquacity ^{that} instead of gaining an answer, her silence creates such astonishment as to keep every one mute till she gains breath to begin again. however she possesses such good humor & uses such endeavours to make every one comfortable that it would be illtempered not to be satisfied with them of 18 children 3 only remain alive, a son, & 2 daughters. his heir is about 17 years old a capt in the army & lately married to a girl of his own age over whom he watches with an anxiety & jealousy only to be equalled by old Spanish novels. The girls might sit for pictures as the weird sisters, & their have equal fascination but their power lies in their tongue not eyes. besides the families the house is fully attended the old de lamps, & chief people of the place who as usual are attracted by his affability & open table. For with a liberality worthy of example he keeps an open table where elegance & plenty not luxury abound, & this from a moderate private fortune & a salary very inadequate to the dignity of his situation. The lot of the Fijos over of the party, & had ordered his regiment out with the intention of evening them but chronic disease countermanded them alledging that it would be too late; from this we formed opinion of the discipline of the corp. without ^{requiring} further knowledge, we spent this evening in a similar manner as the last in different tertullas & continued our amusements to a late hour. during our excursion without the walls we were shown the spot where the Moon-brothers were murdered ^{a Spanish Officer} which is an instance