

site side. In the centre had been placed a dozen baskets of rice, with several of manioc and sweet potatoes, and two large bundles of sugar canes, besides poultry; and a tame bullock, which had been reposing in the yard all the morning, standing near them. I was about to take my place amongst my fellow-travellers, but was directed to stand on the stone step of the door. The chief man, who, with his companions, was arrayed in holiday attire, then addressed me, stating how much pleasure it gave them to see me there, as the friend of the prince and the prince Rakotond Radama, and begged me to accept the bullock, and the other provisions before me, as the prince's gift. I expressed my deep felt gratitude for this manifestation of kindness, and the people retired.

When my bearers were directed to remove the provisions, there was a general scramble for the sugar canes; and so eager was the struggle, that few secured more than a piece of a cane. I afterwards expressed my regret to one of my friends that so much provision should have been given, as I was sure my men would have been better without it. But he advised me not to say so, as it was the mode of testifying pleasure on the arrival of a guest in Madagascar, and would be painful to the parties by whom it was given. Also that the people of the place would be pleased by my receiving it, as they would obtain a portion when it was distributed. I afterwards wrote to the secretary of the government at the capital, to the prince royal, as the queen's son is usually called, and to Prince Ramonja, informing them of my progress, and my arrival at Angavo. One of my bearers came to-day to have a tooth drawn, of which I soon relieved him, and he returned to his quarters. The evening was passed with a select company of friends, in agreeable, and to me deeply affecting conversation, respecting the perils and afflictions of the times that were past, and the rest and the quiet of the present.

Soon after seven the next morning, we took leave of the