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The most tremendous eruptions of volcanoes have taken place in the interior, upon record; five burst simultaneously in different places, attended with tremendous earthquakes which sunk three large towns, besides many villages, so that no trace of them remains, and destroyed a large portion of St. Miguel and St. Salvador. The air was so obscured by ashes and smoke, that for eight days the inhabitants were obliged to grope their way with torches. The reports were like the firing of musketry and cannon, attended with showers of rocks, stones and cinders. The lava in some places ran the distance of sixty leagues, destroying every thing in its course. In Alanché they thought the day of judgment had arrived, and more than three hundred marriages took place among the people who had previously lived in a state of concubinage. The earthquakes were felt very sensibly both here and in Truxillo, and the reports of the eruptions a long way to the northward of Belize. The ashes fell here for about twenty hours like snow, and it was so dark as to require candles at 12 o'clock M. One volcano burst about forty miles back of Truxillo.

The political state of the country has improved very much; all the states now having joined the federal union; and from the extreme productiveness of the soil, if things continue prematurely in this condition, the country must resume its former vigor. The Government have laid an additional duty of seven per cent. on all imports, and contemplate putting twenty per cent. additional on all goods brought from Belize, which if carried into effect, will ruin that place and be the making of this.