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scenery—Anchor off Ternate—The village—Club-house—Sultan's Palace—Mohammedan mosque—Visit the spice plantations—Trees and fruits—Ball at Government House.

THE half-dozen houses forming the settlement are readily seen from the anchorage; but we looked in vain for the town with its several streets, as shown on the charts. There is only one small store in the place. The remaining dwelling-houses are those left behind by the detachment of Royal Marines, when they gave up the place to the Queensland Government in 1867. One is now occupied by the agents of the London Missionary Society, as a training establishment in connection with the mission they are successfully working at Port Moresby, New Guinea. The Colonial Government have for some time been endeavouring to establish a settlement here, but the soil is found to be very poor, and the climate anything but healthy; the chances, too, of frequent skirmishes with the savage natives from the adjacent islands make it far from a desirable locality for settling. I frequently landed, and had opportunities of seeing the country in the immediate vicinity. It appears to consist of low, wooded hills, valleys, and plains of great extent; the coast line, when not consisting of rocky headlands, being either a sandy beach or swamps fringed with mangroves. On the plains, characteristic of the poor soil, the first objects to attract attention are the enormous pinnacled ant-hills of