

We left Ponta Delgada on the 9th of July, and just before our departure we had an opportunity of seeing a singular religious ceremony.

In one of the churches of the town there is an image of our Saviour, which is regarded with extreme devotion. The inhabitants, in cases of difficulty or danger, bring it rich offerings, and the wealth of the image in jewels was variously stated to us at from one thousand to one hundred thousand pounds, in proportion to the faith and piety of our informants. There



Costume of the Inhabitants of San Miguel.

had been great want of rain in the island for some months past, and it had been determined to take a step which is taken only in extreme cases—to parade the image round the town in solemn procession.

People began to come in from the country by midday, and all afternoon the town wore a gala appearance. The Açorean