

The Marks by which a Stranger may find Port  
Orotava in the Island of Tenerife, which appears  
by several Observations to be situated in  
Lat. 28° 23' N. - and by mean of five Chronometers  
and several Lunar Observations in Longi-  
-tude 16° 36' W; Also directions for sailing into  
the Anchorage - Variation 20° 30' W; but it  
cannot be exactly depended upon on ac-  
-count of the Swell that prevailed during  
the Newcastle's stay, which rendered the  
vibration of the Compass considerable.

It lies about half way between Punto Point  
Nago, but rather nearer the latter, and close to the Shore.  
Above it about a League Inland is another  
Town somewhat larger called Villa de Orotava, between these  
are two small Hills shaped like Sugar Loaves.

Ships running in for the Anchorage  
should endeavour to keep to the Eastward of the Town & run  
along shore at the distance of 2 or 3 Miles, until they bring a  
Windmill which stands about half a mile above the Lower  
Town / the only Windmill in the place bearing S. E. by S, on with a  
Square Tower built on a Gentlemans House standing in the  
middle of the Town, which is the highest in the place & has the  
appearance of the Tower of a Monastery; & a large White House  
standing at the foot of the Easter most Mount or Hill on with a  
red tiled House close to the water side standing at the end of a  
long White wall built to enclose a Burying ground. By E. & S, you  
will then be in 30 fath. fine black sand & excellent holding ground  
about 1/2 Mile from the Shore. The water shoals gradually towards  
the Shore; there is no danger of Ships dragging up the bank. They  
should never anchor within the above distance as the ground  
is foul & rocky.

Pilots approach within two miles of the Shore when the Frigate Boat  
puts a Pilot on board who remains until she departs, and they are  
all so well acquainted with the signs of the weather & so watchful to put  
to Sea when they apprehend any danger, that no Ship has been wrecked  
here with a North West wind in the memory of man.

Feature of the  
outdated &  
ugly Marage

The Roadstead is about a mile to the Westward of the Town  
where Shipping anchor in 30 or 40 fath. of water; rolling much owing to the  
long North West swell which almost constantly prevails. It is a  
tolerable Port in the Summer time or from the beginning of May to  
the end of October; but in the Winter Ships are often obliged to slip their  
Cables & put to Sea, for fear of being surprised by a North West wind  
which is exceedingly dangerous & throws in a heavy Sea - however these  
winds rarely happen & commonly give warning before hand, so that  
Ships have time to get away.

ending Place

Is a small Creek or Haven situated among the Rocks  
near the middle of the Town where Boats acquainted with the Channel  
can land in safety, but the entrance to it is surrounded by a number of  
sunken rocks & so narrow, that two Boats can scarcely pass abreast of each  
other and therefore should not be attempted without a Pilot, especially  
as there is generally a heavy Surf breaking on the rocks, which renders  
the approach to it very dangerous to Strangers.

Water

It is plentifully supplied with good water which is con-  
-veyed to it from a rivulet at a great distance in open wooden  
Spouts or Troughs & brought off to the Ships by Boats of the Island.

fortifications

At each end of the Town there is a black sandy Bay, along the  
Northernmost is a low stone wall built to prevent an Enemy from landing; at  
the other Bay there is a small Fort or Castle for the same purpose. & between them  
& the Landing place a Battery of a few Cannon.

the Sea &

The Sea breeze generally sets in about 10 o'clock in the Morning  
on the East ends of the Island & blows till 5 or 6 in the evening when it falls calm  
until Midnight, then the land wind begins & continues till 7 or 8 in the Morning when it is en-  
-ceded by a Calm which continues till the Sea breeze again begins to blow.  
There appears to be a regular Tide setting East & West along the Land  
-sides - the Flood setting to the Eastward & the ebb the contrary way. It has about 12 ft. of

Sides -