

On February the first, (memorable at all times for this province and the others) at 8 o'clock in the morning the sky was agreeable and pleasing; a particular cloud that resembled a boiling mountain, was seen towards the Southern part of Palapag; the (higher?) wind ~~blow~~ was blowing from the East and the (lower?) from the Northwest; many and with them I myself wondering at the said cloud heard a strong subdued subterranean noise coming from the North-western part; it was approaching us nearer and nearer successively and caused us a great fear; believing that a strong earthquake would be the consequence of this noise, I went downstairs from the convent in order to prevent ~~me~~ ^{with me} and the others who were in my company from being envolved and oppressed by the ruins; having gone till the street in front of the Tribunal, where many gathered, we heard a strong crashing and after, others rapidly repeated, as if two great and powerful fleet were furiously fighting with each other. In an instant a strong explosion was noted and after, nine others that caused us consternation; the terrified inhabitants of all ages and sexes of the town began to run away, some of them to join with me, others to enter the church; some were lying speechless on the ground facing downward; others climbed the house, posts ^{unconscious} ignorant of what they were doing; others were shouting as loudly as they could; the children were crying; the dogs ran away in confusion; the cows launched forth against each other and roared in a strange way; all ^{we} of us were trembling and lost our natural color: It was to see the weakness and misery of the human nature in opposition to the power of the world's Creator.

I kept ^{on} up in my place immovable with my hands raised up towards heaven, interiorly imploring mercy for all, with my eyes fixed to that part where explosions were seen and my ears attentive to the noise which seemed to me as if large and enormous rocks flying in the air clased on with one another and after falling, began to roll down as it happened to be; at 9:30 the noise that seemed to approached us, increased and the