

moved its arsenal from Lesina to Curzola. This step was the undoing of Lesina, and at Curzola we find traces of it, for the new arsenal soon won the name of Porto Pedocchio, or "Lousy Creek", which that little bay still retains. The English held Curzola from 1813 to 1815, when Lissa was their naval base, and an inscription above the gate of a sort of semicircular stadium records the gratitude of the Curzolani to the English commander—in Corcyran latin—as follows :

Petro Lowen cuius foelicib. ausp. hoc civibus solatium viaque haec curib. apta incolis omnibus comodo et utilitati constructa libertate fruens hoc gratianimi testimonium comunitas Curzolensis posteris tradendum dessignavit. MDCCCXV.

"Libertate fruens", in enjoyment of their freedom ; for the first time in their lives, perhaps.

Curzola town occupies a true Greek site ; it stands on a little peninsula connected with the rest of the island by a low neck of land ; a ridge of rock running the length of the town and culminating in the Arx, where the Duomo now stands ; on each side is a little bay or harbour ; and steep and narrow streets run down, on either side, from the ridge to the water's edge. These narrow *calli* are extremely picturesque, and are filled with houses