

ITURBIDE.

Iturbide, in the State of Campeche, a name given to a prosperous modern locality, which has started up on the site of an old and once important place lies about forty kilometres in a straight line South East of Bolonchenticul, but on a good road. It actually occupies the position once held by the ancient City of Zibilnocac, where old and interesting objects are continually being encountered, besides ruins are to be seen within the distance of a short walk.

The present rancho of Zibilnocac, has been known from time immemorial by the people, although there are no documents to tell anything of its antiquity. It possesses amongst other things, an old well, which is attributed to the ancients, although it is doing good service for the present generation.

Another series of towering ruins, were enshrouded in the woods, through which white masses of stone could be seen glimmering, amongst these was one long edifice, which seemed to have a square tower or structure at each end, and also one in the centre. all the façades of which were ornamented with sculptured stone. The length of the building was one hundred and fifty four feet, while the depth was only twenty feet and seven inches. Some of the apartments had been painted, but the subjects were too much mutilated to be discerned or copied, but nevertheless all tending to show the skill of the builders. Towering mounds indicated the former existence of a great city, the remains of thirty three buildings, some with two stories were to be seen, but any structures they may originally have had, had disappeared and the mounds were overgrown, although the general style of the ruins showed that they had been built or occupied by a once powerful and mysterious people.