Volume 3, the final volume of the “Personal Narrative”, records the travels of
Alexander von Humboldt and the botanist Aimé Bonpland in South and
Central America, and the Caribbean. In this volume, they start at Angostura,
the capital at that time of Spanish Guiana, where both required recuperation
from serious febrile disease contracted on their journey on the Orinoco.
Once well, they recommenced their travels, returning across Spanish Guiana
and Venezuela to the coastal settlement of Nueva Barcelona, from whence
they departed for Cuba and further travels in the Caribbean. As in the
previous volumes, von Humboldt describes their travel with a narrative that
is expressively descriptive of people, plants, animals and geology. Volume 3
also discusses slavery in Cuba and provides a geological description of
South America north of the Amazon and east of the northern region of the
Andes. (summary by Gail Timmerman-Vaughan)

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