

Wood and water may be had at both harbours in abundance, but in other respects the island is not well adapted as a place for the supply of ships. No more than a single ship would probably be able to find refreshments at a time. It is, therefore, seldom visited, and its surplus produce is carried to Tahiti for sale. Notwithstanding, the articles of traffic are quite as dear as at Tahiti.

The inhabitants of Eimeo reside upon the shores, and there are several large villages on the southern side of the island; among these is Afareaitu, at which the Rev. Mr. Hale, whose recent arrival has been spoken of, is about to take up his residence.

It was in this island that the establishment of a factory for spinning cotton, and weaving cloth and carpets, was attempted by Messrs. Armitage and Blossom, who were sent out for the purpose by the London Missionary Society. Its failure and cessation after a fair trial have already been mentioned.

It has been seen that the alluvial plain at the head of the harbour of Taloo, is partly occupied by plantations of sugar. The cane is of superior quality, and the climate well adapted to its production; the plant is indeed indigenous, and it is well known that the variety of it found at Tahiti has been introduced advantageously into the West Indies. At Eimeo the crop is liable to injury from the ground-rat, and there are difficulties attending the management of the crop, which cause the cultivators to speak despondingly. About one hundred tons, however, are made annually.

Coffee, cotton, and all other tropical plants, succeed well at Eimeo, and the quantity of tapa manufactured is greater in proportion than at Tahiti.

I took the opportunity of my anchorage in the harbour of Eimeo, to verify the chart made by Captain Von Schantz, of the Russian ship *America*, and found it accurate. I have added some soundings, and laid down the topography of the shores, and the outline of the reefs, more minutely than he had attempted.

On leaving Eimeo, I bade adieu to the Tahitian islands; but I cannot close the portion of the Narrative which is devoted to them, without again expressing the pleasure I and all my officers derived from our intercourse with the missionaries, and our obligations for the kindness received from them and other residents. Among those to whom we are indebted, I cannot refrain from naming George Pritchard, Esq., H. B. M. Consul, of whose strenuous exertions to advance the welfare of the people, and sustain the government in its efforts to promote their best interests, I became by observation fully aware. It is to be regretted