

Thence you will proceed to the easternmost of the Navigator's Group, the south part of Manua being in latitude $14^{\circ} 30'$ S., longitude $169^{\circ} 45'$ W., which you will examine, and remain off until my arrival, or farther orders.

You may expect me off them between the 1st and 5th of October.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. C. RINGGOLD,
U. S. Brig Porpoise.

IV.

TO POMARE IV., QUEEN OF THE SOCIETY ISLANDS.

THE undersigned has been instructed by the President of the United States to visit Tahiti with the squadron under his command, to inquire into and make representations respecting certain occurrences that have taken place; and to assure you that the President and country place full reliance upon the letter addressed by you to the President of the United States, dated September 20th, 1839, a copy of which is enclosed, in which you invite all Americans to visit your ports, and give assurances of protection and friendship; in consequence of which the President has established a consulate at Papieti, for the purpose of watching over an extensive commerce now carried on by American citizens, which results in advantages to both countries; and farther, that the President continues to feel much good-will and interest toward the government and inhabitants of these islands.

1st. That the President, feeling this strong reliance in the promises contained in the said letter, could not but be astonished that the authorities had suffered an occurrence to take place that might be deemed an infringement of the former consular premises. At the same time that he was disposed to overlook that circumstance, he desired that some assurance should be given that such an occurrence, so contrary to the laws and usages of nations, should not be repeated, and to warn them, through me, that it must not occur again.

2d. Relative to the ill treatment of the crew of a whale-boat belonging to an American vessel, in 1836, and the detention of the boat at the Queen's boat-house, and the delay of bringing the offenders to justice. *Such acts* must not occur again.

3d. The consul of the United States will maintain and be ever ready to aid the authorities in the execution and ascendency of their laws,