

V.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
At Sea, October 10th, 1839.

SIR,—

You will proceed to the most western island of the Navigator Group, called Savaii, passing on your route to the northward of Upolu, and leave an officer at Apia, to take charge of and attend to tide-staves hourly.

From thence on your route you will proceed to Manono and Apolima, ascertaining the distance between each of them and Savaii, by the methods pointed out in my surveying instructions; you will particularly examine Savaii for harbours, and will not allow any thing to escape you that will tend to give facilities to commerce and navigation.

Dr. Pickering will join the Porpoise for the purpose of procuring every thing relative to its natural productions. You will land him at the missionary settlement at Savaii, with an officer to attend to the tide-staves hourly, until you leave that island.

Lieutenant Alden, with a boat and crew from this ship, will be put under your orders, for duty.

You will return to the harbour of Pago-pago as soon as you shall have finished, which will not detain your arrival beyond the 20th inst.

If there are any of the crew of the Porpoise who are on the sick-list, and unfit for duty, you will send them, with their bags and hammocks, to this ship.

As many specimens, sketches, &c., as possible, will be obtained as usual by the officers; also observations, &c., noted.

The presents for natives will be exchanged for specimens, also fresh provisions, &c., for the crew.

Wishing you a successful cruise,

I am, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

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

VI.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Harbour of Pago-pago, October 13th, 1839.

SIR,—

You will, with the Peacock and Flying-Fish under your command,