

the hands of the natives, who fished them up from the water. They were afterwards traded off to the whites, some of whom told me they yet occasionally saw a native wearing one as a kind of medal; but none fell under our notice. This accident brought the notorious rascal Charley Savage among them.

They now steered for the northeast point of Angau, whence the reef extends off one mile and a half, and has no deep water inside of it. It was, therefore, difficult to find a place where they could anchor the boats, but at last they found anchorage off the town of Vione, which is concealed from view by the mangrove bushes that line the shores of this island for several miles. Angau is much larger and higher than either Ambatiki or Nairai.

They found the natives of Angau much more shy than they were at either of the other islands. Whippy landed and chased one of them into the woods, before he could make him understand that he was the great Maticum Ambau of whom they had heard so much. On its becoming known to them, they became reconciled, and took the provisions on shore to cook them.

The reef continues round the east side, close to the island. There are several openings in it, but none that offer a fit place for a vessel to anchor. As the south side is approached, the reef extends off several miles, and the water upon it is so shoal that even the boats were forced to keep on the outside, and, for want of an opening, were obliged to anchor without the reef. In the morning they crossed the reef at high water, and soon got into deep water. The survey of the southern side proved there was safe anchorage, the holding-ground being good in twenty fathoms water in the bay, and opposite the town of Lakemba; but during a southerly blow, a vessel would be much exposed to the wind and sea. There are several openings and clear passages through the reef on the northwest side, and clear water round to the south, but the bights to the north are full of coral patches.

There are villages every few miles around this island. It is subject to Ambau, and its inhabitants are considered much more savage than those of the other islands in its neighbourhood.

Having completed the surveys, agreeably to his instructions, Lieutenant Underwood returned by the way of Ambatiki, and reached Levuka after an absence of nine days. The men had been at their oars pulling almost constantly for the period of eight days, sleeping in the boats, and seldom allowed to land.

Mr. Knox and Colvocoressis were sent with the tender to complete the surveys of Wakaia, Mokungai, and Mekundranga. All three contain few inhabitants, and have been the scene of the horrid tragedies