

pal chiefs, which brought off Tui Mora, the son of Tui Mbua, from whom he learned that the whole district was in a state of civil war, and had been so for the last year; that all their towns were barricaded and their canoes broken up. This was an unforeseen event, putting a stop to the plans we had entertained of getting a chief to accompany the surveying party to the Asaua Group. On no consideration would Tui Mora leave his district, nor had he any one to send. Captain Hudson, under these circumstances, after talking to the chief, determined, in the first place, to effect a peace, to which he found this chief favourably disposed.

He was desired to send a message to the town of the old chief Tui Mbua, which was but a few miles off, in order to ask him to come on board. He at once said the king was absent at the Bay of Naloo, where the ship *Leonidas* was fishing. The distance thither, he said, was ten miles by land, and thirty by water, and no one's life would be safe in going there, as they would have to pass several of the enemy's towns, and must certainly be killed. On being asked to send a canoe, he said they had none, and if they had had any, it would be impossible to reach the desired point, for it would be captured and the men killed.

Captain Hudson at once determined to proceed himself to the *Leonidas*, and bring the old king back with him, retaining Tui Mora on board in the mean time. Accordingly, he left the ship at noon, and reached the *Leonidas* after dark. Tui Mbua was at once sent for and proper explanations being made to him respecting the object in view, to restore peace, he readily consented to accompany Captain Hudson back to the ship. They set out near midnight, and reached the *Peacock* by eight o'clock the next morning.

The two rival chiefs were kept out of sight of each other, until they had been made to understand the object in view. When brought together they were soon reconciled, and every thing amicably arranged: they shook hands and solemnly promised to forget all that had passed. They could not, however, help passing an occasional accusation against each other, as having been the cause of the war. Messengers were immediately despatched by both to their respective towns, to proclaim peace, and with orders to the people to put aside their preparations for war, and to plant and cultivate their taro and yam grounds. This was an end worthy of the exertions that Captain Hudson had made to secure it.

The rules and regulations that had been signed by the chiefs of Ambau and Rewa were now explained to both parties, by sections. To all of these they agreed, saying they were glad to enter into them, and that they should be strictly observed by their people.