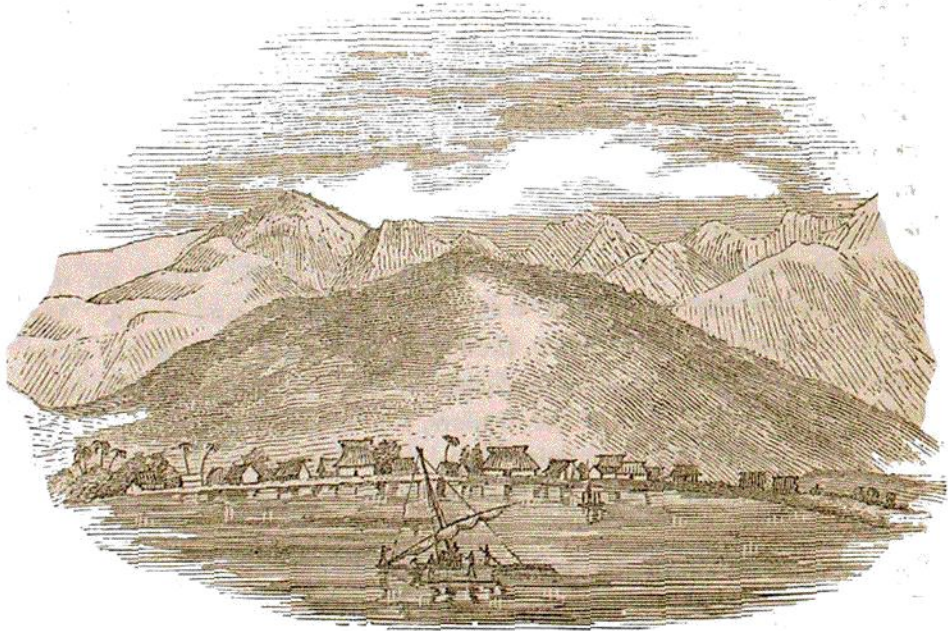


ever, consented to come on board, the next morning. The ship was prepared for the visit, the quarter-deck being dressed with flags, and every thing ready for his reception. At noon the king sent off word that he was sick, the spirit had struck him, and that he was afraid to come on board; but that if Captain Hudson would send an officer to remain on shore as a hostage, while he visited the ship, he would come. Immediately Passed Midshipman Reynolds and Midshipman Hudson (the captain's son) were sent on shore; notwithstanding which, the old king was not inclined to venture. One only of the principal, with a few of the inferior chiefs, visited the ship: they all seemed uneasy and fearful, when they first came on board; but, on being kindly treated and shown around, they soon regained their self-possession. They were feasted and received some presents, and left the ship apparently well pleased with their visit. When they reached the shore, the officers who were there as hostages returned.

The land on this part of the coast rises abruptly from the water in volcanic peaks, to the height of two thousand feet and upwards.



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Lieutenant Emmons reached the Peacock on his return from the examination of the Asaua Group. As I shall shortly have to speak of the second examination of this group, I will postpone the subject till then; but I feel it my duty to speak of the satisfactory manner in