

Since our return this monument has been erected at Mount Auburn, after a design by Mr. Drayton, by John Struthers and Son, of Philadelphia. The opposite wood-cut is a representation of it.

Another deserter from the Peacock was recovered, being delivered up by the king. The amount, according to the regulations, was at once paid for his apprehension.

The Kai-viti schooner, *Passed Midshipman Harrison*, arrived with a load of yams from Somu-somu, having on board the mate and cooper of the ship *Shylock*, Captain Taylor, which vessel had been lost on Turtle Island on the 20th of June. The mate stated that the ship was run on the reef about ten o'clock, P. M., when seventeen of the crew narrowly escaped in two boats, leaving eight on the wreck, whose fate was unknown. The two boats reached Vavao in two days and a half, without any provisions. Five of the seventeen, including the captain, mate, cooper, and two men, joined a missionary schooner, and reached Somu-somu, and thence the mate and cooper came in the Kai-viti to join the squadron.

William Smith, ordinary seaman, was accidentally drowned from on board the Kai-viti during her last cruise. (See Appendix XVI.)

On the 2d of August, a sail was descried off the island of Kie, Lieutenant Budd was despatched with a boat to board and offer her any assistance that she might require; she was brought in under the pilotage of that officer, and was found to be the whale-ship *Triton*, Captain Parker, without any guns or arms on board whatever!

Had it not been for the presence of the squadron, she would at once have been taken possession of by the natives, on learning that such was the fact. When such imprudence is committed, it is not surprising that so many ships that have gone into the Pacific have never been heard of. In many cases, doubtless, not one has been left to tell the tale of the many, very many, valuable lives that have been lost from over-confidence in these treacherous savages.

This alone would point out the strong necessity of providing our numerous and hardy navigators with a correct knowledge of these islands, as well as those still further to the westward.

I am happy to know that we shall enable the navigator to visit this group without fear and with comparatively little danger, if he will but observe a proper share of caution; and there is now open to him one of the best groups in the Pacific for obtaining supplies and refreshing his men after their arduous labours.

The time having elapsed, the king was punctual in sending off such