

The great sea-reef was entirely lost sight of until approaching towards Malolo and the small islands to the north of it. The latter are numerous, and as they have no names, and are, as it were, detached from the Asaua Group, I have called the separate islands after some of the officers of the Expedition, and the whole the Hudson Isles. Finding also many others in a cluster on the north-east side of the group, I have given them the name of Ringgold Isles, and named the several islands after some of the officers engaged in the survey of them.

On the 25th, the Porpoise passed through the Malolo Passage, and shortly after joined company with the tender, near Malolo, as has been before related.

The reunion of the several vessels of the squadron did not give rise to the feeling of pleasure which had attended such meetings on other occasions. A deep gloom on the contrary was spread over the minds of all by the melancholy fate of their comrades, who had been the victims of the butchery at Malolo. In honour of their memories a funeral sermon was preached, on the 10th August, by the chaplain, before the assembled officers and crews. The address was affecting and appropriate, and on our arrival at Oahu was published at the request of the officers.

On the 10th of August, in the afternoon, the squadron beat down to Mali, and all the necessary preparations were made for going to sea the next day. Among these, several transfers were made in the officers of the squadron.

But a few parts of the group still required some further examination, viz.: Natava Bay, lying to the eastward, together with Rambe Island and the adjacent reefs, and the sea-reef extending from Kie Island towards Round Island. I was desirous, also, of looking after our shipwrecked countrymen on Turtle Island. I therefore gave the Porpoise and tender orders to execute these remaining duties, for which see Appendix XV.

We beat out of the passage of Mali, and discharged all the interpreters and pilots we had employed. They were paid off, and put on board their schooner the Kai-viti. It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to their respectability and good conduct during our stay.

The services of these men were of great value to the Expedition. To their acquaintance with the natives, I feel myself indebted for much of the information I have been able to give of this extraordinary people.