

at Somu-somu, was confirmed; and apprehensions appeared to be entertained that King George and his forces, or the Christian party, would have to abandon their attempt to reduce the Devil's town, and force the inhabitants to become Christians.

The natives of Vavao were equally good-looking with those of Tonga, and some of the women and children were thought by the officers quite faultless in form and feature.

Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold received on board the Porpoise three of the shipwrecked crew of the Shylock, two young Americans and an Irishman; the remaining two of the five preferring to stay on shore. Both of the latter were foreigners, one an Englishman, shipped at New Zealand, and a deserter from a British ship of war, the other a Portuguese, shipped at the Azores.

After getting chronometer sights and dip observations at the village, they returned on board and prepared for their departure. At 11 P. M. they got under way, and by four o'clock they had passed the heads, and discharged the pilot. They now stood northeast, for the Samoan Group. On the afternoon of the 4th of September, they made Tutuila and Upolu, and at night hove-to, to windward of the harbour of Apia.

At daylight on the 5th, they made sail along the island of Upolu, and saw a ship at anchor in the harbour of Saluafata. A boat soon after boarded the brig from the American whale-ship Lorne; and one of the Porpoise's boats was despatched to her, in the hopes of obtaining a small supply of provisions; but without success. At nine o'clock the brig came to anchor at Apia, and a messenger was at once despatched for Mr. Williams, our consul, who lives at Fasetootai, twenty miles down the coast to the westward.

The missionaries were visited, from whom they met a kind reception. There appeared some little improvement in the village; the stone church had been finished, and its white walls were seen through the deep green groves of bread-fruit trees. This building was constructed by the Rev. Mr. Mills and his flock, and he was constantly seen engaged in the manual labour of its erection, the natives all assisting him cheerfully in the task. He thus not only exhibited a good example, but effectually taught them how to perform all the operations in carpentry and stone-masonry, as well as the use of the tools, in all of which they had acquired much adroitness. It was contemplated that the church would be finished by the first of the year. An anecdote of the cause which gave rise to the building of the church was related by Mr. Mills.

When the missionaries first came and settled, they were allowed to hold their service in the fale-tele, or town-house; but Pea, the chief of