

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Ovolau, May 14th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will, before beginning to execute the enclosed orders, proceed direct to the island of Lakemba, with Tubou Totai on board, there to meet the Porpoise, when you will transfer him to Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold, and deliver the enclosed orders to him. Should he not have touched yet at Lakemba, you will then land Tubou Totai, and deliver to him the letter to Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold, and then proceed without delay to the execution of your instructions. If the Porpoise should have passed Lakemba previous to your arrival there, you will bring Tubou back with you, and execute your instructions.

I am, &c.,  
CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUTENANT OVERTON CARR,  
U. S. Ship Vincennes.

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SIR,—

I have sent the Flying-Fish, with the Tonga chief, Tubou Totai, to join you: he is the person of whom I spoke in my orders to you. You will pay him all attention in your power. He is a person of much distinction and well informed, and will no doubt be of great service to you.

When I inform you, that he has been a messmate of the Honourable Captain Waldegrave, and an inmate of Sir George Gipps's house, and had a seat at his table, I am sure you will leave him no room to complain of his treatment on board the brig.

If you can, while he is on board, extend your work to the reefs beyond Duff's Reef, I think it would be advisable; but the time allowed you to be at Somu-somu cannot be extended, as I am under promise to bring him back here from Somu-somu as soon after the 1st June as possible. You will send me your work up to the last day, with information of your progress, by Mr. Carr, who is ordered to make no delay at Lakemba.

We are all well, and hard at work.

I am, &c.,  
CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. C. RINGGOLD,  
U. S. Brig Porpoise, Lakemba.