

him, and three dollars to the chief of the district in which he may be apprehended, on his delivery to the proper officer of the vessel. No master shall refuse to receive such deserter under a penalty of twenty-five dollars. Deserters taken after the vessel has sailed, shall be delivered up to the consul, to be dealt with as he may think fit. Any person who entices another to desert, secretes a deserter, or in any way assists him, shall be subject to a penalty of five dollars.

8th. Any seaman remaining on shore after nine o'clock at night, shall be made a prisoner of until the next morning, when he shall be sent on board, and shall pay a fine of five dollars.

9th. Should the master of any vessel refuse to comply with any of these regulations, a statement of the case shall be furnished to the consul of the nation to which he belongs, and redress sought from thence.

10th. All magistrates or chiefs of districts, when vessels or boats may visit, shall enforce the rules and regulations relative to the apprehension of deserters, or pay such a fine as the principal chief shall impose.

11th. These regulations shall be printed, promulgated, and a copy furnished to the master of each vessel visiting these islands.

Done in council by the principal chiefs of the Feejee Group, this 14th day of May, A. D. 1840.

TANOVA, his X mark,
King and Principal Chief of Ambau, and the
adjacent districts and islands.

In presence of

WM. L. HUDSON,
Commanding U. S. Ship Peacock.

R. R. WALDRON,
Purser, U. S. Navy.

B. VANDERFORD,
United States Navy.

The foregoing commercial regulations having been signed by King Tanoa in my presence, and submitted to me, after due consideration, I approve of the same, and shall forward a copy of them to the American government, for the information of masters of vessels visiting the Feejee group of islands.

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding the Exploring Expedition of the
United States of America.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Feejee Islands, May 14th, 1840.