

You will have to calculate your time closely, as it is very important that you should reach Amboa by the date mentioned.

If Mr. London does not deem it safe for your ship to go to the Asaua Islands, you will then proceed direct to Sandalwood Bay, by such passage as you may deem best, taking Mr. London with you if possible, as an extra pilot, to be employed in any vessel of the squadron that may be deemed most suitable. On your arrival at Sandalwood Bay, in case of your going direct from Amboa, your launch and first cutter will be despatched to execute the survey before mentioned, while, with your other boats, you will make a survey of the bay.

At that anchorage you will await my arrival.

If any accident should befall you, measures will be taken to inform me as soon as possible.

The regulation relative to the hours that the officers are required to be on board the ships, will be strictly enforced.

Wishing you a successful cruise,

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

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

VII.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Ovolau, May 17th, 1840.

SIR,—

The bearer, Connel, was present at the massacre of the crew of the Charles Doggett; he knows all the circumstances and parties concerned, and may be of service to you, if you should conclude to take any measures relative to her.

It is earnestly to be desired that some steps should be taken to obtain the chief, or perhaps destroy the town where the offence occurred. Your own judgment will, however, be your best guide as to the course to be pursued; that which you adopt will be satisfactory to me.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

CAPTAIN HUDSON,
U. S. Ship Peacock, Rewa.