

we saw nine of the dead bodies stretched on the shore astern of the brig; the tenth, a negro, had been cooked, but the natives had not eaten him, because they fancied his flesh tasted of tobacco. Captain Bachelor, with the assistance of Connel, contrived to get the dead brought off to the brig in exchange for a musket. The bodies were so much mutilated that they could not be distinguished, so we sewed them up in canvass, and buried them alongside. About three days after, we got under way and went over to Ovolau.

(Signed) JAMES MAGOUN.

Personally appeared before me, the deponent, James Magoun, and took oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the foregoing statement to which he has appended his name, is in every particular true.

(Signed) WILLIAM L. HUDSON,
Commanding U. S. Ship Peacock.

Witnesses.

WM. M. WALKER,
Lieutenant, U. S. N.
J. C. PALMER,
Assistant Surgeon.
WM. SPIEDEN,
Purser, U. S. N.

I certify that I have known James Magoun for several years, and believe him to be a man whose statements are to be trusted.

(Signed) J. H. EAGLESTON,
Master of the Ship Leonidas.

Feejee Islands, June 15th, 1840.

VIII.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Ovolau, May 31st, 1840.

SIR,—

The launch and first cutter, with Messrs. De Haven, Thompson, and Elliott, twelve men, and a pilot, are placed under your orders for surveying duty.

You will observe the following instructions very particularly, and in no case depart from them, unless it is for the preservation of your party.

You will avoid landing any where on the main land or islands, unless the latter should be uninhabited.

Every precaution must be observed in treating with natives, and none must be suffered to come alongside or near your boats, without