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U. S. Ship Vincennes,
At Sea, January 29th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will proceed with the Flying-Fish, to beat up for the Horse-shoe Shoal, ascertain its correct latitude and longitude from Ovolau, and angling from it on the different islands in sight, and getting its extent. Thence to the island of Goro, which you will carefully examine for harbours, and sounding carefully any that may be found; tracing its reefs and shores, and ascertaining the latitude and longitude of one of its points, by observations with the sextant and artificial horizon.

After completing this duty, you will stand in for Savu-savu, and if I should not be there, you will proceed direct to Sandalwood Bay.

It is expected that this duty will be quickly, at the same time effectually, performed. Mr. Colvocoressis, with a boat and her crew, will join you from his ship.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUTENANT JAMES ALDEN,
U. S. Ship Vincennes.

ORDERS.

LIEUTENANT ALDEN and Mr. Sandford, with a boat and her crew, will be prepared to join the Flying-Fish for duty, on the ship's anchoring.

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
At Sea, June 29th, 1840.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Savu-savu Bay, July 4th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will proceed with the Flying-Fish to Nandi Bay, where you will find the launch and first cutter. You will there receive Carter, the pilot, on board, and proceed to Passage Island, from which point you will steer so as to strike the reefs seen by you from the Annan Islands.