

point of the reef, and also one in the launch, near the place of anchorage.

If you should at any time discover this ship, or any boats or vessels of the squadron, you will endeavour to have one of your boats in signal distance, and keep a good look-out for them.

One thing more, which is, that you will take nothing for granted that your pilot may say, but see for yourself until you are satisfied.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUTENANT O. H. PERRY.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Mbua Bay, July 9th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will proceed, in charge of the Peacock's second cutter, taking with you Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Hunt the missionary, around the north end of Vanua-levu, towards Somu-somu. The first night you will reach the island of Tavea, but if the wind should favour you, you will be enabled to run all night, Mr. Blunt being well acquainted with the route.

In case of your falling in with the schooner Kai-viti, you will take her with you to Muthuata, on your way to Somu-somu, where you will probably meet the Porpoise, or hear something relative to her; if so, you will ascertain whether Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold has taken up the survey of Vanua-levu from the points at which we commenced, in order to find whether all parts of the island have been thoroughly examined. If the Porpoise is found at Muthuata, you will deliver the letter to Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold, who will supply your wants, and proceed with the Kai-viti to Somu-somu, where you will land Mr. Hunt, and engage a full cargo of yams, pigs, &c., for the Kai-viti, making as you proceed on the opposite side, examinations to complete the survey of this island.

You will return by the south side of Vanua-levu, stopping in at Bains and Fawn Harbours, which you will re-examine, getting data by which they may be plotted on the scale of four inches to the mile; after which you will return to this bay as speedily as possible.

In event of your hearing that an accident has occurred to the Porpoise, you will take immediate means to advise me of it, and endeavour to afford her any assistance that may be in your power.

This duty it is supposed will not employ you more than ten days. The Kai-viti, in all probability, will be found to windward of Muthuata.