

P. S. The boats will be fully armed and equipped for surveying service, and ready for duty this afternoon by five o'clock.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Mbua Bay, July 13th, 1840.

SIR,—

On your arrival here, you will lose no time in repairing to the anchorage under Rabe-rabe Point, about fourteen miles to windward of this bay, where, if you should not find me after a stay of one day, you will proceed to Levuka, Ovolau.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. C. RINGGOLD,
U. S. Brig Porpoise.

ORDERS.

1st. *LIEUTENANT PERRY* will rejoin the *Peacock*, and be employed with charts.

2d. Doctor Fox and Passed Midshipman Eld will hold themselves in readiness for service in the *Flying-Fish*.

3d. The *Flying-Fish* will be ready for sea at twelve o'clock to-morrow.

4th. The first cutter and *Leopard*, of the *Vincennes*, and the first cutter of the *Peacock*, will also be in readiness for service, at twelve o'clock to-morrow, equipped for surveying duty, with provisions for ten days for full crews. Lieutenant Alden will have charge of the first cutter of this ship, with Midshipman Henry; Lieutenant Emmons, the *Peacock's* first cutter; and Lieutenant Underwood, the *Leopard*.

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Mbua Bay, July 14th, 1840.

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SIR,—

Having been fully satisfied that the chiefs brought from Sualib were innocent of any participation in the piratical act recently committed at