

that village, I have released them from confinement, and given them presents, to encourage them in friendly actions to foreigners, and shall return them to their homes.

You will communicate this to the officers and crew of the Peacock, and express to them my entire satisfaction of their conduct on that occasion, tendering them my thanks for their efficient services.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

CAPTAIN HUDSON,
U. S. Ship Peacock.

ORDERS.

1st. PROCEED through the Round Island Passage to the northward as far as latitude $16^{\circ} 25'$, and fall in with the sea-reef to the eastward; thence follow it to the southward and westward to Biva.

2d. Survey that island; where you will perhaps meet me, or one of the boats.

3d. Thence to the southward and eastward, follow the reef as far as Malolo Passage.

4th. Enter Malolo Passage, and anchor under that island, or within sight of it, and await me or orders. In four days I contemplate reaching it.

5th. Observations, &c., to be made at Biva on shore.

Respectfully, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

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

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COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS.

25th July, 1840.

SIR,—

At the given signal being made, you will land, and follow the route designated in the plot herewith enclosed, with the force placed under your command.

When you reach the top of the island, so as to be seen from the schooner or boats, you will make a signal with ensign, if you have been successful, and it is your intention to approach to our side. If