

tenant Underwood. This was the earliest intimation I had of his being one of the sufferers. I raised him in my arms, and hope again was flattered—I thought I perceived him breathe. A native lay a few paces from him, badly wounded. I ordered him despatched; and with heavy hearts we bore our murdered comrades to the boat, and made sail for the schooner, which we reached in about an hour, at five o'clock P. M.

Very respectfully,

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) JAMES ALDEN,

Lieutenant, U. S. Navy.

To CHARLES WILKES, Esq.,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

## XV.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
August 10th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will proceed and finish the survey of Natavi Bay, from Unda Point to the outside of Rambe Isle, thence to Somu-somu and the bay within Kea Island, and between it and Mount Cocoa-nut. At Somu-somu you will impress upon the chief that an active watch is being kept upon his conduct towards the missionaries; and if they should require any assistance that it is in your power to render them, you will do so.

From Somu-somu you will proceed towards Turtle Island, and make diligent search after the crew of the Shylock, and if they are found, you will afford them every assistance in your power, and at the same time make examinations for the reef on which the Shylock was wrecked. From thence proceed, with all despatch, towards the Sandwich Islands.

It is believed, in your route northward, you may reach the Samoan Islands, where you will be enabled to get a supply of fresh pork; if so, touch at Apia and see Mr. Williams. If he has not been enabled to capture Opotuno, you will receive of him the articles left there, and supply your crew amply with provisions.

On leaving the Samoan Group, there are said to have been seen a group of islands, lying to the northward and eastward, about two hundred and fifty miles; these will lay in your route to the equator, and you will run for them if time will permit you to reach the harbour of Honolulu, without reducing the allowance.