

the justice to say they were extremely willing, and when pulling at an oar, serviceable enough. They suit the whale-ships, I am told, admirably, working steadily and well, and are fearless in the chase. They are at all times well disposed to do what they are shown or understand; but, as I before said, their capacity is very limited. Their Hawaiian names were too difficult for the sailors to adopt, and they very soon had others given them, that arose from personal peculiarities, or from some whim of the sailors with whom they messed; and they were consequently seldom called by their real names, except at muster.

During our progress to Waiakea, or Hilo Bay, we had light variable winds, with heavy dews at night. On the 8th we made Mauna Kea, then about fifty miles distant, subtending an angle of two degrees: it was capped with snow. As we approached the island, we had, also, a view of Mauna Loa, with the cloud resting over the volcano of Kilauea, the scene of our future adventures.

The next morning we found ourselves close in with the land, and at eleven o'clock received a pilot on board, John Ely, who proved to be an old shipmate of mine in the *Guerriere* frigate in 1820; but we had both lost the recollection of each other: I had grown into manhood, and he had been dwelling, as he said, among the ignorant savages of the Pacific.

For three or four hours we had baffling winds; but after 3 P. M. the sea-breeze came up and wafted us into the bay, which we reached at half-past four, and dropped our anchor in five and a half fathoms, with muddy bottom.

This bay is little protected from the sea, and is almost an open roadstead. It has, however, an extensive sunken coral reef to seaward, which is too shoal to allow of the passage of vessels over, and affords some protection against the rolling sea; a vessel therefore usually lies quiet, unless it is blowing strong outside. There is no danger in entering the bay; all that is required is to avoid the west point of the reef, and on passing it to haul to the southward. We found the best anchorage on the east side of the bay, where Cocoa-nut Island and the most eastern point are in range.

In sailing towards Hilo Bay, Hawaii has but few of the characters that indicate a volcanic origin. In this respect it resembles Savaii, in the Samoan Group; and the resemblance has been the cause of what is in fact the same name having been given to both. The two words differ no more in spelling and sound, than has arisen from the long separation of two families of the same race and language. Many of the points and headlands present a like similarity in name, and strengthen