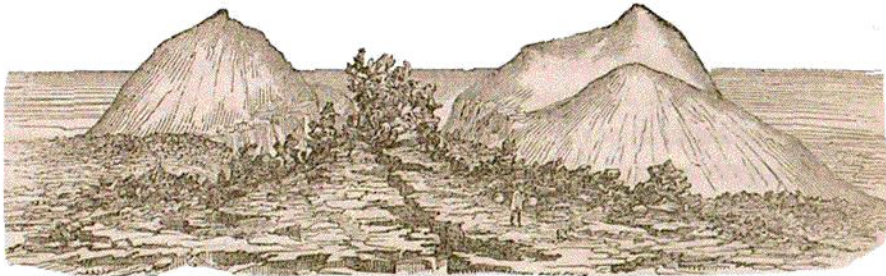


chrysolite disseminated through it; it has a dark brown hue, and a reddish scoriaceous appearance.

The south sand-hill commands an extensive view over a scene of complete devastation, heightened in its character of desolation by the sulphurous gases and smoke which were still escaping from the recent stream of lava. The latter, except in its dark colour, resembled a river on whose banks large masses of ice are heaped, which had carried destruction in its course, and had crushed or pulverized every thing that obstructed its way. The very hill on which we sat was the effect of the power of this stream of fire. A sketch of these sand-hills is exhibited in the annexed wood-cut.



SAND-HILLS AT NANAVALIE.

The effect of the view was enhanced by the contrast of the bare rock of the eruption, with the verdure that appeared on either side of it.

The stream of liquid lava seems to have borne down all opposition, and to have filled up every hollow that lay in the line of its course.

The country around the stream does not appear as if it had any descent, but the lava stream shows its slope very distinctly.

The natives had been planting sweet-potatoes near the foot of the sand-hills, but there was little prospect of their succeeding in raising a crop. We passed several hours here, and then proceeded on our way through Makuu and Wekahika to Keeau, where we arrived at sunset. The school-house of Keeau was appropriated to the men and natives; but I preferred to occupy the tent, as I was well aware of the peculiar trials to be undergone in the native houses, although it was newly built.

Here we found a delightful spring of fresh water upon the shore, and within the flow of the tide at high water. It enabled us to enjoy a bath, which we had not had the means of doing for forty days. During our journey, we met Lieutenant Budd on his way to the lava plain, who informed me that they were all well on board the ship.

As we had dispensed with all the baggage we could spare, we determined to trust to obtaining provisions on the road; in consequence we generally had a market at our encampment, and one of the first things