

CHAPTER VI.

HAWAII.

1841.

DURING the time of our residence on Mauna Loa, Dr. Pickering and Mr. Brackenridge volunteered to make the ascent of Mauna Kea. They were furnished with guides, among them Sandwich Jack, our bullock-driver, whose true name I believe was Dawson, though he went by the sobriquet of Billy Lilly. They set out on the 8th of January, attended by natives from Hilo, belonging to Kanuha, having agreed to pay each of them fifty cents a day. Their first stage was to the saw-mill erected on the Wailuku, distant about seven miles from Hilo, and three miles within the verge of the forest: here they stopped for the night with a man by the name of Simons, who is the occupant of the mill, which belongs to a Mr. Castle. The mill, as I understand, had proved but a bad speculation: it is now out of repair, and there is not sufficient demand for boards to make it at all profitable.

In the evening a native from Hilo joined them, and communicated the information that the chief Kanuha, who was entitled to one-fourth of the pay of the natives, was much displeased with them for having agreed to serve for fifty cents a day, when they should have asked twelve dollars each for the trip. In consequence of this, they would not proceed the next day; and Dr. Pickering determined on returning to Hilo to have the affair settled. Kanuha disclaimed any participation in the refusal, and sent a messenger back to order the men to proceed.

On the 10th of January they resumed their journey, and followed the "Long Road" for about two miles, which is the whole distance to which it extends; the removal of the chief who was engaged on it had put a stop to its further progress. They were now fairly in the forest,