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CHAPTER VII.

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Br the 15th of February I found that my long detention at Hilo would place it out of my power to visit the Marquesas Islands, as I had intended. I therefore determined, before returning to Oahu, which I intended should be by the 1st of April, to pass a short time at Maui; and as we had exhausted the field of research on Hawaii, I gave orders to Messrs. Pickering, Drayton, and Brackenridge, to take passage thither in a small vessel, in order that they might have a longer time to explore that island. Dr. Judd took passage in the same vessel, to return to Oahu. It was with much regret that I parted with him, and I feel it my duty here to acknowledge the obligations I am under to him, for the service he performed on this tour of duty. I should have experienced great trouble and difficulty with the natives, had it not been for his admirable management. He succeeded in settling with all of them without any difficulty, when it was once understood that no sort of imposition would be allowed.

On the 5th of March, we succeeded in getting to sea, and at eight o'clock discharged John Ely, the pilot, whom we had found of great use as a guide to the volcano, &c. He possessed a good deal of knowledge respecting the native character, acquired during a sojourn of twenty years among them, and from his conversation he did not appear to entertain much friendship or respect for them.

The longitude of Waiakea Bay was found to be 155° 03′ 00″ W., latitude 19° 43′ 51″ N.

At 1 P. M. the sea-breeze reached us, and soon wasted us beyond the region of calms. We then steered to the westward to pass through the channel between Hawaii and Maui, which is thirty miles wide.