

The first party will take the southern route; the second, the middle; and the third, the northern, returning to this place as soon as circumstances will admit.

It is believed that the like number of days on this island will be amply sufficient.

Your researches and inquiries will be directed principally to botany, geology, zoology, mineralogy, natural resources, cultivation, productions, late improvements, condition of the natives, supplies, facilities for obtaining them, &c.

I am, respectfully,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

TO MESSRS. PICKERING, DANA, PEALE,
RICH, AGATE, and BRACKENRIDGE.
Scientific Corps.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
October 25th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will receive Messrs Pickering, Dana, Peale, Rich, Agate, and Brackenridge on board, and proceed to the harbour of Koloa, on the southeast side of the island of Kauai, where you will land those gentlemen, and continue round the island to the westward, looking into and examining carefully, all harbours, bays, and inlets. The harbour of Waineha, and Waimea Bay, especially deserve a careful and thorough examination. At Waimea Bay, you will communicate with the Rev. Mr. Whitney from whom you will be able to derive valuable information relative to the object of your search. An introductory note is herewith enclosed.

Your examination will extend to Halelea, where the scientific gentlemen will join you, in five days from the time they are landed.

You will then take them to Waimea Bay on the eastern side of Oahu, from whence you will despatch a native messenger to me, with information of your arrival, and proceed along the north coast to Koolau Bay, which you will examine with care; and if you receive no orders from me, proceed direct to Honolulu.

In fourteen days you will be able to carry out these instructions, and return to this anchorage.

I am, respectfully,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

ACTING-MASTER SAMUEL KNOX,
Tender Flying-Fish.