

of whom we had formed a good opinion during our former visit, and who, it was then generally supposed, would succeed his father in authority. He is warmly attached to the missionary cause, and affords important aid in carrying out their plans, having much influence with his father, and restraining his evil propensities. He has the reputation of being very popular with the common people in the town of Sagana, where he resides and is a teacher. From him our gentlemen obtained the news of our friends among the nobility. Emma, his sister, whom we had all admired so much, and whose portrait is given in the second volume of this Narrative, was married to Samuel, the tall and handsome chief of Faleatii. The haughty Vavasa was in Manono, which was the case also with Malietoa. Tooa was absent, and many other chiefs who have attended the fono, were at their districts. Opotuno was still in Savaii, on the alert to prevent surprise, and it was reported that he had made some advances to join the missionaries with his people; but little credit was given to this story. They also learned that at the time Captain Hudson was in search of him he was concealed, with a few of his followers, at a short distance.

For the first eight days after the Peacock's arrival, they had almost continual rain, with the wind varying from the north to west, and with a disagreeable swell setting into the harbour.

Tents were erected on shore to afford an opportunity for the necessary repairs to be made to the boats, and others for the use of the magnetic instruments.

On the 10th, they experienced a strong gale from the north-westward, with a heavy sea and torrents of rain. One of their anchors started, but they soon brought up with their sheet-anchor, although a ship would usually ride with very little strain upon her cables, owing to the strength of the tide, which causes her to lie nearly in the trough of the sea, and to roll very heavily. The stream of fresh water which empties into the harbour, has some tendency, when it is much swollen, to maintain a ship in this disagreeable position, by the force of its current. The harbour, through its discharges, is at times strewed with quantities of drift-wood.

The rain continued without intermission for nearly the whole time of their stay, so that no opportunity could be had of airing or drying the sails. So long a duration of wet, together with the heat, caused some fears relative to the health of the crew, and particularly those who were away in the boats, from their being more exposed to the weather. Every precaution was taken to prevent sickness.

A few days after they had been at anchor, Captain Hudson received a letter from Lieutenant Perry, who was of the surveying party, stating