

portions of it, there is a coral bank, from one to one and a half miles beyond the reef, on which there is ten fathoms water. At the distance of four miles from the northwest end of the island, they found soundings in two hundred and sixty-five fathoms.

The island is partially covered with cocoa-nut, pandanus, and other trees; and the islets of which it is formed are nearly continuous, connected by the usual coral reef. They had no communication with the natives of Nanouti. A daily intercourse is kept up between it and the Drummond Islanders. It was thought there was no difference in their characters. The distance between them is but fifteen miles.

From the north point of this island, there was a small island in sight, which was at first supposed to be Duperrey's Isle du Nord; but if it be, instead of being located to the northward, as he has placed it, it bears nearly south of the north extreme of Nanouti. They found, on proceeding towards it, that it was a hummock, connected by a reef with Nanouti; but no Sable Island could be seen. The tender passed round the opposite side of Nanouti, and did not see any island; and the officers of both vessels are fully convinced that no Sable Island exists.

On the night of the 10th, they had much thunder and lightning, with a heavy swell from the northeast.

At daylight on the 11th, they made Henderville Island, called by the natives Nanouki. The weather was too unfavourable to proceed with the survey. Simpson or Harbottle, Hopper, and Woodle Islands, were in sight. The weather continued stormy, with heavy thunder and lightning.

On the 12th, they succeeded in surveying Henderville Island, and connected it with Woodle Island. Towards night they again had stormy weather, with the wind from the eastward. Henderville Island was determined to be in latitude $00^{\circ} 11' N.$, and longitude $173^{\circ} 39' 20'' E.$ This island is six and a half miles long, east and west, and five and a half miles wide at the east end, diminishing to two miles at the west end: it is of coral formation. There are two towns on the west end, and several on the east and southeast parts, and it is thickly inhabited. The natives who came on board said that the two ends of the island were at war with each other. They are very much the same in appearance as the natives of Drummond's Island; were naked, and spoke the same dialect. These natives knew of the islands in their immediate vicinity, as well as the direction of Taputeouea, or Drummond's Island, and gave them the name of being inhabited by a savage and hostile people. This island affords neither wood, water, nor refreshments: from appearances, its inhabitants must be at times much stinted for food. They brought off nothing except a few cocoa-nuts;