

The wind on the 7th, when we had reached the latitude of  $27^{\circ}$  N., began to incline to the northeast, and the temperature became mild.

In the latitude of  $26^{\circ}$  N., we entered the trades, being then in the longitude of  $134^{\circ}$  W. The weather peculiar to the region of the trades was now experienced, with light squalls of rain and a heavy sea following us, which caused the ship to be very uneasy.

On the nights of the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, the usual look-outs for the periodic showers of meteors were stationed; but the weather was not favourable, and the number counted was not above that usually seen on fine nights. On the latter day, I shaped our course to run over one of the positions of Copper's Island, supposed to exist in longitude  $151^{\circ} 36'$  W., and latitude  $25^{\circ} 48'$  N. On the afternoon of the 14th, we were within five miles of its assigned place, and the weather was perfectly fine, with a clear horizon, but there was no appearance of land.

On the morning of the 16th, we made the island of Maui, and at noon we were off its western end. I then determined to run through the Pailolo Channel, between Maui and Molokai. On approaching the island of Maui on its north side, there is some liability to mistake the isthmus for the opening of the channel, as that part of the island called West Maui is frequently enveloped in clouds.

The trade-wind, as we passed through, blew very strong. The scenery is very bold, the two islands of Maui and Lanai lying on the left, with that of Molokai on the right: they are all high and volcanic, and during a strong trade-wind are capped with clouds and constantly undergoing changes from the shadows thrown upon them; these, with the town and shipping lying off Lahaina, form a pleasing picture. The day being far spent, I hove the ship to for the night under the west end of Molokai. The current experienced during our passage was found to prevail to the southward, until we reached the trades, when it inclined somewhat to the southward and westward.

The 17th, at daylight, we made the island of Oahu, and at 10 A. M. anchored off the town of Honolulu. The Porpoise came in at 2 P. M., and the Flying-Fish at five o'clock of the same day. The following day the trade-wind was too strong to admit of the Vincennes entering the inner harbour; but the Porpoise and tender were enabled to do so. The Oregon joined us in the afternoon, and on the next day at an early hour the squadron was again moored in the harbour of Honolulu.

Our reception was even kinder than before; and every facility that we could desire was offered for advancing our duties and procuring the necessary stores and clothing that our shipwrecked officers and men required.