APPENDIX.

I.

U. S. Ship Peacock, Saluafata Bay, February 25th, 1841.

Sir,—

You will take charge of the boat expedition against the towns of Saluafata, Fusi, and Salelese.

Your party will be divided into three divisions: you will take charge of the first, accompanied by Lieutenant De Haven; and Lieutenant Emmons, assisted by Passed Midshipman Davis, will take charge of the second division; Lieutenant Perry, assisted by Passed Midshipman Harrison, will take charge of the third division, of reserved men, and remain on the beach, for the preservation of the boats, and to secure your retreat.

You will give the most positive orders not to fire on the natives or destroy life, unless the safety of your own party, or open and hostile resistance on the part of the natives, make it absolutely necessary for the discharge of the duty assigned you.

I trust much to your discretion and prompt attention on the present occasion, and that the men and officers placed under your command may not be subjected to any unnecessary hazard or exposure. With a sincere desire for your safety and success,

I am, &c.,

WM. L. HUDSON, Commanding U. S. Ship Peacock.

TO LIEUTENANT WM. M. WALKER, U. S. Ship Peacock.

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