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U. S. Ship Peacock,
Off Apia, February 26th, 1841.

SIR,—

You will take the second cutter, and Passed Midshipman Harrison from this ship, and join the Flying-Fish, which vessel I have placed under your command, for the purpose of securing the chief Pea, and bringing him off from the island of Manono.

I wish you to proceed with all possible despatch to the island of Manono, under the pretence of surveying its reefs and harbours with your boat, leaving the schooner in such a position as you may deem most advisable and circumstances shall suggest, to avoid any suspicion of your designs on the part of the natives.

After reaching the island, you will ascertain the chief Pea's whereabouts, &c., and the most successful manner of getting him off to this ship without injury to any of your own party, or the chief's.

Should your enterprise prove successful, you will return to the ship as soon as possible, passing round the south end of Savaii, and sending your boat to the house of Mr. M'Donald, with the proffer of an asylum to himself and family on board the schooner until you join the Peacock off the northwest end of Savaii, or at the harbour of Mataatau.

It is an important matter that we should secure the chief Pea for the purpose of obtaining the notorious chief Opotuno. You will treat your prisoner with all the kindness consistent with his safe-keeping, should you succeed in capturing him.

The manner of proceeding is confided to your judgment and discretion. Wishing you success in your enterprise,

I am, &c.,

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

LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. EMMONS,
U. S. Ship Peacock.

P. S. Should Mr. M'Donald deem it necessary to embark on board the schooner (to whom you can confidentially say we have Pea, and intend to demand Opotuno), he must do it without delay, and direct his canoe to follow on to the Peacock.

W. L. H.

U. S. Ship Peacock,
Off Upolu, February 27th, 1841.

SIR,—

You will take charge of two boats from this ship, accompanied by