

Landed at a missionary's house, and was informed by the missionary (Mr. Hardy) that the chief Pea had landed upon Savaii, several miles from his house, about the time I appeared off Manono.

The news of our affair at Saluafata was known here soon after it took place, which shows how fast information travels among these people, and will in a measure account for the unfavourable result of my cruise.

During this day it came on to blow a gale from the northward; got the second cutter on board, and laid to, under snug sail, for the following days, drifting to the northward and eastward.

March 3d. Gale abating; stood for the northeast end of Savaii, and during the 4th and 5th, was employed cruising the island around, sometimes so close as to make it necessary to sweep the schooner off, without finding any harbours. However, being off a place called Salelonga, on the southeast end of Savaii, where there is a harbour reported to exist by the missionaries, I pulled in to examine for the same, and after sounding out the various passages leading into the reef, found but two deep enough to admit a ship, and these so crooked and narrow as to make it impracticable to enter otherwise than by warping, and the space inside too small to allow a ship to swing, with a safe scope, at her anchor. Anchorage can, however, be obtained on sandy bottom in from ten to eighteen fathoms water, close to the outer entrance, in a comparatively sheltered berth, owing to the proximity of Upolu, Manono, Apolima, and their surrounding reefs.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE F. EMMONS,

Lieutenant.

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

### III.

U. S. Ship Peacock,  
Drummond's Island,  
April 9th, 1841.

SIR,—

You will take charge of the boat expedition against the town of Utiroa, where John Anderson has been seized and detained by the natives. Your party will be formed into three divisions. Lieutenant Emmons, assisted by Passed Midshipman Harrison, will take charge of the first division; Lieutenant Perry, assisted by Passed Midshipman Davis, will take charge of the second; and Lieutenant De Haven, assisted by Mr. Freeman (sail-maker), will take charge of the third