

persons. The people are evidently jealous of the maiden reputation of their natural fortress, and showed much concern when we visited it, which the women even manifested by shedding tears.

It can be readily understood from this description of Apolima, that whatever party held it would be able to maintain possession of it against great odds, and thence to take advantage of any weakness or want of watchfulness on the part of their enemies.

While we were engaged at Tutuila and Upolu, the survey of the island of Savaii was performed by Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold, in the Porpoise. It has already been mentioned that this vessel had been detached for that purpose, and that Dr. Pickering, from the Vincennes, had gone in her. The brig first touched at Sapapale, the residence of the Rev. Mr. Hardie, who gave them a cordial welcome, although much surprised at so unusual an arrival.

Many of the natives collected to view the white men, of whom so many had never been seen together on the island. In their remarks, they, among other things, praised our people for their beauty.

Dr. Pickering and Lieutenant Maury were landed here, to remain upon the island while the brig was employed in surveying it; the former to examine its productions, the latter to observe the tides. Mr. Hardie kindly afforded them accommodations in a new house he had just been erecting.

Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold, after landing Dr. Pickering and Lieutenant Maury at Sapapale, proceeded around the island for the purpose of surveying it. He began with the examination of the large bay of Paluale, near the eastern point of the island. Here there is a missionary station, under the superintendence of Mr. M'Donald, who had resided there for about six months, with his wife and children. The natives are peaceable, but are described as inquisitive and rude. The village is prettily situated, and is approached through a boat-passage in the reef.

The south side of the island was found rocky and iron-bound, with a heavy surf breaking on it. Towards the western end of the island, the rocks around the points were worn into cavities, and the sea rolling into them produced innumerable spouts of water.

When the brig was abreast of the deep inlet of Salealua, a native missionary came off in a whale-boat. He tendered every possible civility, and was very desirous that a trade might be opened with the village of the same name. This is situated at the head of the bay, upon a sandy beach, and has around it and upon the sea-shore a con-