

siderable extent of level plain, filled with groves of cocoa-nut and bread-fruit. Upon examination, no shelter was found for vessels in this bay, and the urgency of the duty required that the brig should pass on without farther intercourse with the shore.

Near the northwestern point of Savaii is the large and beautiful village of Felialupu, with a snug little cove for boats. This place is under the charge of a Tonga missionary. The natives were friendly, and disposed to exchange their poultry and fruit, for tools, cloth, &c.

The next inlet on the north side, was that of Asau. This was supposed to be the only place where there was any probability of finding a harbour. But the hope of such discovery was frustrated, for there is only a small and shallow entrance through the reef, and within the reef the shore forms an extensive flat.

Many canoes from this village visited the brig, and before they had taken leave a theft was discovered. A commotion immediately took place, and the native missionary at once gave himself up as a hostage, until the article (a whetstone) should be brought back. A canoe was then despatched to the chief, and in the course of an hour he came on board, bringing the article. Both the chief and the native missionary expressed great mortification that such an occurrence had taken place. Several small presents were made to them, and they returned to the shore highly pleased.

Proceeding on the survey, the brig arrived off the north point of the island, and reached the bay of Mataatua, which was examined, and found to afford a good anchorage. The brig was anchored here, and the harbour surveyed. This is the only harbour in the island where a vessel can anchor with safety, and here supplies of hogs, poultry, and vegetables, may be had in abundance; wood and water are also easily obtained, the latter from copious springs near the beach.

A great difference in form, physiognomy, and manners, from those of the adjacent villages, was observed here, as well as a change in the character of many articles of manufacture. The war-clubs, and spears, were of uncommon form, and neatly made.

This bay is surrounded by a white coral beach. The natives appeared harmless, but manifested great curiosity. The women are more gracefully formed than at the other islands.

The native missionaries appeared to exercise much influence over them, having put a stop to many of their former evil practices.

On the 24th, the brig again arrived off Sapapale, after an absence of