

and having heavy Northwaly winds it was not many days before we ran into warmer weather and then we had good weather the rest of the passage.

The first land that we made was the summit of Honua Loa a volcano in the Sandwich Islands and which is seen a great ways at sea and the wind being light it was three days before we dropped our anchor in the harbor of Hilo, Owhyhee.

This is the largest of these islands and the first discovered but the least settled of any of them. Hilo the seaport is nothing but a collection of huts interspersed here and there with a white man's dwelling. There is a missionary station at all of these islands but where the natives have one example set them to improve their morals they have a hundred of the contrary tendency. The usual accompaniment of a white settlement are found here such as bowling, cards, grogshops &c. In consequence of so much intercourse with the whites the natives have been induced to clothe themselves decently the men having on at least a shirt and pair of pants and the women a loose dress for the most part of calico. but they cannot least much in regard to the purity of their morals these presenting a large scope for improvement. In short they are ready for a half dollar to prostitute their mothers wives or daughters the morality of the proceeding not troubling them in the least. They are a lazy set but in fact there is no necessity for their working for nearly every thing grows spontaneously and their ambition leads them no further than the gratification of the present appetite.

Their principal food is fish and taro which is a vegetable resembling a turnip but when boiled tastes something like a potato and they mix it with water and make a mixture resembling batter which they call "poi" and filling a calabash with it three or four with squash arehuna it and dipping their

fingers in it will convey them to their mouths and then to the dish again until the contents are used up. They have learned the value of money and use no other commodity in buying or selling. They ~~would~~ bring a canoe load of oranges bananas &c. alongside and at first will demand money but when they see that it is not forthcoming they will come down to old clothes and in making a barter are as sharp as the whites. There are quite a number of plantations on the island owned by whites and both sweet and Dutch potatoes are raised which readily find a market on the vessels touching here.

We laid here about three weeks and being provisioned sufficiently we got under way and proceeded to Oahu. We laid off and on here one night and the next morning the captain came off bringing two Kanakas whom he had shipped one as boatstewer and the other before the mast. We then proceeded to sea on a cruise for sperm whales.

We had good weather all the time now and nothing worth noting occurred until Christmas day 1857 when sperm whales were raised and we were soon in the boat and as they were to be used and a gentle breeze blowing we set the sails and had no trouble in bearing right down upon them. The mate's boat being ahead he had the first chance. The first iron that was dasted missed the whale but the second one fastened so solid that the whale giving one breach out of water his whole length rolled first up being killed by the iron. He made us 40 bbls.

A few days after this we made Hope Island a small island of coral formation situated near the equator and laid here one day getting some pigs and fowls and the rest of the proceedings being a repetition of what took place at Pleasant Island the coin being changed to tobacco.

From Hope we sailed for Roach's Island and on the passage we fell in with the ship Vineyard