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There is a Bay on the west side of the Island in lat 19° 28' N long 155° 58' W. It has anchorage in 13 fathoms water over a sandy bottom about a quarter of a mile from the N E shore when the South point of the bay bears S by W & the North point W 1/2 N - it is about a mile in depth & is called Kanakakoo Bay - On the 31st spoke the Ship Washington of Nantucket Capt. Swanwick & William Rotch of New Bedford Capt. Tetley the former 15 months out 1200 barrels the latter 18 months 1000 barrels - they were both in quest of the Bay & we all men roved to the leeward of the Island in company where we were becalmed four days drifting about at the mercy of a strong current - During the time several fishing canoes came along side with natives in them but they spoke no English & were otherwise so uncommunicable that we could give no information

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tion respecting the bay - we also went on shore with the boats several times but to no purpose - on the 4th of April a canoe came along side the vessel with a native that could speak some English - he informed us that it was difficult to obtain water at this Island as well as potatoes & other vegetables there being none raised there - we were consumed by the Inhabitants we accordingly shaped our course for a harbor on an Island about 80 leagues to leeward - On our passage saw the Islands of Chowee Attoo & Ramee - On the 8th came to anchor off the harbor of Uae - There being generally a breeze blowing out of the harbor & the channel being very narrow we were not able to get in that night - The next morning at day light weighed anchor it being entirely calm & were towed in over the bar by 15 boats & two canoes with about 50 natives in each - Found lying in the harbor two Russian Frigates or Discoveries - two