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Two whalers the *Maro* & *Spermo*
of Nantucket the Capt Allen 16 months
out 1500 barrels the latter Capt Barker
7 months out 200 barrels & several India
men besides vessels belonging to the
King - The Island of Uakae is 7 leagues
dist from Morotai - the bay is formed by
the N & W extremities into which
a fine river enters itself through
a deep valley - but it is very inconvenient
for procuring water - It is very
high land & affords anchorage in lat
21° 43' N long 157° 54' E - The Inhabit
ants of these Islands of which there about
20 thousand on Uakae are of a dusky cop
er colour rather above the middle stature
the limbs well proportioned & man
y of them have the European features
- Their dress consists of a strip of cloth
made of the bark of a tree which they
tye round their waist or over their
shoulders in the form of a mantle
Their principal food is Taro & raw fish

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with the exception of dogs which they
eat in a hindrance & consider them
a very delicate dish - though the so
it is very rich & with proper cultiva
tion would produce the luxuries of
almost any country - The climate
is very little different from the West
Indies in the same latitude - though
perhaps more temperate & what is
still more desirable there are no
traces of those violent winds & hurricanes
which render the stormy months
so dreadful in the West Indies -
They also have more rain as the moun
tainous parts are ~~generally~~ generally
enveloped in a cloud & successive showers
fall in the inland parts with fine weather
& a clear sky on the sea shore - hence
it is that the Inhabitants experien
ce very few of those inconveniences to
which most of the Tropical countries ^{of the globe} are
subject either to per heat or moisture