

ded their hats, mats, shells, fowl, &c., for tobacco. At 3 P.M. the 3d mate went down in the starboard boat to strike up a school of black fish that had been playing for some hours to leeward. We struck one fellow but the iron would not hold him, and we came on board.

3d Clark's island on our weather bow. There are 4 white men living on this island. We bought a large quantity of tickimimi, made from the sap of the cocow-nut tree, at this island. It is a sort of molasses, but a great deal better to eat on duff. Drummond's island was in sight on our lee beam, from the must-head, at sunset.

4th Drummond's island in sight at day break. The natives gave chase, and 2 canoes succeeded in getting along side; but ~~they~~^{we} wanted to weather the island, and they were cut adrift. About 4 P.M. the old man hove to and let them come aboard.

They brought shells, fish, mats, &c. Lieut. Wilkes, with the U. S. Exploring Expedition, visited this island in 1840. He had one of his men killed by the natives, for which he took a terrible retribution - killing, I understood, 150 of them. He also bought a great number of Spanish dollars for a head of tobacco apiece, and a quadrant and sextant, which led to the conclusion that a ship had been taken there by the natives. This island is 40 miles long.

Sydenham's
5th Light wind. ~~Sydenham's~~ island is in sight from the must-head. Two ships have been taken at this island, by the natives, within a few years. - Gave our fore topsail sheets etc, a coat of coal tar.

7th About noon we hove to off Woodley's island. A few canoes came off to sell their fish, fowl, shells, etc. There is a king on this island, who will not