

officers embarked, with as little delay as possible and just as they stood, for fear of overloading the boats and thus causing the loss of all. In these Lieutenant Perry with Purser Spieden, the sick, the naturalists, and the charts, books and ship's papers were sent off to be landed in Baker's Bay. The boats landed all in safety; and succeeded in making a second trip, in which all who had remained on board were taken to the shore except Captain Hudson, Lieutenant Walker, the boatswain, the carpenter and about thirty men.

Towards noon the breakers again increased; and the sea was making a breach in all directions over the ship, which was filling fast, the water having risen above the level of the berth-deck. The masts were cut away, and the vessel lay a complete wreck with nothing standing but the stump of the mizzen-mast.

Lieutenant Emmons, who had charge of the boats, was, during this time, using every possible exertion to make a third trip, but without success; and the crews of the boats were the anxious witnesses of the condition of the ship, without being able to relieve those on board from their perilous situation. They persevered, however, in their fruitless and laborious endeavors, until one of the boats, in charge of Mr. Lewis, the gunner, was thrown end over end, and with her crew engulfed. Lieutenant De Haven was fortunately close at hand, and succeeded in saving those on board; all of whom were injured, and one of them severely by the breaking of his hip-bone.

By three o'clock Lieutenant Emmons, with the boats, was again approaching the ship; but the sea was still too rough to venture near her, and it was not till five o'clock that he succeeded in getting alongside, when the remaining men were distributed among the boats and embarked in good order, Captain Hudson being the last to leave the ship.

The Peacock and Flying-Fish had started on the 2d of December, 1840, from Oahu and had visited Jarvis, Duke of York, Duke of Clarence, Bowditch, Swain's Island, Opolu, Ellices Island, Kingsmill Island, and arrived at the bar of the Columbia River on the 17th of July, after having touched at the Sandwich Islands.

On the 28th of October, 1841, all exploring parties had returned to San Francisco, and preparations were made to sail for Manila, which was reached on the 13th of January, 1842