

received the beads and looking glass returned and reported favorably of the *white* woman. By this time Mr. Neilson, Mrs. McNair, and some Aneiteumese had gone up the side of a little river in order to get a drink of fresh water. I ordered the boat to be taken up to the mouth of the river. When fairly on the water, I was told *Lifu* was beside me. I at once fulfilled my promise in regard to the knife. *Lifu* being a high chief he had his speaker along with him and at first spoke very little to me except through this channel. We reached his place which is rather nicely situated on the rising ground close to the mouth of the little stream, Mrs. McNair wished to see his lady, but we were told that he had many. He was quite willing however, to introduce Mrs. McNair to them, but when he reached the house they were off to the plantation or some where out of sight. He then of his own accord wished me to remain with him, and that he would protect us both, I thanked him, but did not consent then until I would have the report from *Raveliow*.

LIFU IN THE DAYSPRING.

I proposed however that he should go with us to see the Dayspring, and that I would return with him on the following day—Sabbath—and have reading and prayer with the people. He consented at once, leaving his bow and arrows in the house. In a few minutes we were all on board the boat but the *Mate* had enough to do to get it cleared, so many were so eager to get off in order to see the Dayspring. The chief admired the Dayspring, exceedingly, and was not less delighted with the cabin. I allowed the speaker to accompany him, and when I got them on board I put a shirt on each of them. The chief wished to remain with his people in the village opposite—in case he might get sick on board—he was landed accordingly, and the

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taken on board. They consisted of two petty chiefs, the teacher *Unou*, an old man and two boys. Their report was unfavorable. They are fighting there amongst themselves, they had killed a petty chief the night before we reached. The deputation were afraid to come by the direct path to *Putnuna Bay*, and would on no account return by it with me on the Monday, and the way they came and intended to return was, they affirmed, lonely and difficult, over hills and valleys. They agreed it would be as well for me, meanwhile to remain with *Lifu* at *Nora*, and I could visit them occasionally.

DIVINE SERVICE.

On Sabbath the wind was strong, so we concluded it would be as well to have our meeting at the village opposite, we landed

accordingly and had a nice meeting with the people among the rocks, (27 men and 5 women being present,) I addressed them a few words on the love of Christ, love to one another, and the object good men in Britain, America and Australia had in view in sending us and the Dayspring to visit them. A number of women gathered round Mrs. McNair, who seemed quite delighted with her long hair. I explained to the chief that the wind was too strong for the boat to return, but if the wind was favorable on the morrow the boat would be sent with him.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIFU.

Early on Monday morning we landed the *Raveliow* men, and took the chief and his speaker on board. The Captain kindly made him a present of a large axe and gave the speaker a large butcher knife. We were soon off with a breeze of fair wind for *Nora*. While in the boat we talked about many things. He seemed now to have no further use of the speaker, as you may easily guess when I tell you of my new relationship, for he declared I was a brother of his.—When near the land he pointed out to me his other place, for like our Dukes and Lords at home, he is not content with one or two houses, but he has not less than half-a-dozen. After landing and seeing both his places and taking a fair view of the district around, I fixed on an elevated spot at *Nora* on the chief's ground—after inspecting the spot and then going over it with the *landlord*, *Mate*, and a sufficient number of natives—I sat down on a stone and wrote the following charter in *Eromangan*, which for your benefit I shall translate:

"I *Lifu* N. O. Kelian, Chief of *Nora*, sell the land which we have just gone over here at *Nora*, to *Jakobo MacNair*, *Misi*, for five hatchets, eleven butchers' knives, three pocket knives, and a lot of beads.

his X mark.

Witness.—Richard Davies, *Mate*.

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ANOTHER VISIT FROM NOWI.

While writing the above the other chief *Nowi* made his appearance amid the crowd. When he was pointed out to me I rose to shake hands with him, but he was still timid. I asked him why he was afraid of me? that I did not hate him, but loved him. *Lifu* then stepped forward and spoke to him for a few minutes, after that he asked me for a pair of scissors. *Lifu* asked when would I come to take possession? I replied six months hence. He thought that long. So that we had to explain that the vessel had to go to Sydney first, and that Sydney was far far away.

DEPARTURE.

We were soon on board the boat and off, and the chief after us into the water waving