

By nine o'clock in the morning of the 16th, we were within three miles of the east side of Atoui; when several of the natives came along-side us, and brought us some taro and potatoes. We kept standing along shore for Waymoa Bay, the wind being light and variable. Several canoes visited us, and many of the inhabitants expressed great satisfaction at seeing us again. Much enquiry was made respecting our commodore, and many of the people expressed their concern that he was not with us.

We received information that Captain Meares had been at Atoui, in the Nootka, and had left it about twenty days; and that he had used the inhabitants extremely ill.

Tyheira, the son of Abbenooa, came on board, and confirmed the truth of this intelligence. The captain said no traffic should be permitted till Abbenooe had been on board. Tyheira sent immediately for his father, and hoisted a signal to inform him that he might safely venture. He soon appeared, and was rejoiced to see us; and we were equally happy to behold our old friend.

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