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of which have already been forwarded to Washington.

Palmyra Island has always been laid down upon charts of the Pacific as only one body of land or one island, whereas it was found to be made up of about sixty islets, large and small, including three lagoons. The opening is to the westward. The islets are low, the highest not over six feet above the water. Shortly after leaving Honolulu the Portsmouth searched, in vain, for Papapa Rock, reported by Captain Gellett and others as existing about sixty miles south southwest from Kawaihau, Niihau. The position of Papapa examined was that obtained from Captain Gellett, and the English charts. Capt. James Smith said he had seen it, but gave no position.

We can hardly find words to express our estimation of the importance of the work in which the Portsmouth is engaged. We only regret that the sec-