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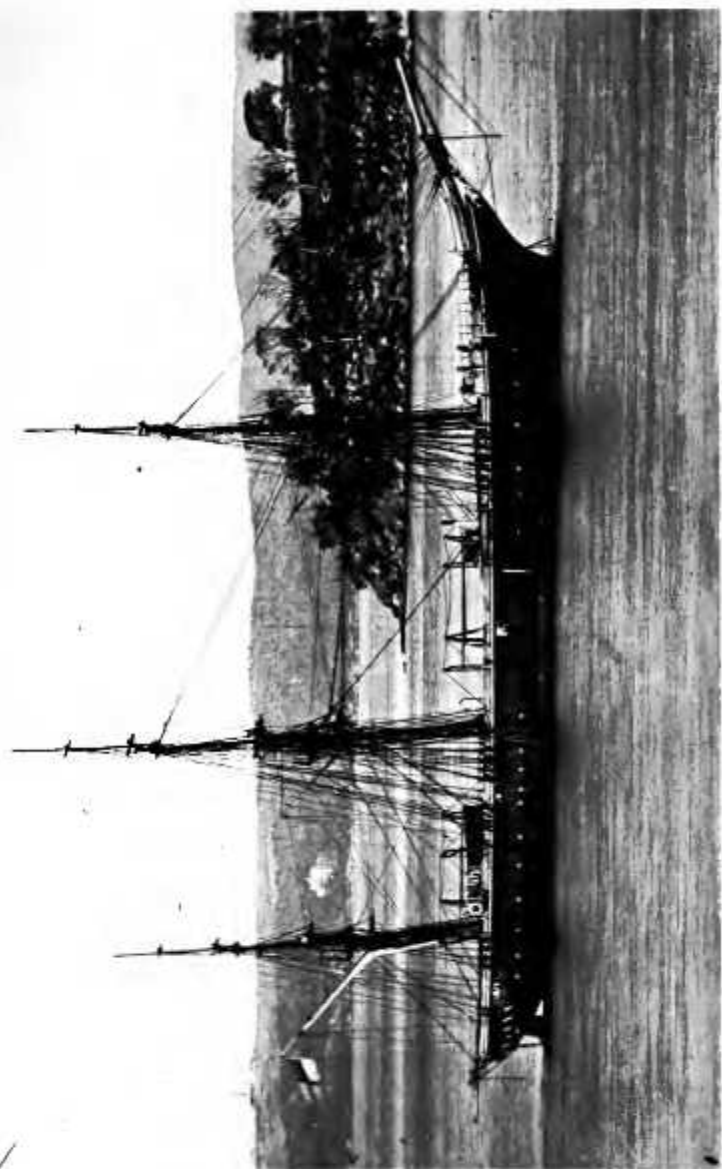
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TO
THE OFFICERS OF H.M. SHIP ROSARIO
THIS BOOK IS INSCRIBED
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF THE MANY PLEASANT MONTHS
PASSED IN THEIR SOCIETY ON THE AUSTRALIAN STATION,
AND OF THE UNVARYING ZEAL ALWAYS DISPLAYED BY THEM
IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES,
AS WELL AS
THEIR HEARTY CO-OPERATION IN PROMOTING THE DISCIPLINE
AND COMFORT OF THE SHIP.

PREFACE.

THE following pages are written with the sole object of exposing the deeds that have been perpetrated among the beautiful islands of the South Pacific, by men calling themselves Englishmen, and whose transactions have been invariably carried on under cover of our glorious old flag.

Few have either time or inclination to wade through Parliamentary Blue-books, or unravel the mysteries of Royal Commissions and Select Committees, but should any of my readers have sufficient leisure to do so, they will find ample evidence to show that, although our Government has remonstrated against certain transactions that have for some time past disgraced our name and flag in those seas, the time has arrived when something more must be done.

These proceedings will shortly be brought before

Parliament, and some of the correspondence moved for is already on the table of the House.

Much information has been withheld in the following pages, so as not to weary the reader; therefore the events related are principally confined to the cruise of H.M.S. 'Rosario' among the South Sea Islands.

G. P.

EDINBURGH, *March* 1871.