

(Taken from the Pacific Commercial Advertiser  
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### NECKER ISLAND.

The Island is a large lava rock, and was formerly inhabited, as there are square walls about 3 ft high 4 ft wide and from 30 to 40 ft long; on the top of which are large flat stones standing on end and about 2 ft apart. It was first thought that some shipwrecked crew had made a landing here. After a search, however, nothing could be found to indicate that such was the case.

Captain Freeman found several old images and idols in good state of preservation, except for the injuries received by exposure to the weather. A number of these idols were brought back by us as curios. One great curiosity that we found looked like a piece of stone but on close inspection it was thought to be petrified flesh. It was found on a stone altar and must have been an offering to one of the ancient gods. Birds and fish abounded.

After a stay of about 4 hours on the island, we left at 5:30 P.M. for home steering E by S arriving at Honolulu on Tuesday evening.