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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

*Maalaea Bay (Hamalalaea Bay), island of Maui*

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*J. W. Perkins*

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Descriptive Report of  
Maalaea Bay

Maalaea Bay is the large Bay on the S.W. side of Maui Island; between the peninsulas. In the N.W. corner of the bay is situated Maalaea Bay landing, consisting of a few small dwelling houses and a small warehouse. The wharf here is small and is used only by pulling boats. Kihei is a small village located in the N.E. corner of the bay. The village consists of a number of small dwellings and a plantation store, and is mostly inhabited by the employees of the Kihei Sugar Plantation.

From Keanapaakai to Maalaea Bay landing, the shore consists of rocky cliffs and precipices. From Maalaea Bay landing to Kihei plantation wharf, *and one mile to southward* the shore is a smooth sand beach. From this point to the Southward a reef extends for a distance of two miles, nearly one fourth of a mile off shore. This reef is composed of large boulders and has from one to three feet of water over it. The remainder of the shore to the Southward and Eastward consists of rocky bluffs. The Inter-Island Steamers make regular trips from Honolulu to this port. The N.E. trades blow with considerable force here, although they do not raise much of a sea, but as they blow across the isthmus they cause dust storms, for which the bay is noted.

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(See letter from Asst F. W. Perkins dated Kihei, Maui Island, March 10th. 1900- to J. P. Cook, Honolulu. )

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