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Paroa Valley
Friday Evening, January 7th 1898

Her Majesty
Queen Liliuokalani

My dear Lili

It is quite late and all my family are in bed, & I had also undressed & had, but decided I must begin a letter to you tonight, for I see that "Alameda" will be in early in the morning, and I will not have time to write my letter then, as I have a friend coming to lunch. I was so delighted to get yours of Dec 13th even though it was a short one. I always am so anxious to hear from you, and all about you, that your letters don't seem half long enough. However I know how much you must have to write, and I am most grateful for the share I get. I do feel as if I had sadly neglected you lately - but preparing for Xmas is my only excuse, mostly in painting for money. I had a number of orders to

do when he gets there? The great over grown imbecile - Pierce says he has only neglected two things; one is, to take Sereno along as his chaplain, & the other, to take Prof. Alexander his historian - My goodness these fellows must have money to burn. Frank Thurston have a stomach ache when he finds Joe Carter is coming. Then when he finds he has got to look after Dole, either he will have an epileptic fit, or leave for parts unknown - Well my dear old friend, I have never felt more sure that their end is almost here, than now. It does seem as if this last move must finish the game - I do wish you could hear the frogs just outside my window - such a racket as they are making - all Paroa is full of them - I really enjoy the noise they make - We have had such a stormy week - rain & wind, oh so much of it for over a week - I am just beginning to get a little tired of it - thank goodness our road is as good as it is, so we can get in & out - Nuuanu St. is awful -

fill, mostly of small cards, like the last one I sent you - of all kinds of native things - and for the childrens sake more than for our own, I am glad to earn all I possi-bly can - never mind, I do it most cheerfully, for I know, when you come home, properly, I am sure it will be easier for me. I have just been boiling, bubbling, seething, almost screaming with rage at the last move of these "brutes" - what shall I call them - $10 000. of the peoples taxes to be paid out for that creature Dole to go to Washington - we may well say now - "What next"?. Ten thousand dollars for a six weeks spree for himself, the Madame, Do Day, & what name is bad enough for that thing Saubea. The Independent says if the Monarchy was restored that creature would be on deck again for another trip - No, you would not notice him, would you? The gaul of that fellow - surely he must have some Kahuna business to help him along. Fancy the gaul of these brutes to publish in their papers that Mr Carter only decided to go after he found out that Dole was going. Their lies, beat all the lies I have ever heard or read of - but you will see the papers, so I wont stop to quote them, only to say that last nights Advertiser & tonights Independent does show them up in their own true colours most beautifully. Oh how thankful I am that Mr Carter has at last started - he has been telling me for some time how he was hoping to go - and I was so hoping he would - I often see Neil Macfarlane and told Mr Campbell, so I keep pretty well posted - but our great strength certainly lies in secrecy - and we all have to be so very careful - what we say - it is so hard to know who to trust - so many who want to, cant keep a secret - I am thankful to say - it is not very difficult for me to keep one. Since reading tonights Independent, my rage has abated a little, as it says - really this sending of Dole is just the last card that was wanted to be played, and we hardly expected they would ever play it - What will the Boobs

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conversation failed. I hope she did not come home in that way. I am delighted at the firm stand Kalanokalani took in regard to that meteh Thurston - I hope they will all stand as firmly. How glad you will be to see Mr Carter - Surely you will breathe more easily after he gets there, as he is such a good man, and such a friend of yours, & of this country - and a man whose dignity will have so much weight. I pray you listen to him - our Bishop has such faith, that the wrong will be righted - but dont think me presumptious, if I beg of you to be so careful who your advisers are in the future. so many you trusted as friends, tried & true, proved so false to you - ruined you, and our country - oh, may I live to see our poor down trodden Hawaii nei, once more properly governed, and prosperous - but it can only be done by entirely freeing her, from that awful Missionary rule, oh what wolves in sheeps clothing they all are - oh how Mr Davies is down on them - he says he could endure it better, if it was not all done under the "cloak of religion" - how terribly they do desecrate

2. Tuesday Evening
Jan 17th "

I did not manage to finish your letter for the "Peru" - she did not arrive until Sunday, and it was so wet and rainy, I did not think it worth while to go to town and risk finding Fred Macfarlane, as I am to give my letters to him now that Mr Carter is gone - especially as the "Australia" was to leave so soon after - I shall finish this tonight and send it to Fred in plenty of time for tomorrows mail - Xmas has come and gone - We had a very quiet, but very happy time - had our same little tree lit up and trimmed for the twelfth time - it would hardly be Xmas without that tree - the children were very kindly remembered, although we did not have as many presents as last year - however we were very grateful to those who remembered us - Our Church Services were very joyful - it did seem so nice to have the dear old Bishop & Mrs Willis back again - Was it not a little queer - they left here on the 16th

of the month, arrived home again on the 16th and sailed away, and returned by the "Mariposa" - I am indeed sorry that I did not know in time, that you would like to have had your name on that address of welcome - it can be put there now, if you wish it, by simply taking it out of the frame. Pierre would have been much honoured to have done it for you - Remember he will always be ready to do what he can for you. You amuse me much about Takeki - how I would like to hear her English - I do hope it is better than Keamo-kui's - hers is simply killing - do you know she has left the Queen Dowager - she and the Japanese cook could not agree - I think she is with Leiluhu now - but I am not sure - her prayers at the Maternity Home are something too ridiculous - I call her the Chaplain in ordinary - or better, the Chaplain extraordinary - I have not told you what a nice Xmas present Mr L. H. Davies gave the Home - $500.00 as was not that nice - The poor old Dowager was so glad when she heard of it - she has been quite poorly lately, but is much better now - Cupids wife & Stella Keohokalani are with her, and I imagine are taking good care of her - I think Cupid has got a very nice wife - I hope he will appreciate her - I see very little of Kaiulani - I called soon after she arrived, but she has not returned my call yet - although she must have returned most of her Valley calls - I shall not feel like going again to call until she does - I hope she will come soon - she is always very cordial when she meets me - she comes quite regularly to the Cathedral services - I must say I do not approve of her accepting so much hospitality from her sworn enemies - nor do many of her friends - her father was quite decidedly spoken to, about her accepting Dole's invitation, and sitting in the box with him at an entertainment at the Opera House - really I cant imagine what she was thinking of - I often wonder if there is a shadow of truth in the rumour that the P. G's sent for her to be here, in case

religion - it is truly frightful. I can't imagine what Dole will do with himself when he gets there - what can he do - the Advertiser has it all planed out - McKinley is to meet him - & call on him, and in a few days invite him to a State dinner, where he will sit either at McKinley's right hand, or next to Miss McKinley - ha ha - is it not fun! Very likely he will run across to Europe and dine with a few Kings & Emperors, while he is waiting for McKinley to annex him & his - the imbecile - really, I had given him credit for a little more sense than this - in spite of my contempt for him - I was just thinking Dankea might coin money hiring out as a professional sycophant - he will accept any title, change it any time to suit, any kind of a uniform will do - he is not particular - as for politics and principles - that goes with the pay - I hear Mrs Dankea was called a grass widow by some of her friends after he left - and she did not like it

at all - Did you know Thurston was paid a thousand dollars a month, by these people here, to do their dirty work for them - no wonder he called on the Hawaiian gentlemen - he will try his best to bribe them - do warn them, of him as strongly as you can - no wonder he calls himself the devils partner - he is well named - it seems it is all true, about Sam Parker being a P.G. - I wonder how much they paid him - strange to say as soon as he returned, he advertised to pay his debts - through Cecil Brown - or rather at his office - I am sorry but I will have to stop now - We shall all wait so anxiously for news in Feb. Pierre sends best wishes and hearty aloha for the New Year - all the children do also. Tomorrow my little Maude will be nine years old - how the years do roll by - no more baby now - and she says this is

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the last birthday with one figure - I do hope to hear from you very soon, and when there is some good news write it to me with your own hand, so I can have it directly from you. My kindest regards to Mr Carter and aloha to Saidie if she is with you - I wanted to go down to see Mr & Mrs Carter off, only it rained so terribly - Have I been too presumptive in beginning my letter as I have? if so, tell me, but, but I felt just like addressing you in that way - some how thinking of old happy days of many years ago.

Ever Your Majesty
Your aff. old Friend
Flora Jones