

Koloa, Dec. 28, 1866

Dear Bro. Wilcox

Yours per mail of yesterday was rec'd. I am sorry you take so discouraging a view of Mr. Frudenty's case - His daughter has been in our school nearly 5 years and he has ^{paid} every bill except this last - I am very confident he will pay it. Directly after New Year, please see him & ask him civilly for the money - You may not get it the 1st time you ask - but I am very sure you will get it. - I am glad you are disposed "to wait & see what he will do." -

I may be able to send you something more next month. -

That was a "horrible case of murder at Lumahae - That affair at Pitts. Idl. too was a most cold blooded affair - Thicker men way worse & worse -

"Happy New Year" to you all

Very truly Yours

J. M. Smith

P.S. I am sorry to trouble you to collect my debts & I do not wish you take much trouble in the case of P.'s bill - present it to him & if he does not immediately pay it, after a while remind him of it - And if he shall still neglect to pay it let me know -

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]