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Seminary Lahainaluna, Sandwich Is-
lands, March 7, 1845

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From the hour ^{of} 5½ to 6½ in the mor-
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from 6½ to 7½ we work; from 8 to
the 3 hour at evening, some hours
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from 3 to 5 we work, ^{at} 6½ at night
we meet to pray, from 7½ to 8½ sing-
ing school; 9½ is our sleeping time.

These are my books that I
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of the Bible, Bible History, Bible
Chronology, Church History, Moral
Philosophy, Natural Theology, The
Existence of the Soul, Analysis
and Punctuation, Structure of
my own Language, The use of the
Globes, Arithmetick, Algebra

Navigation, Surveying, Geometry, and
Linear Drawing. And I have stud-
ied in this School the English
Language more than two years, one
hour daily, ⁱⁿ the following books,
English Grammar, New Testament,
and a little book for beginners.

I have been ⁱⁿ this School four
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I am your friend,

John Richardson

Dear Br Greene

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Your Bro

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Letter from a Hawaiian Boy.

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John Richardson
Miss Perry. N.H. 7 Mar. 1845-

Recd Sept 13. ✓

arr'd in S.L.
Oct 29.

Mr. David Greene
Messrs. Howe, Boston
Ms. J.
Mr. Stokes.

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Letter Reference:

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Date of Letter:

March 7, 1845

From:

John Richardson

To:

Rev. David Greene

Content Summary:

A letter from John Richardson, a student at Lahainaluna Seminary to Rev. David Greene of Boston, Mass. informing him of his studies, the schedule at Lahainaluna and the books he has read. Annotated by his teacher, J.S. Emerson.

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Mission House, Boston

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Notes:

1. *Lahainaluna Seminary* - Lahainaluna Seminary was established in 1831 by the ali'i working with the missionaries to train teachers and to promote the importance of education and literacy for their people.
2. *John S. Emerson* - John S. Emerson arrived in Hawai'i with the 5th company of Missionaries on May 17, 1832 on the *Averick* from Boston.
3. *William P. Alexander* - William P. Alexander arrived in Hawai'i with the 5th company of Missionaries on May 17, 1832 on the *Averick* from Boston.
4. *John Richardson* - John Richardson was an 18 year old student at Lahainaluna Seminary.

5. *Bro. George* - Bro. George is unknown.
6. *Rev. David Greene* - Rev. David Greene is an unknown missionary in Boston, MA.