

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in a cursive style and is mostly obscured by fading and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Jan. 9. 1868.

Dear Br. Wilcox,

Dr. S. & Miss

Brnapp started to day for Waialeale; but I doubt if they go through to day, as they intended: for it is quite stormy here. It may be pleasant on the other side of the island.

The natives are all talking about buying Holoa, which is soon to be sold. They say that the Catholic Bishop has offered to advance the money, & let them have the land when they pay him.

This seems to be something new for Hawaii nei. What does it mean?

The Catholics have large

possessions in San Francisco & the region around:
& it is said that having
once got possession they
hold on. Do they intend to
intend to become land holders
here? Or is it their object
to carry favor with the people?
I do not know.

It is thought that Mr. Byrde &
the Simclays want the land.
Dr. S. is thinking of purchasing
if it does not go too high.
And it would not be strange
if there should be others to bid
for it.

Since writing the above,
your favor of the 5th has
come to hand.

We were sorry that Mrs.
W. met with such an ac-
cident on your way home;
but we were rejoiced that

it was no worse. "When thou
passest through the waters,
I will be with thee; & through
the rivers, they shall not
overflow thee." Isa. 43: 2.

This promise was verified in
the case of Mrs. W. The Lord
be praised.

We shall wish to hear if the
"other gospel" makes any prog-
ress at Waiala & Lanalei; &
how Nukihwa prospers in his
efforts to spread it.

Love to you all.

Yours,

J. Hale.