

Waikiki March 23d 1839

Dear Sister Wilcox

I received your little note dated at Honolulu a few days since & as I learn to day that there is a vessel at the pier I will try to answer it now even although it is late in the evening of Saturday night. I had hoped to see you & all the other dear sisters this Spring but as providence seems to order it otherwise we must content ourselves to remain at home & make use of our pen as a substitute which by the way I hope we shall do. It is now the rainy season here & it seems almost as if we should be washed away everything almost is afloat it is literally a pond all around us. My husband thinks that the water is two or three feet deep in some places & we find our grass house somewhat damp & chilly but when I consider how much better it is than I desire or how much better those thousands of my fellow creatures enjoy I feel as if my heart ought to overflow with gratitude. Dear Sister it is your probably near to the trying time so which you are looking forward with anxiety. I sympathize with you but lean on the Lord he is able to sustain you & you have the promise if you continue in the faith & I trust that you will yet be enabled to rejoice in his goodness to you if ever the feelings of gratitude are unnumbered in our hearts. I think you will say it is then after being carried safely through that trying scene I hope soon to hear favourable news of you. My dear little daughter is a great comfort to me I assure you. As yet she has not been healthy & has not grown much since her birth she is twelve weeks old to day. We hear glorious news from almost every part of these Islands for surely the Lord is doing a great work for which we will rejoice to be glad you inquire how it is with us. There are many who seem to be inquiring the way to Zion & I trust that we are not entirely insensible to the worth of the

immortal soul but yet I am astonished
that I feel so little & for more faith
pray for us & for our people.

But I must close with love.

Lois S. Johnson

Mrs. Wilcox
Hornolulu

P.S. I have procured for you one mat
it is not of so fine quality as some
but the best I could obtain.

Husband wished me to say that he has
written & sent his letter around by
Hainoa fears it will not go up on
at this vessel. L.S.