

*The person who writes you has just called on  
me. He takes it as the duty of his country  
to be in the service of the United States  
Government.*

*Mr. Amos Filcox  
Hilo  
Hawaii*



Dear Bro. Wilcox

Honolulu May 9<sup>th</sup> 1842

Your letter has been received which contains the request to have a former letter returned, the one directed to Bro. Castle & myself written on your arrival at your station. I will forward it with this note to you, and when you have done with it you may if you please return it. Dr & Mrs. Lapon are with us. He has made a visit to Waialua in company with Mr. Whitney. Mr. W. returned ill, but he is now better. Mr. & Mrs. L. Smith have been called to part with their little son. It was taken sick of the Dysentery week before last on Wednesday night and died the Saturday night of the same week. A severe affliction to both of them but probably most so to her.

Next day after tomorrow is the day appointed to commence Gen. meeting. The families on Maui have not yet arrived. Of the families of Kauai Messrs. Alexanders & Johnson's only are absent. From your island none but Dr. Andrews & family have yet arrived and from what we can learn few if any others are likely to come.

Who will make the speeches? As for the funds there is not a very large amount to be appropriated this year.

Bro. Cooke & family with their school, and also Dr. Judd are at Maui. The Dr. we are informed has been promoted to the office of Financial

Agent for the Government. He also has a voice in  
their Councils. Pēla kum lōke.

Mr & Mrs. Dole have moved again to Punahou  
ready to take boarding scholars.

Dr. Lafon preached a native Temperance  
sermon to Mr. Armstrong's congregation yesterday  
P.M. You may have heard of the chiefs taking  
the temperance pledge, on the tee total plan.  
The King forms an exception being permitted  
to offer wine to Commanders of Government  
vessels of other nations who may visit these islands.

The subject of forming a Temperance Soc. among  
the Foreigners in the village is now in con-  
templation. Ho - desirable it is that something should  
be done, and done quickly to arrest and reclaim  
the intemperate.

We have interesting intelligence from the leeward  
side of your island. Many inquirers after truth  
and many professed converts to Christianity.  
With the exception of Temperance Societies with  
many members of both sexes and all ages I might  
almost say, we continue much the same as when  
you were here. I should also have excepted the  
meeting house. But that is not finished.

I have had two of my teeth plugged and ~~was~~  
have been sick for two or three days with  
the aching. Have had my mouth lanced three  
times to reduce the swelling.

You will probably soon have a visit from  
Dr. & Mrs. Lafon, and I think will rejoice  
to see them. Suppose you have heard of their  
intention to visit the United States as soon as  
convenient. They expect to sail sometime next fall.

The Prussian who visited you has just called on us. He takes sea at Mr. Armstrong's this evening. He has visited Kaeai, and recently returned to Honolulu.

With love to your household  
I am your friend & bro.  
J. C. Knapp

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