

Oahu, July 10.<sup>th</sup> 1842

Capt. Edward Stokes

Dear Sir

Your very kind and much esteemed favor of the 12<sup>th</sup> May by Ship Kama was duly received on the 13<sup>th</sup> ult. - I must say, I was rather disappointed in learning that you was not on board of her, as I certainly expected to have had the pleasure of seeing you again among us by the first opportunity from the coast according to the tenor of your former letter. - And when you intimate in the present one of, (you being almost "fast tied" and expect to remain on the coast for ever); - I must acknowledge, I was surprised and sadly disappointed, having cherished hopes of your returning to us again and making your permanent home on the Sandwich Islands. - However I hope it is all for the better. - You have always been a kind and endearing friend to me, and all that I can express for the many kind attentions received at your hands, 'May God bless you, - and may you enjoy all the comforts and blessings of this world, both spiritual & temporal. - You may deem me selfish in wishing you back in Honolulu again - but believe me Sir, I consider it hard to part with a friend. - However I shall always entertain a grateful respect for the amicable and manly qualities which have attached me to you, and should I not be allowed the pleasure to see you again, in this world of woe and sin - may we in the next, in felicity and bliss. -

We have no interesting news in this place - times are very dull. - The American Ship Jefferson, Capt. Cash, was cast away a few days ago in Waimea Bay, Atou, and has gone to pieces - She had 2,100 Bbls. Oil on board. - However they have been fortunate in saving, so I understand, upwards of 15 hundred Barrels of it. -

My Family still continue to enjoy to enjoy good health, and desires me to send their "Aloha" to you. - As for myself I have no reason to complain - my eyesight is pretty much the same - sometimes better, and sometimes worse. Old Mr Jackson is getting sound again, but is not yet able to work - Mr Mann and family are well, and I believe all your friends, in Honolulu. -

I have sent your Bureau and Table on board the Fama as requested, and trust they will reach you uninjured. -

In your next letter if you will please state what particular seeds you wish for, I shall endeavour to collect some for you - I enquired of Capt. Adams and old Capt. Smith but they had none ripe otherwise they would have furnished you with them. - (Trusting you enjoy good health & that you will still continue your friendly correspondence as opportunities may offer, -

Allow me to remain, with my best wishes for your welfare, Dear Sir, Yours ever truly  
Elijah Tolman

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