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Subject: **`Anihinihi ke ola. Life is in a precarious position, now hanging by a thread.**

E ho'oulu mai i ka hana pono ia Hawai'i,

A group of American sugar planters under Sanford Ballard Dole (Missionary) overthrew Queen Lili'uokalani and established a new provincial government with Dole as president. The coup occurred with the foreknowledge of John L. Stevens, the U.S. minister to Hawai'i, who landed 300 U.S. Marines from the U.S. cruiser *Boston* supposedly to protect American lives and then used the Marines to intimidate the Kingdom government.



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Until the 1890s, the Kingdom of Hawai`i was an independent sovereign Nation, recognized by the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Germany, and many others. Though there were threats to Hawai`i's sovereignty throughout the Kingdom's history, it was not until the signing of the Bayonet Constitution in 1887, that this threat began to be realized. On January 17, 1893, Queen Lili'uokalani, was deposed in a coup d'état led largely by American citizens who were opposed to her attempt to establish a new Constitution.

The coup efforts were supported by American minister to Hawai`i John L. Stevens and the invasion of U.S. Marines, who came ashore at the request of the conspirators. The coup left the Queen imprisoned at Iolani Palace under house arrest. It briefly became the Republic of Hawai`i, before eventual seizure by the United States in 1898.

The overthrow was led by Lorrin A. Thurston, a grandson of American missionaries, who derived his support primarily from the American and European business class residing in Hawai`i and other supporters of the Reform Party of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

In an eloquent speech given by President Grover Cleveland to Congress, the President stated:

"The military demonstration upon the soil of Honolulu was of itself an act of war; unless made either with the consent of the government of Hawai`i or for the bona fide purpose of protecting the imperiled lives and property of citizens of the United States. But there is no pretense of any such consent on the part of the government of the queen ... the existing government, instead of requesting the presence of an armed force, protested against it. There is as little basis for the pretense that forces were landed for the security of American life and property. If so, they would have been stationed in the vicinity of such property and so as to protect it, instead of at a distance and so as to command the Hawaiian Government Building and palace. ... When these armed men were landed, the city of Honolulu was in its customary orderly and peaceful condition. ... "

Since the overthrow, the resistance to be governed by a foreign power has landed many in prison; their good name destroyed. Occupation brought loss of lives, poverty, homelessness, destroyed relationships and despair. Yet, despite these obvious atrocities of disparity, their legacy lives on in those who are willing to sacrifice unconditionally to restore the Kingdom.

It seems apparent, what the missionaries started with the overthrow is still being carried forward today by the State agencies in the Office of the Hawaiian Affairs, Kana'iolo'owalu, The Roll Commission, Hawaiian Civic Clubs and other societies throughout the islands. These groups by whatever name they care to call themselves also claim to be Christians and are on the same path and mission to complete what Sanford, Thurston and Stevens started. Their spirit must be joyful and playful that their continued evil is still being perpetuated throughout our Kingdom causing disparity and decapitated spirits without rest.

As your King, I have studied and heard and seen the many under handed tactics being used to obtain signatures to create a nation-within-a-Nation, spear headed by the Roll Commission backed by funds from OHA ordered by the Legislature to support the Roll Commission.



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Please let me assure you, you will never lose your status of being Kanaka Maoli. Don't pay any attention to the foolish threats of others who claim you have to sign their petition in order to participate in your nation. Why? Because it is your nation and you don't need anyone's permission. Nor do you need "Federal recognition" from the United States government. That recognition came long ago in such documents as the 1850 Treaty of Friendship between the United States and the Kingdom of Hawai'i, which stated that "[t]here shall be perpetual peace and amity between the United States and the King of the Hawaiian Islands, his heirs and his successors." Nothing ever legally changed that relationship. I consider this treaty to still be in full force and effect.

To the contrary, signing the Kana'iolowalu roll is your agreement to participate in a process designed to destroy your nation and reduce your nation to a reservation within the United States. Kana'iolowalu, the Roll Commission, is issuing threats in a desperate attempt to convince people to sign their petition. The threats simply reveal the true nature of the effort and its direct tie to the overthrow.

OHA Trustees deny the authority of Kana'iolowalu to make such threats, while denying that OHA exercises any authority over Kana'iolowalu. OHA funds Kana'iolowalu and, therefore, pays for the threatening messages put out by the Roll Commission. OHA trustees cannot wash the stain off their hands by claiming they have no control over the Roll Commission. They cannot avoid the kuleana created by their funding these messages by insisting those who protest should talk to Kana'iolowalu, not OHA.

The same threats appeared in Ka Wai Ola, the monthly OHA newsletter, making it even more the responsibility of the Trustees. Yet that publication did not lead the OHA Trustees to meet with Roll Commission members to object to the threats.

OHA is not a mediator for the Hawaiian people. If they were, they would be a pathway for all viewpoints to be heard. To the contrary, the viewpoint that the Kingdom should be restored as an independent nation has never been a focus of OHA. The millions spent to promote a nation-within-a-Nation and to destroy the basis for an independent nation demonstrates a bias that precludes a perception that OHA is mediator for all the Hawaiian people.

Do not ask the Goose to be a Hawk.

OHA is an agency created by the State to provide continued legitimacy for the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom government. A State agency specifically charged with serving the interests of people of Hawaiian ancestry and provided with funds derived from lands that once belonged to the Kingdom intends to look like reparations of a sort.

The transparent reality, however, is that OHA is a State agency and has little function other than maintaining the Hawaiian Islands as the goose laying golden eggs for the descendants of the missionaries and their military supporters.



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As a State agency, OHA cannot promote the restoration of the Kingdom, even if the Trustees wanted to. When the OHA Trustees are ready to support the restored Kingdom, they might as well resign from OHA because the State will not tolerate such an exercise in sovereignty.

To expect OHA to support restoration of the Kingdom government is to expect the Goose to be a Hawk. While the Hawaiian goose is flightless, the 'Io is the bird that flies the highest and sees the furthest. The 'Io sees the past failures of OHA to deliver any meaningful service to the Hawaiian people and sees the unlimited future that will open up to the restored Kingdom. OHA cannot escape their past failures – predetermined by the nature of the organization – nor committed to promoting the better alternative of independence that would replace the organization.

The King's seal is the 'Io. From that mighty height will come the abundant blessings that will make the restored Kingdom a light unto the world.

We will convene true gatherings of the people to discuss their future Kingdom. We will not waste time in debating with those who have no vision of a restored nation.

I am the King and I challenge those who would otherwise destroy our Independence and our right to be our own Nation – The Kingdom of Hawai'i.

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Aloha Ke Akua,

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