

After this we walked over a bed of laves  
to much resembling the river when broken up &  
the large cakes of ice crowded one upon another.  
Here the laves was of a bright glossy black; when  
the sun shined upon it. It looked just like a  
bed of diamonds and sparkling stones. This  
we traversed for about a mile when we came  
to the second descent which was not only  
difficult but exceedingly dangerous. The second  
bed resembled in form the first but instead  
of the bright black it was of a dark grey color  
very much heated. From the crevices constantly  
escaped clouds of steam and heated gas. On  
reaching this laves some of our party began to think  
of turning back but seeing the others proceed they  
at length summoned courage to follow them.

After descending several more walls getting  
weakened by the frost-brown by the heated laves  
our limbs ~~for~~ bruised and hands cut we at  
length reached the verge of the burning lake.  
Being to windward of it, by shading our faces  
from the heat, and with great <sup>trouble</sup> & some pain we  
were enabled to reach within about 20 yards of  
the fire. We had a fair view of it. Never shall  
I forget its appearance. The large waves rolling  
in to the shore slowly & solemnly & on reaching  
the ~~shore~~ <sup>beaches</sup> bursting with a crash. The deafening  
roar the extreme heat the immense masses  
of laves how in from the jets splashing about  
for a great distance, all joined to in producing  
an effect not easily forgotten. We did not  
remain long as it was thought dangerous in the im-  
mediate vicinity of the lake. The banks are con-  
stantly melting away and the lake increasing in

he says he will sail for China in September - or year  
from which time he will reach home -

Give my best love to all my friends I am very  
anxious to see them. I shall write to Mrs  
along from Calum also to my mother. It is long  
since I have received letters from home. but  
am sure you write - all letters must reach  
before we get home or later. I think  
if you would send your letters to the Navy Depart-  
ment they would reach me sooner.

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September 16<sup>th</sup>  
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Please write if you don't  
my letters.  
My best love to you my dear  
Along.

Best & truly - To my sister with you  
about anxious to see her. My respects to Mrs  
at Schenectady & to all my friends. If you see  
Best please give them my respects -

We all rushed to the door and were enough  
immediately under where we stood one of the  
immense crevices in the earth was giving  
out its flames and fire. The light was most  
brilliant more so than the lamp itself. This  
was very alarming as the whole bank on which  
we stood might in an instant tumble down  
and crush or bury every thing on its surface  
some proposed to run - but we agreed that  
if an eruption was coming we would be  
just as sure of a "horrid death" were we a  
mile or so down the mountain as if we re-  
mained - we waited some time till the flame  
went down and nothing but light & heat was  
emitted - then we all turned in - there was  
no further noise that night. In the  
morning we got up for Chile. The journey was much  
troubled coming up. We were 5 days  
the ship when we arrived there we were all  
very much worn out. A day or two after  
our return another party started, they were  
gone about the same time and experienced  
the same troubles and adventures.

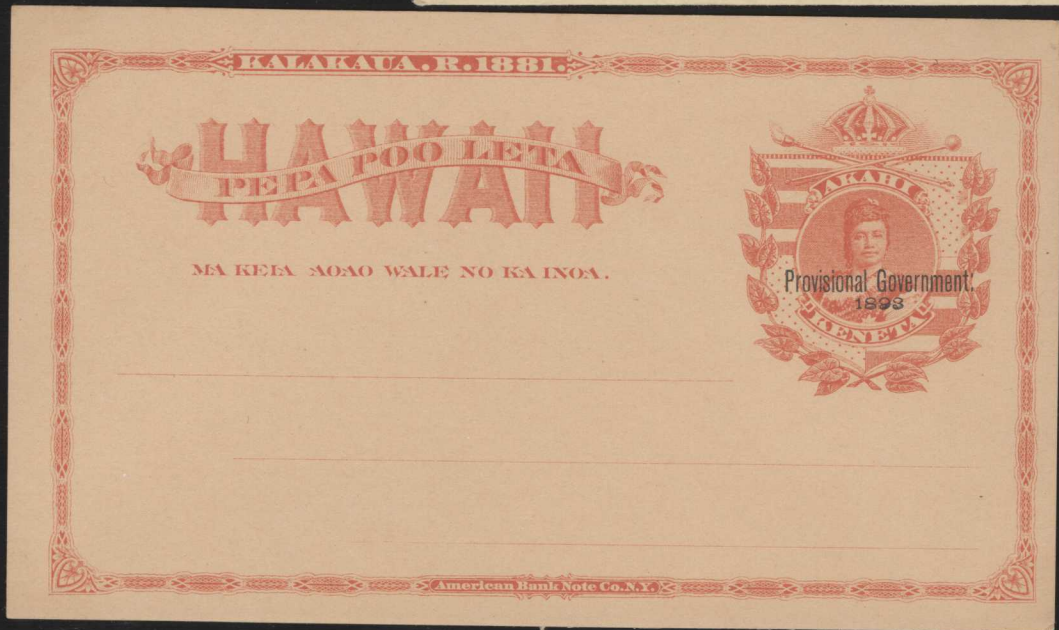
I have spun this letter out so  
far it will be tiresome reading  
commenced I only intended to write  
letter but I had so much to say  
could not stop. We sail  
two for Valparaiso, where we will remain  
about the tenth of October. We expect  
Montigny - from there to San Francisco  
Mayaguez - San Blas - Panama and  
we expect to reach the latter place  
15<sup>th</sup> of April. If Capt Armstrong is

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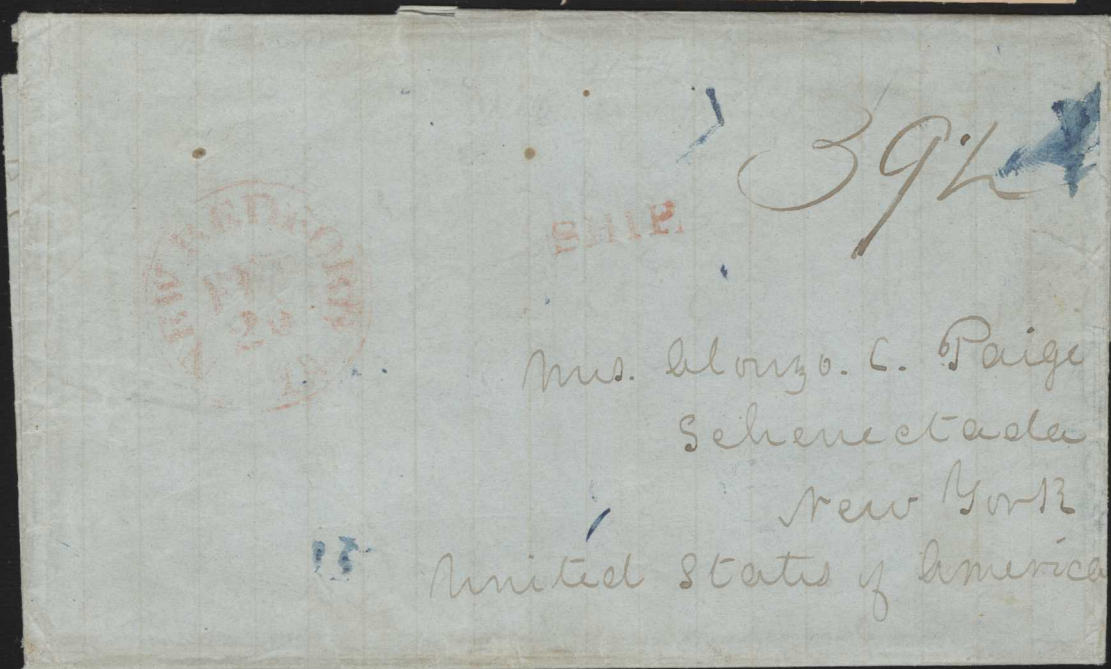
circumference - over the whole crater are several small cones hollow, from which the lava is constantly rising making the cone higher and larger.

We remained in the crater until about 2 o'clock when we safely arrived at the summit; more fatigued than any day previously. What they are here a piece of our poor pig cooked after the native fashion - what they call a looau - it is cooked by wrapping it carefully in taro leaves, putting around several plants resembling spinach - a large hole is then dug in the ground in which the pig is buried. a large fire is then kindled over it, and kept burning for two or three hours, by this time the pork is cooked. This is certainly the best way of cooking it, all were delighted with it. All proposed to introduce this mode of cooking into the United States.

In the evening having seen every thing we were all seated in the hut wrapped up in blankets and pea jackets - it being rather dull some one proposed that we should have a little fun. What shall it be was the general cry. Well, after various proposals - old staid Silver & Wood proposed we should have the game called dumb music. We went at it with a will I assure you. There was the good doctor fiddling away with all his might. Old Tomahawk who hardly ever smiled. Thrumming away at a fiddle with great zeal. One with a banjo. Another with a base drum. Duff touching gently the strings of a guitar. All executing no doubt most beautifully - it was a laughable scene - While all were - While all were fingering and thrumming. Poating and blowing came a cry the volcano is in eruption.



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