

March 4 - 1895: Iolani Palace

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of broken slumbers. I could hear Mrs C. sighing. She was in trouble. Her husband imprisoned, her children at home and she is imprisoned with me - here in this palace. & then a sigh, a sigh, a sigh - When morning came we were not much better in spirits or in health. After having gone through so much ^{excitement} the day before. Arrangement was made that Mrs Wilson should come to relieve Mrs Clark. It was nearly one P. M. when she arrived and I pressed a ten dollar gold piece ^{which I had when I left} into Mrs C's hand for she was going home to her children and she would need it. After Mrs Wilson's arrival no one else was allowed to come except Malama. Everything that went out and came in was examined & permission must be given by the officer before it can be brought in - bundles of soiled clothes going to or coming from the wash. Any articles necessary for my use had to be put on paper, signed particularly "Lili'uokalani Dominiis" and sent to the Foreign Office, ^{for inspection and} from there after their approval, the slip of paper is taken to Malama who takes next morning to Marshall Hitchcock. If he is not there Deputy Brown reads it and writes his name. She returns to Lt Lawrence who is officer on guard at Washington Place and together they search for each article enumerated in the slip of paper and sometimes it would be two days before the articles are forth coming. One cause for the delay was, a dispute over my hand writing, Deputy said it was not mine - it did not look natural (no wonder, suffering from nervous prostration) & so on - At other times, articles were strewn all over the room - for on the day of my departure from home scarcely an hour passed before Chief Justice Iudd came in empowered by President Dole to search my house,

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(Jan 23 - He and Mr Parker came in) Jan 24 - 11 A.M. In the presence of J. A. Widemann, Paul Newman, W. G. Travin, L. Parker, C. B. Wilson, Kalua Hookano, A. S. Hartwell - and sworn by Mr Stanley I signed my Abdication to the throne of Hawaii to save the lives of those imprisoned for treason.

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