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The King, Madame Boki, Pakii, Kinau and her husband Auhea and husband Kekauonohe and husband Kealiihonui all took tea with us last evening. The princess we have told you is dead! Her body still lies in state at the Kings best house. It is really an imposing spectacle, such parade of splendid and lofty Kahilis, cloaks, wreaths &c, but oh how sad, how mournful the reflections, that the young, the accomplished, the brilliant, the one so lovely and interesting pageants is cut off in the midst of her days, and what is sadder still, in the midst of her career of sinful pleasure & vanity. would that I could add, that she died a penitent. I have such a hope lingering about my heart, but I dare not thus express it [?], lest it embolden others to put off repentance till a death bed. I saw her often during her sickness – she conversed freely. She saw, she felt it all – she was well instructed – she knew her duty. She felt her sins, in all their aggravation. Oh she said, “can there be hope for such a sinner as I and an apostate! Can such great sins be forgiven”? It was

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