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- 1. Kulia ka lani ia Uli;
- 2. Kulia ka lani ia Ku;
- 3. Wahia ka lani ia Kane.
- 4. Owa mai ka moku o Ka-hiki;
- 5. O Pa'ihi-lani ke alii.
- 6. Ninau a Kane:
- 7. "Eia ka 'eu o Kalai-kapu, 8. Nana i hele ke kai uli,kai kea,
- 9. Kai popolohua honua mea#?"
- 10. Ea Ka Lani, Ka Haku 'Alamea,
- 11. Nona ke kapu moe-wai o ke kanaka;
- 12. Nona ka manai 'ula 'e loas,
- 13. E ku ana me ka hala o Mapu-ana.
- 14. Hono paoa i hono o Pakaa-lana.
- 15. 0 ka wiliwili-au ka moo-alii;
- 16. Hee i ka nalu o Kau-hola.
- 17. Moku ka piko o ke alii, lele i ka lani.
- 18. Kali aku 18 o Pakaa-lana, hanau Ka Lani.
- 19. Kekani nei ka pahu; ku'i ka hekili;
- 20. Olapa ka uila; nei ke ola'i;
- 21. Iho ka ua-koko kaa-lelewa;
- 22. O ka punchu 'ula ku ha'o i ka moana.
- 23. Ikea ka lani; pii ka pii-lani a malo'elo'e;
- 24. 'U'i'u'ina ka iwi-kuamoo o na lani nui.
- 25. He mau lani ia na Ka Haku 'Ala-mea,
- 26. A i hanau 'ia mai e laua me Ka-hiki-lau-lani a loaa a----.

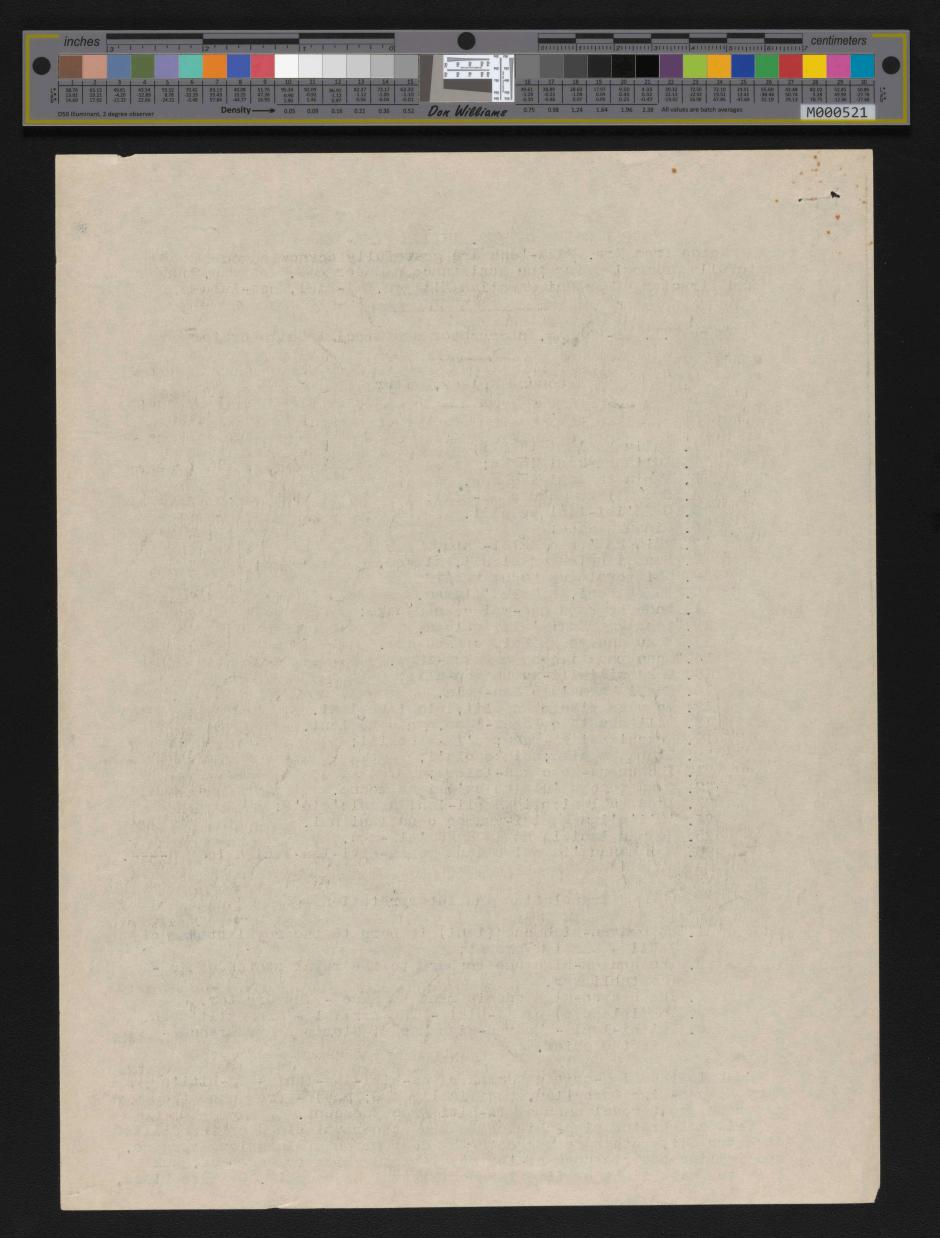
Translation and Interpretation

- 1. The heaven-high one (lani) is born to the royal status of Uli - Darkly Verdant;
- 2. The heaven-high one is born to the royal status of Ku -Establisher.
- 3. The heaven-high one is rent by Kane The Creator.
 4. The island(s) of Ka-hiki The Arrival are split open.

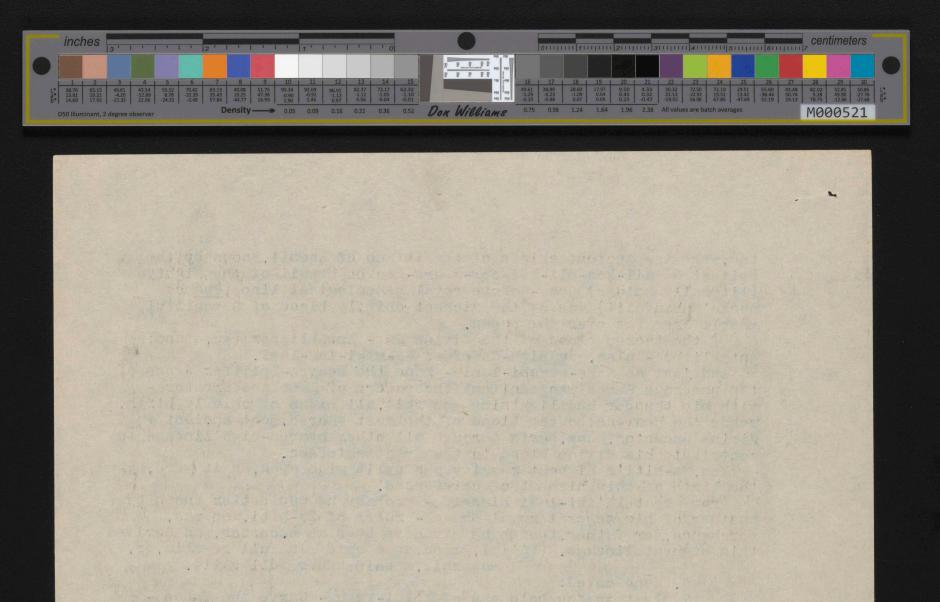
5. Pa'ihi-lani - Heaven-High One of Glorious Appearance is the chief.

Such is the high-chiefess rank of Ka-hiki-lau-lani - Ta-hiti's Many Heaven-High Ones (lau, specifically 400; many) - from whom the numerous great royal ones of Ta-hiti trace descent.

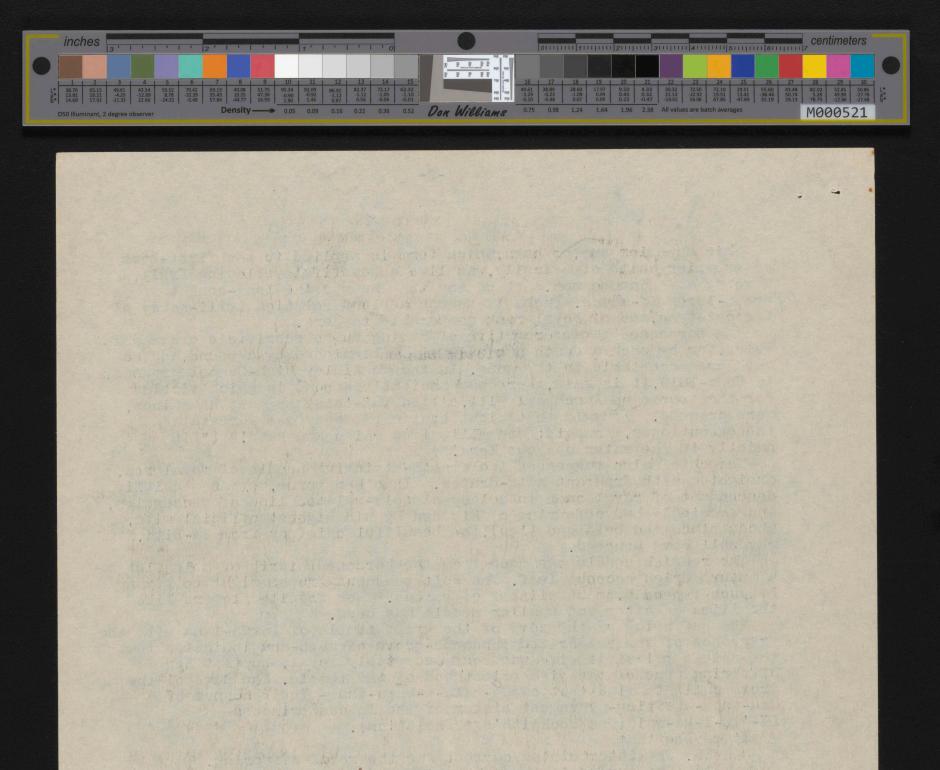
This celebrated high-chiefess was of the royal blood of the deified ancestor Uli, whose name suggests the deep green of luxurious verdure, and implies the richness of the royal blood which traces back, back into the dark night of time immemorial (mai ka po mai). Of this blood,

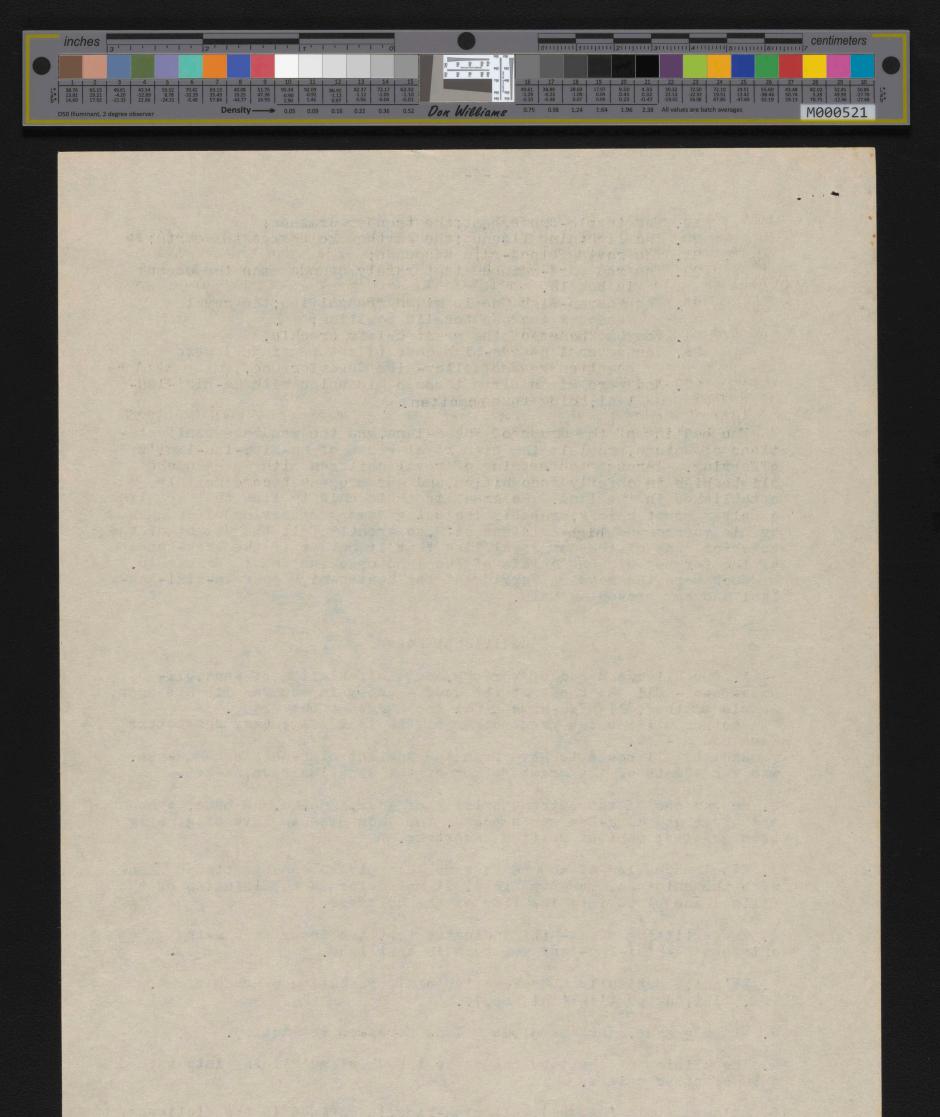


inches M000521 -2too, were the ancient chiefs of the island of Hawaii, known by the epithet Hawaii-kua-uli-kai-o'o - Dark-Backed Hawaii of the Mighty (literally mature) Sea - whose royal genealogical line (kuamoo mooku'auhau alii) was of the richest chiefly blood of a powerful people from far over the ocean. Of the sacred blood of the divine Ku - Establisher (ku, stand; establish) - also, was High-Chiefess Ka-hiki-lau-lani. And just as Kane-wawahi-lani - Kane the Heaven-Splitter - one of the numerous Kanes who manifest the powers of Kane the Creator with his thunder and lightning and rain, all signs of chiefly birth, rends the heavens; so the blood of the most sacred, most ancient divine ancestor, Kane, burts through all other heaven-high lineage to contribute his divine blood to the great chiefees. Yes, Ta-hiti's highest royalty was split wide open, as it were, by the birth of this highest of chiefesses! From great Pa'ihi-lani himself - probaby he was better known by another of his several royal names - ruler of Ta-hiti, who was, perchance, her father, though he may have been an ancestor, was derived this highest lineage. (Parihi, grand, as a chief in full regalia, or, modernly, a ship under full sail). 6. Kane asked: 7. "Is this the bold one of Kalai-kapu - Carve the Taboo -8. Who journeyed over the blue sea (uli, blue, in one sense), the whitish sea (white with the foam of wild waves), 9. The night-shade sea (deadly sea of Kane - kai popolohua a Kane) of the land of reddish earth ('omea, of reddish tinge) ?" Often Ka-hiki-lau-lani would dream of her unseen lover Ka-mawae-lua-lani - The Fissure (mawae) (the schism) Separating Two (lua) Royal Ones (lani) - Kaua'i Ka-mawae-lua-lani" is an epithet of the island of Kaua'i - residing in far off Hawaii. Braving the dangers of the deep by sailing the dangerous seas traversed by her noted navigator ancestors, she made her way to Hawaii to join her lover. Figuratively those seas would refer to the deep dark royal ancestry of her homeland far over the ocean - descent from Uli, and Kea (Wa-kea), and Kane's deep, dark sea of ancestry, with its power over life and death. Conceived in highest tabu through both father and mother, the chiefess was destined to carve the tabus of Hawaii, to shape them in the form of her own. The tabus of the ancient deified high-chiefess Hau-mea, her revered ancestress of the royal red, would be vouchsafed to chiefs of Hawaii. 10. The Heaven-High One (Ka Lani), The Yellow-Ripe Superior (Ka-Haku 'Alamea (pala 'alamea, yellowish-ripe)) - arose. 11. His was the water-reclining tabu of the common man (offered as human sacrifice). 12. His was the red wreath-stringing needle that should obtain (its pandanus drupes, or its flowers) 13. Standing with the pandanus (drupes) of Mapu-ana -Wafting. 14. The fragrance (of the noted pandanus grove) suffuses the cove of Pakaa-lana - Lean Flesh (pakaa) Lying Extended (?) - (the famous ancient sacred heiau (stone-fenced temple) of Wai-pi'o Valley, Hawaii, former seat of Hawaiian royalty).



inches M000521 -3-This superior one or haku, which term is applied to the first-born or superior child of a family, was like a beautiful yellowing fruit, a young and hansome man. Let us say that he was the long-sought dream-lover Ka-mawae. Probably he was a blood relation (pili-koko) of the chiefess, and of royal rank comparable to hers. He possessed the prerogative of having human sacrifices drowned in water, for by such a death a victim was unblemished by a wound, and he was more acceptable to the gods. In the Mc Kinley High-School grounds, in Hono-lulu, it is said, there was anciently a pond in which victims for the temple on Punchbowl Hill, called Pu'-'oina by most kamasinas, were drowned. Struggle that might bruise the body was forestalled by the executioner, who said: "Moe malie i ka wai o kou haku!" ("Lie quietly in the water of your lord!") The chief also possessed the wreath-stringing needle of royal red, freighted with fragrant hala-drupes. In other words, he was a chiefly descendant of royal ones in a long closely-related line of succession, and seemingly had effspring of his own by his highest official wife, whose place the bold one ('eu), the beautiful chiefess from Ta-hiti, may well have usurped. The reddish needle was made from the hardened midrib of a leaflet of a mature dried coconut leaf. The soft pandanus drupes might be strung by such a meedle, or a splinter of bamboo. For fragile flowers like the ilima a softer and smaller needle was used. The suffusing of the cove of the great temple of Pakaa-lana with the fragrance of the celebrated pandanus-grove of Mapu-ana indicates that the chiefs principle wife was most acceptably royal, and that her offspring were of the high priesthood of the temple. The name of the grove calls to mind that of Ka-hala-o-Mapu-ana - The Pandanus of Mau-ana - Wafting- youngest sister of the famous princess La-'ie-i-ka-wai (See Beckwith's translation). It may be that 15. The intertwining current was the royal offspring. 16. She surfed in the waves of Kau-hola - Season (kau) of Stupefaction (hola, the poisoning of fish with 'auhuhu or 'akia'. The name may also signify a season of opening out (hola), like a flower. It might also be interpreted as arriving in position (kau) in a shallow place (kohola). 17. The umbilical-cord of the chief was cut, and flew into the heavens. 18. Pakaa-lana temple waited, and the royal one was born. The offspring of the chief and chiefess were of the intermingling royal bloods of both Ta-hiti and Hawaii. The surf-riding was the uniting of the love-dream stupefied chiefess, and Merhitaan fish from over the sea, and her love-drugged lover, whose union resulted in the riding of the waves of the waters of birth, called the nalu, by young lives that had lain stupefied in the body of the mother. The sacred pieces of umbilical-cord, about three inches long, that became detached from the royal babes, were wedged into crevices in the rocks of the sacred temple, or deposited in some other sacred place, to the accompaniment of prayers and ceremonies accorded heaven-high ones, and thus flew into the heavens. A common youngster who had his navel-piece devoured by a rat was called a piko pat i ka 'iole -(umbilical-cord destroyed by rats), and was likely to grow up a thief.





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task was to be undertaken was an omen of bad luck.

The bright-yellow glossy hala drupe with its inner seed sometimes symbolizes the female generative organ. The tree, however, with its short aerial-roots (_uleule-hala (slurred with preceding word)), may represent the male. The Hawaiians had no tabu on the subject of sex, but it was generally expressed in beautiful hidden language.

13. Mapu (with a long-drawn), means to waft as fragrance.

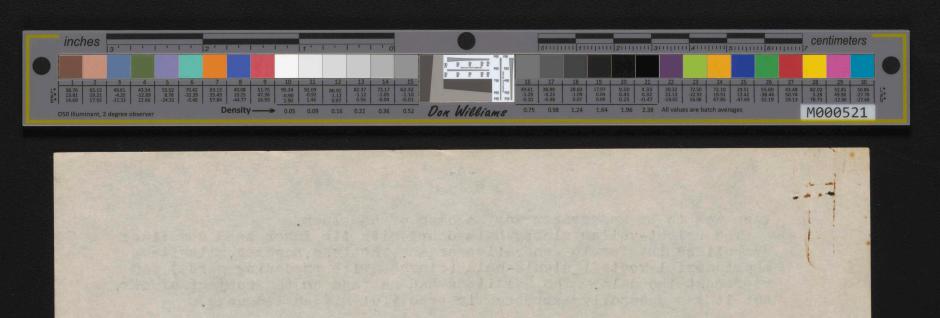
14. Hono means to come together as people for a celebration; to mend as a net (also modernly to patch (hono i ka lole)); a bay or cove formed by the meeting of highlands.

Paoa with the first a long-drawn means luckless; with medium-length

a it means suffused with fragrance (paoa i ke 'ala)

16. Surf-riding is symbolic of sexual union. The woman is the surfboard (papa-heenalu) or canoe (waa), and the man the paddler.

Ka-hiki-lau-lani was a Tahitian chiefess who came to Hawaii to seek her dream lover Ka-mawae-lua-lani, whom she frequently met in dreams. (Mrs. M.).



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1. O 'oe ka ia, e Na-maka-helu-kau-i-ka-lani-i-na-maka-'a-o-ka-'opua

2. Kau mai iluna i ke ao 'anapanapa, 'alohilohi i ka papaku' o Hāili e. 3. I alii 'oe, i kanaka au, i hoomakaukau 'ai, a i malama 'ahu nou, e kuu haku, e Na-maka-helu-kau-i-ka-lani-i-na-maka-'a-o-ka-'opua.

4. Nani Hāili i ke kula lehua a ka manu, e haiauma 'ana i ka 'ono o ka wai o ia pua.

5. He mau pua ia i milimili 'ia e ke kupuna, o Wahine-kapu. 6. Mapu mai ana ho'i ke aloha o kuu ipo.

7. O ua ipo aloha la paha ke'ia a'u e 'ike nei. 8. E o' mai 'oe,e Na-maka-helu-kau-i-ka-maka-'a-o-ka-'opua.

9. E o' e!

Translation and Interpretation

1. It is thou, forsooth, O The-omen-reading-eyes-directed-upon-theheavens-at-the-glowing-faces-of-the-'opua-clouds,

2. With eyes fixed above upon the gleaming, shining clouds observed from the permanently established ancestral home of Haili.

3. Thou art a chiefess, and I but an ordinary human (a personal attendant or kahu) who prepares thy food and takes charge of thy garments, O my Superior, The-omen-reading-eyes-dirested-upon-the-heavens-

at-the-glowing-faces-of-the-'opua-clouds.

4. Beautiful is Haili in the lehua-grown plain frequented by the birds tasting with delight the deliciousness of the nectar of that flower, -

5. Flowers fondled by the grandmother, Wahine-kapu - Tabu Woman (Volcano Goddess Pele's appellation).

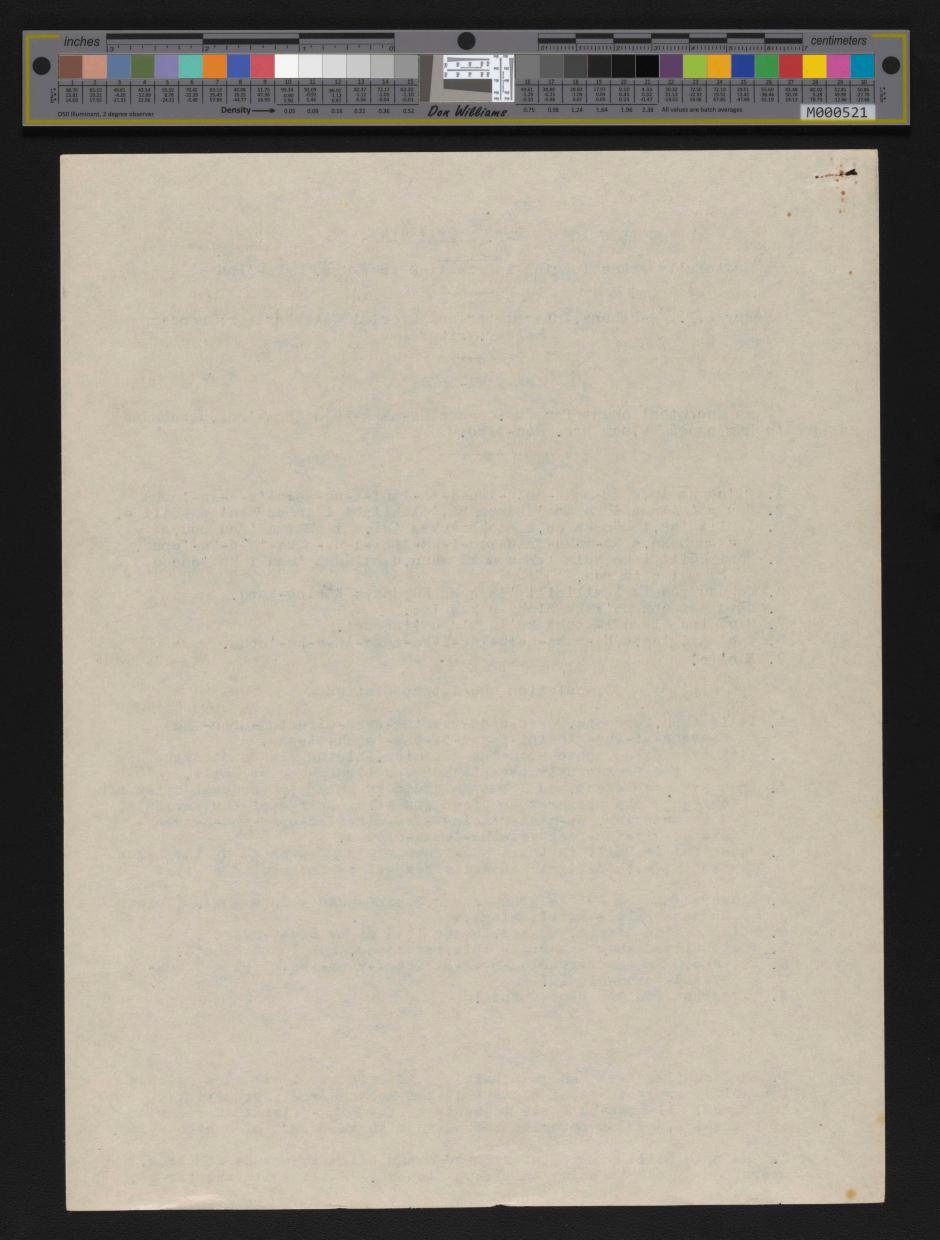
6. Being wafted hither, you see, is the love of my sweet-heart

7. That beloved sweet-heart is this, perchance, whom I now behold. 8. Respond, O The-omen-reading-eyes-directed-upon-the-glowing-faces-

of-the-'opua-clouds!
9. O respond (to thy name-chant):

Notes

- 1. The counting eyes (na maka helu) would refer to those of a seeress (makaula), expert in reading omens in the heavens and prophesying therefrom. Na-maka-helu was probably of the high-priesthood order of Maana-lua, a great favorite and advisor in the court of a high chief.
- 2. The name Haili may be interpreted asan alighting place of birds, where they flock to enjoy the lehua flowers. Haili (with shorter a).



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may refer to the significance of an 'opua-cloud (ka halli 'opua). This fact suggests that the present name may well be pronounced with

Haili-kula-manu (long a in Haili and in kula (kua a---)) - Allighting field-of-the-birds - is the name of a forested land of Hilo, in the vicinity of Waiakea Mill Co.'s Camp 9, from which timbers for Haili Church were obtained.

The word papa-ku' means the lowest solid, or bed-rock foundation (ks papa-ku' o ka means, the bottom of the ocean). In the present case it would refer to a permanently established ancestral homestead.

4. Haiauma (not ha'i), means enjoyment by one or more of something very special. (Heaha ke'ia a 'olua e haiauma nei ?" "What are you two eating with special enjoyment?").

That flower refers to the lehua flowers collectively.

5. The beautiful and sweet lehua flowers represent the lovely fondled grandchildren of the grandmother Wahine-kapu.

6. Kuu ino, my sweet-heart. indicates that the kahu, who speaks in the first person, and who seems to be the composer of this chant, was a lover of his mistress. (Pelu-kua is a going backward by mating with one of lower rank.). No offspring is mentioned.

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If the favorite child Na-maka-helu were not referred to in this sense, the word ipo would not be as appropriate as milimili.

8. The word maka, eye(s), may be interpreted as face. (Holoi i ka maka, wash the face. Pa holoi-maka, wash-basin.) The forms of the 'opua-clouds are referred to.

An 'opua cloud grows from small to larger size. A fragment of white 'opua-cloud mattes with other fragments till it is good-sized.

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To the ancient Hawaiians sexual relations were a fine art. Maidens who had not had relations with men, and youths who had not experienced sexual union with women (ka moe ana o ke kane me ka wahine), were carefully taught just how to give the utmost pleasure to the opposite sex, so that partnerships might be happy and life-long.

Definite tactics, each called an 'ai, were special caresses to excite greatest sensation, and bodily movements such as rotation of the pelvis by the female, called 'ami, for the same purpose, were practiced.

Chanting was a special attraction to the opposite sex. The language relating to sex, employed in love-chants (mele hooipoipo) had there a hidden meaning (kaona (cow'-nuh)), though outwardly expressing the glories of Nature. The composition now to be interpreted would have been improved by such treatment.

He Ma'i no Ke-'eli-ko-lani

I haku 'ia e kekahi o na kahu o ke alii wahine

- 1. Waiho kahelahela ka ma'i o Ka Lani,
- 2. I 'ike pono iho ke kane;
- 3. I pau na 'ono a o loko.
- 4. E ku mai ana o He'ei;
- 5. E noho mai ana o Peu e;
- 6. E kaa mai ana iā lalo;
- 8. Ku i ka puupuu, newa 'oe; 60 60 60
- 10. Ka 'eha ia (a) ka ule la;
- 0)
- 13. He ule waliwali 'e 'e, wawali, wali 'e 'e, wali.
- 14. He inoa no Ke-'eli-ko-lani.

Translation

- 1. Wide open to view lies the private of the Royal One, 2. So that the man may view it fully,
- 3. May enjoy all the delightful inner parts.
- 4. (The chiefess' clitoris ('i'o'i'o)) named He'ei Ridden as the Surf (hee 'ia) (?) - stands erect.
- 5. Peu Thrust (the private of the man) is staying by. 6. The lower parts (of the chiefess) rotate. (7, Repeat)
- 8. Struck by the punch, thou srt intoxicated with feeling. (9. Repeat)
- 10. 'Tis the pain caused by the male private, (11,12. Repeat)
- 13. A private now flaccid, flaccid, flaccid, flaccid.
- 14. This is a chant composed in honor of the name of Ke-'eli-ko-lani.

inches M000521 -2-Notes 1. The term ma'i, disease, used of the privates of male and female, probably dates from the introduction of venereal disease. The expressi pae-'opua, line of 'opua-clouds, or ka puu kolu , the third hill (the two breasts are na puu lewa) would have been preferable. The word Kahelahela, lying with the limbs outspread, may in another sense express an unobstructed expanse of the glories of nature, as when one gazes upon a glorious scene of land and sea and sky. The thought of the composer was probably that of appreciation for the great and valued privilage of enjoying sexual union with such a high chiefess. (Ahuwale ka pae-'opua, the line of 'opua-clouds is open to view.) 2. The word hoa, companion, would have been preferable to kane, male, or husband, if the sex of the second party were known, 4. The body of a woman was sometimes called a surf-board (papa heenalu) or cance (waa). The rider or paddler was a man. 5. Peu. to poke, thrust, or butt as the imported goat. 10. The word ule is outspoken and commonly used, 'Ope'a, the male privates, would have been better. 14. The chant might perhaps be more accurately classed as s mele ma'i than a mele inca or name-chant, in response the one in whose honor it was composed would give answer, "E o---:" Princess Ruth Ke-'eli-ko-lani, who lived in an age of free love and free sexual expression was well known for her amours. As a great alii an untabooed saying of hers became cherished: "Liilii wale kamalii, nunui ka 'omo'omo-palaoa ("Just small youngsters; big loaves of bread (flour) (male organs)." Much in the white man's mode of life and thought including the vulgarizing of sex, were abomination to the Hawaiians. A Few Sexual Terms Puupaa, either a virgin or a youth who has not experienced intercourse. Rei (article ke) (perhaps the only example in the language in which three e's are slurred together in pronunciation), sexual intercourse (Ke _e_ei mai nei o mea ma, so and so are having intercourse.) 'Opuu, bud, a maiden. Pua mohala, opened flower, a young woman matured for mating. Moe 'ilio cohabit like a dog, was said of a man who selfishly sought only his own satisfaction in intercourse. Poheo (or heo), the head of the male organ.

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A Chant from S. Desha (Rev. Stephen Desha, Sr., pastor of Haili Church, Hil6)
May 3, 1907

- I. Kapukapu na maka o Puna i ke akua wahine;
- 2. A'ohe 'ike wale iho ia Mali'o i ka huhuki lawe a Uwe'kkahuna;
- 3. Ke 'ena wale ala no, 'ena i ka pua.
- 4. Ua hoohewahewa paha ia Ka-li'u;
- 5. Pa'ia 'e la e ka mu i ka lehua.
- 6. Aia ka heke ilina i Mau-kele a---.
- 7. Ua kele i ka ua Ku-ka-la-'ula
- 8. I ka noho hala 'ole, a'ohe hala.
- 9. Ua hala ka Puu-lona, aia i Hilo;
- IO. Ua 'imi aku' la ia Papa-lau-ahi;
- II. Loaa koke no i Maka-noni.
- I2. E nonoho ana me ka la i Ku-kii e.
- I3. I kiina aku nei oe i na la o Kane e---.
- I4. He'mai, ho'i mai ho'i e---!

The chant refers to two lovers whose love cooled. The woman is attracted to another man. After awhile they meet and the woman takes no notice of her former lover.

(A'ohe ike wale is Mali'o). When the man sees this he composes their song.

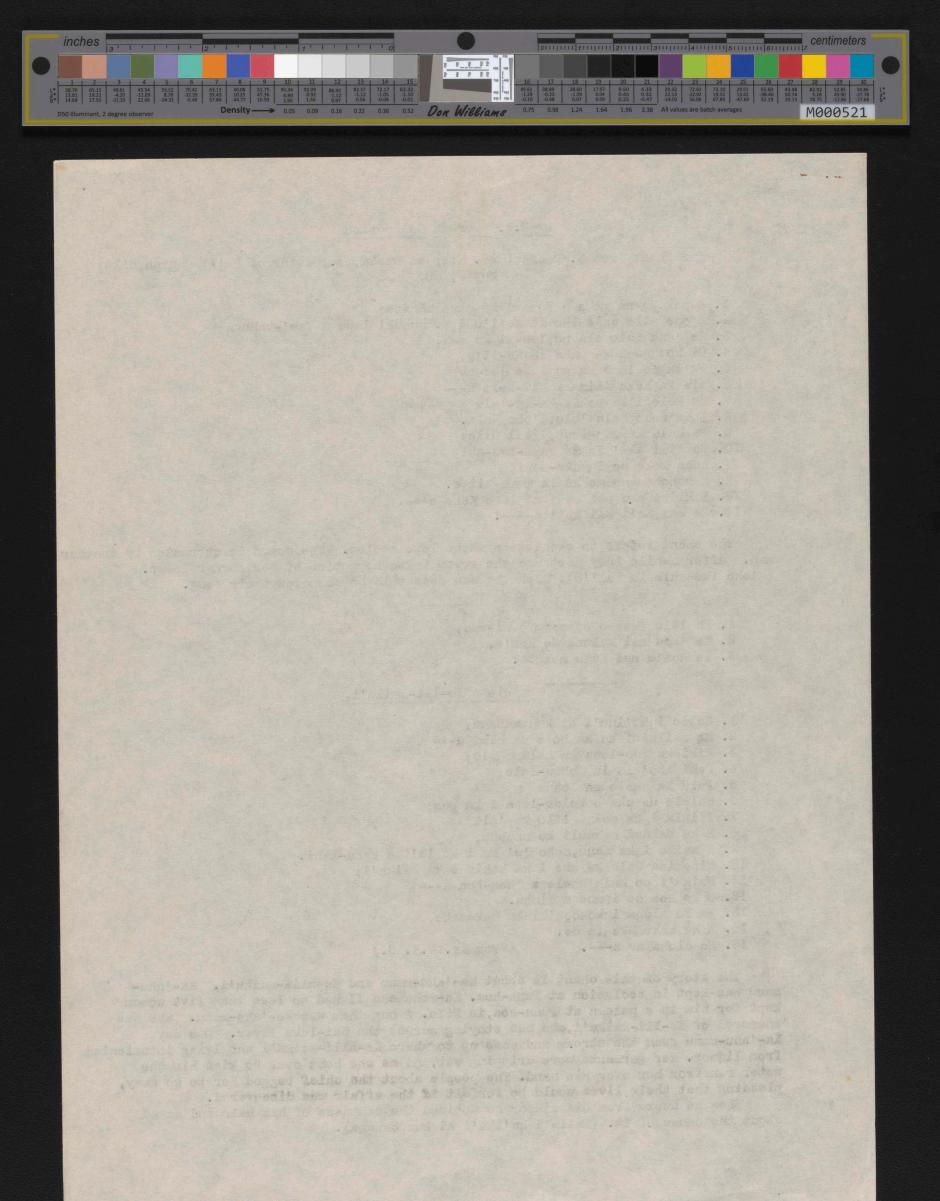
- I. Ka lele 'aau o ka manu o Ki-waa,
- 2. Ka 'aau mai kukona ke koa'e,
- 3. Ke koa'e nui hulu meamea.

Mele a Ke-lii-maika'i

- I. Malie i hu'ihu'i ai kuu manawa,
- 2. He malihini ko ka hale ua hiki a---
- 3. Hiki ka Puu-lena ka halau Hilo:
- 4. Pehi iho' la ia Mokau-lele;
- 5. Pulu ka nae o ka lehua;
- 6. Malelo ua uka o Malae-lena i ka pua;
- 7. Ilikia i ka moani lilo ke 'ala,
- 8. E ka makani e hauli ke onaona,
- 9. A waiho i ka mauu, noho 'u' no i ka la'i o Hana-kahi.
- IO. Minamina wale ke one i ka hehia e ka maika'i:
- II. Maika'i no mai 'Ohele a Puna-hoa a---
- 12. O ke hoa oe i moe a aloha.
- I3. Na ke aloha i kono, hiki ka makemake,
- I4. A he makemake ia oe.
- I5. He aloha au a--- (From Mr. J.K. G.)

The story of this chant is about Ka-'ahu-manu and Ke-alii-maika'i. Ka-'ahu-manu was kept in seclusion at Puna-hoa. Ka-mehameha II had no less than five women kept for him in a palama at Puna-hoa, in Hilo. Among them was Ka-'ahu-manu. She was enamored of Ke-lii-maika'i, who was staying across the Wai-luku River. One day Ka-'ahu-manu swam the stream and came up to where Ke-alii-maika'i was lying intoxicated from liquor. Her garments were dripping wet, and as she bent over to kiss him the water ran from her over his hand. The people about the chief begged her to go away, pleading that their lives would be forfeit if the affair was discovered.

When he awoke from his stupor he noticed the dampness of his hair and asked about the cause of it. (Malie i hu'ihu'i ai kuu manawa).



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The following old mele was composed while Ku-alii, the king of O-'ahu, was still in the womb of his mother Mahulu-a-ka-lani;

Aa kului, kului ai i ka po Newa-lani, Le'a ka hiamoe hikilele ai i ke awakea. Hano 'au'au i ka wai nui o Lele. Kau ana ka 'opua i o'u hoa.

- 5 O ka uluna no ka malama.

 Haa ka lau o ha mai'a i ka la,
 Mai'a hili la o Wai-'ănae.

 Hili pa-kua, pa ka makani;

 Pa Ka Ua Līlī-lehua;
- IO Makani nahua o Wena-pali.

 Ku kii e hii ka 'opua i ka la'i.

 Aloha na hoa lau makani.

 Pae honi 'ala o Lalo-hana.

 E hele ana oe e ike i ka la ko ana i Lehua
- Me kuu ipo hala i ke kai,

 Ka hoa alo i ka pali o Ke-'iu la,

 O ke 'ala o ke ahi maile.

 Nahoa ka lani e aka i ke kai,
- 20 Ka ua ia e Hono-pu,

 Ia a kele,a kele e hina i Mauna-hina.

 Hina aku la i ka lepo

 Ke 'ula la i Ka Ua Ki'o-wao.

 Wai ka nahele o Ka-'u'u,
- 25 O na i'a pee lau pălai. Hilahila moe wai e Luhi, Ka wai pa'u lau koa,

Hauna lau koa a Maka-weli Aala lau koa o Maka-weli.

(Aole paha i pau)

1. "aa about the mother. Woman imperignated?

And seems child forming, moving in womby starts to kink, think child moves, new lani tradii move in mothers womb. 2. When pregnant woman likes to sleep malahi. 3. I know onother goes to the wai lele and takes a tath, 4. On hoa, maybe husband! Opena is a sign, or both patents happy of pua, a sign, could tell child me was bon today knowledge of gone, a sign, could tell child what kind of held 's Takl timps earges and tell child what had of held 's Takl timps earge, happy to know it was a boy, glad they had an their appearent, a know it was a boy, glad they had an their appearent, a know on these a sum bath - olala is known, wonder if mother goes no mails - child in woman and mother eun bathing in treatment of pregnant woman. Bath in sea, amywhere, return, take sonn bath, South whether two is about shadii in womb.

It ad kului, shrub purns? If himmor pipet ka maka (pipet means your dopy);

