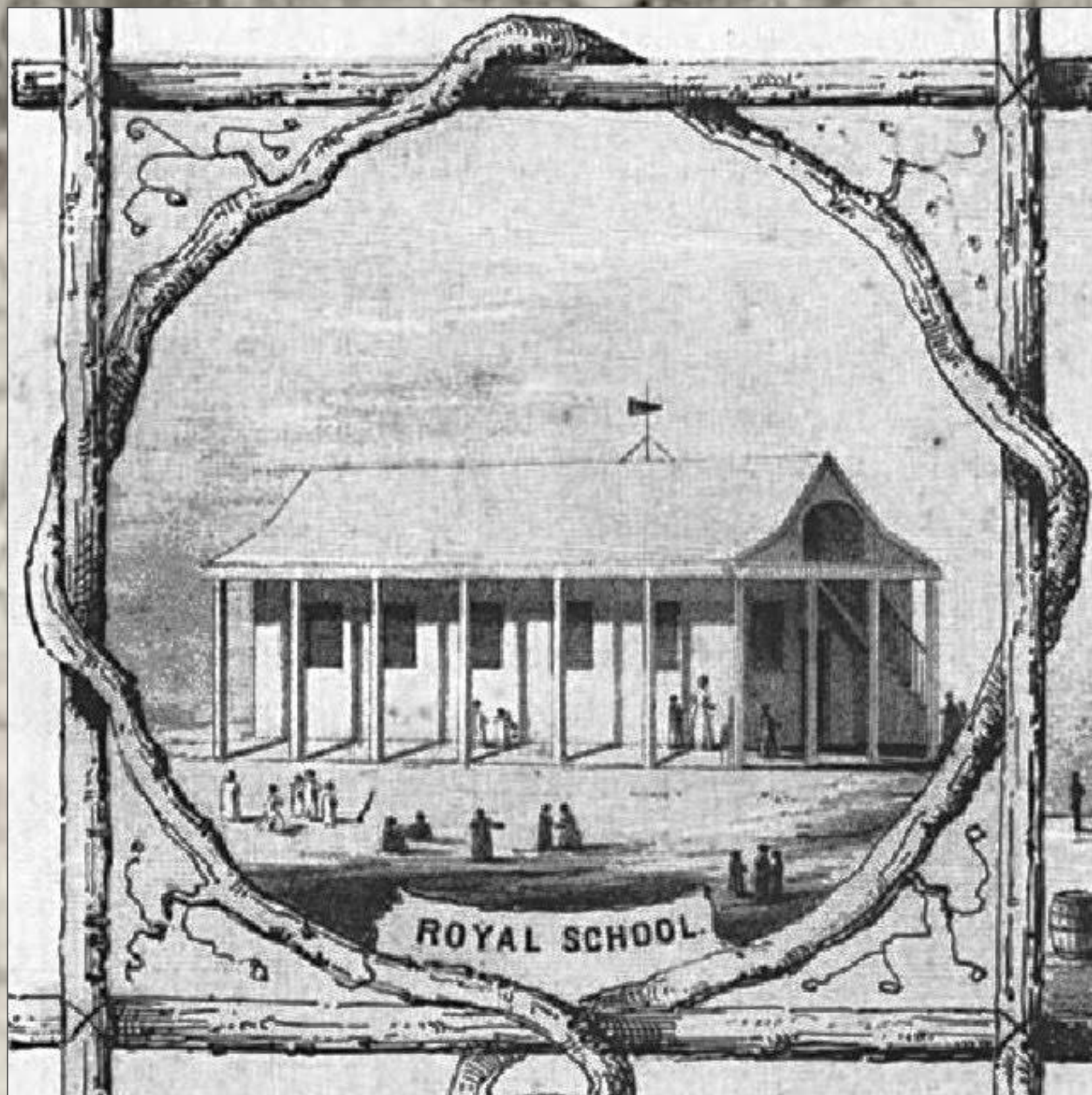


Abraham St. Chad Pi'ianai'a

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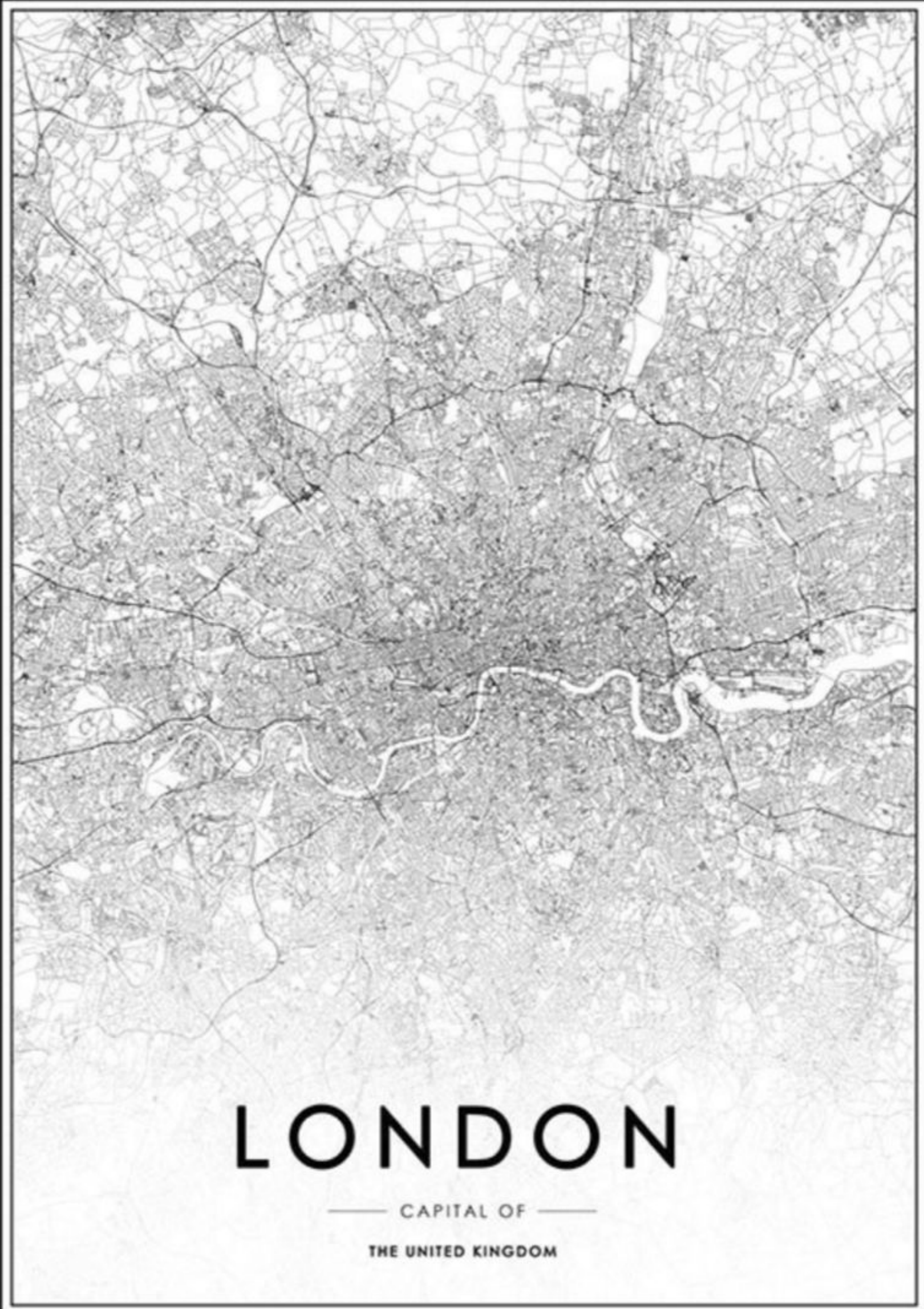
Abraham Pi'ianai'a was born in 1868 on the island of Lāna'i to chiefess Kalilioku and a Chinese father who immigrated to Hawai'i. When Pi'ianai'a's father wished to take Pi'ianai'a back to China, his mother appealed to King David Kalākaua to intercede on the matter. Shortly after, Pi'ianai'a was sent by King Kalākaua to study at the Royal School in Honolulu on O'ahu. Reading, writing, arithmetic, and religion were among the subjects studied at the Royal School. Pi'ianai'a excelled in his academics and showed great promise as a young Hawaiian scholar. Pi'ianai'a's outstanding scholarship is what may have greatly influenced King Kalākaua to select him as one of the first Hawaiian Youths Abroad.



Sketch of the Royal School 1853



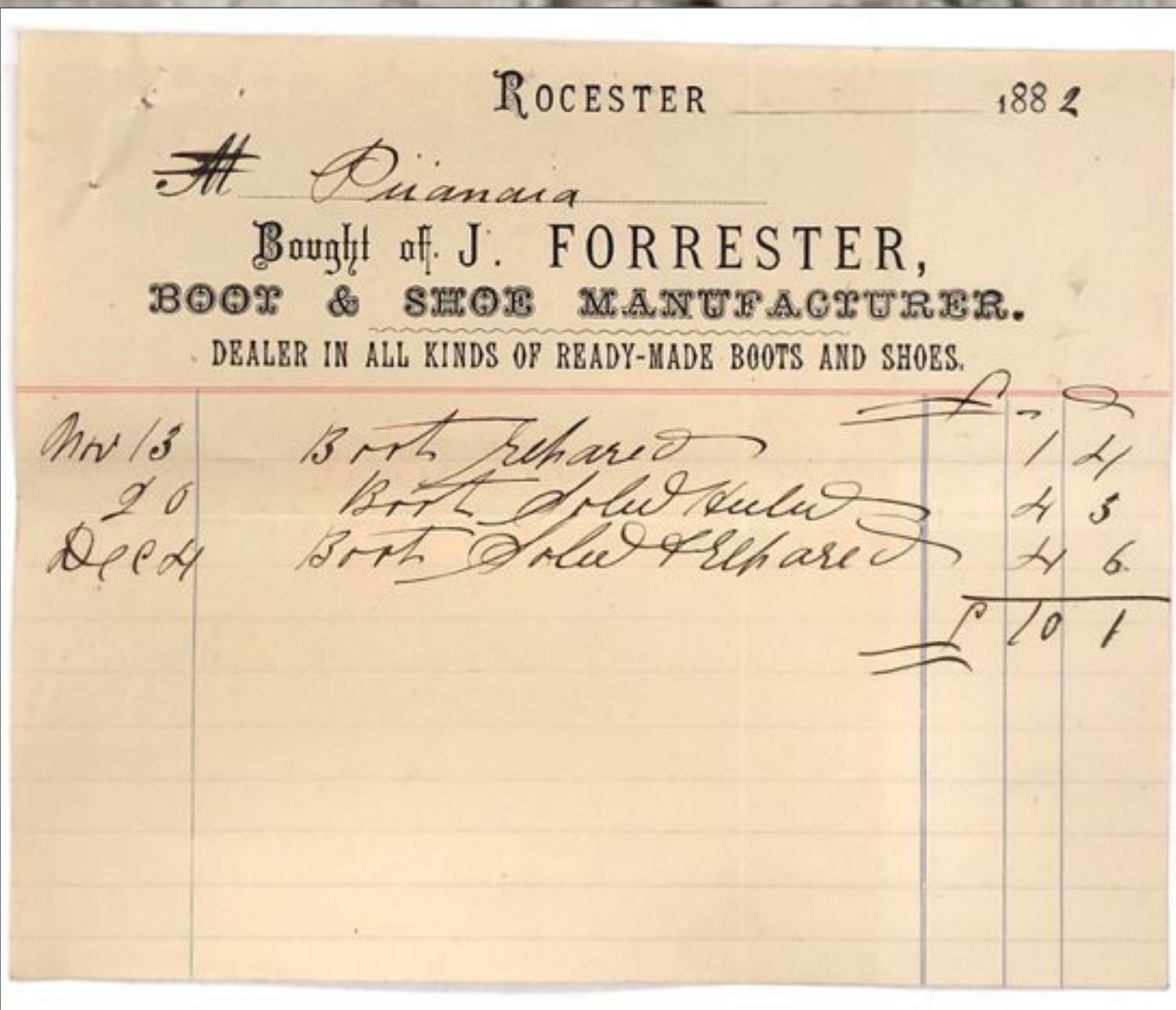
Photograph of Abraham Pi'ianai'a captured in England



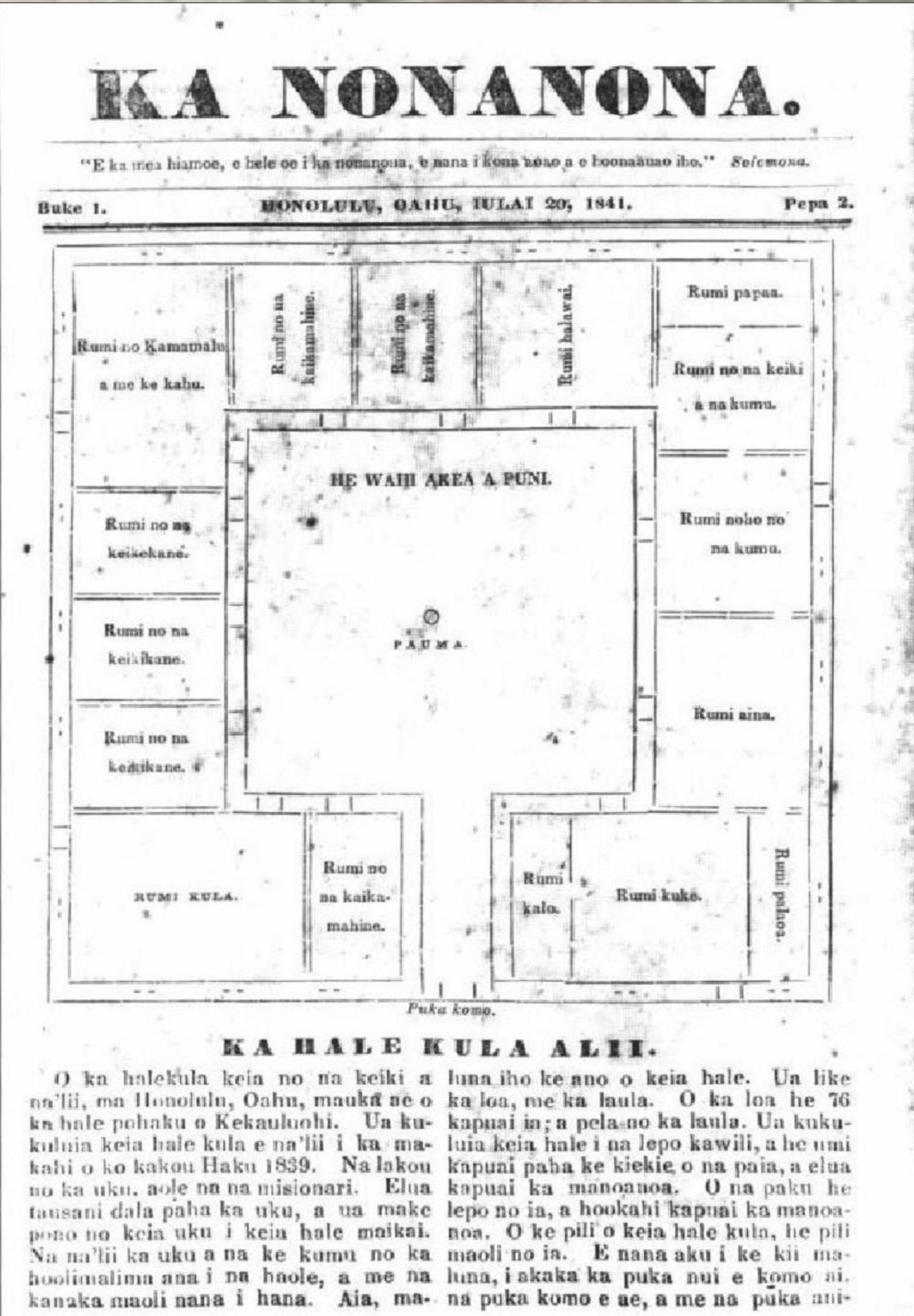
Map of London England

19th Century Hawaiian Youths Abroad

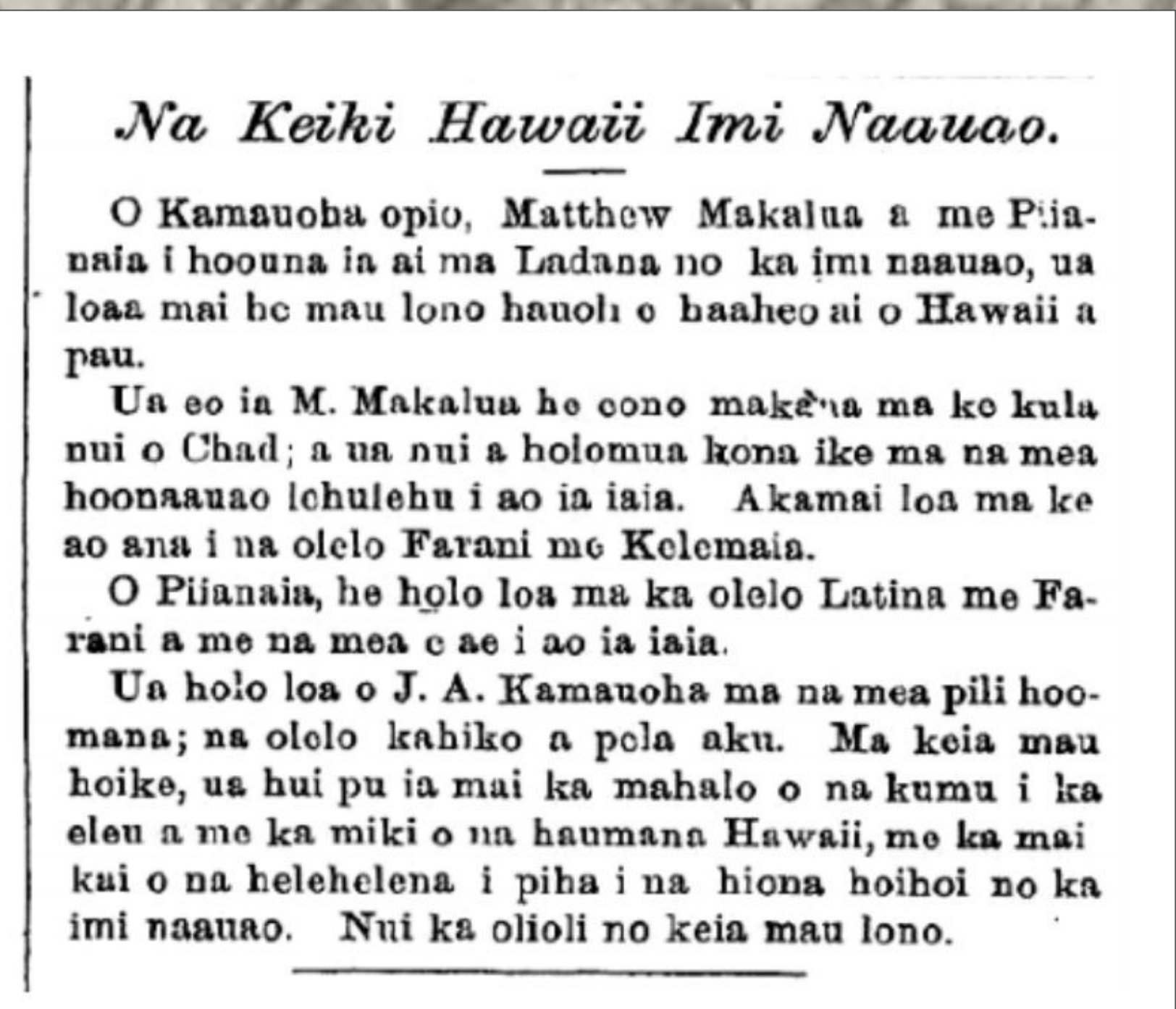
In the summer of 1882, at age 14, Pi'ianai'a under that care of Colonel Charles Judd left the Kingdom of Hawai'i to begin their study abroad in Europe. Upon settling in England, Pi'ianai'a fell under the care of Manly Hopkins who was his majesty King Kalākaua's consul general in England. Pi'ianai'a, Matthew Makalua, and Joseph Kamauoha were among the young men who attended St. Chad's College in Denstone England. Latin, Religion, and Chemistry were among the many subjects Pi'ianai'a studied. Upon completing his studies, Pi'ianai'a added St. Chad to his name sake to honor this institution and has since been known as Abraham St. Chad Pi'ianai'a.



Pi'ianai'a's receipt for boots purchased in England 1882



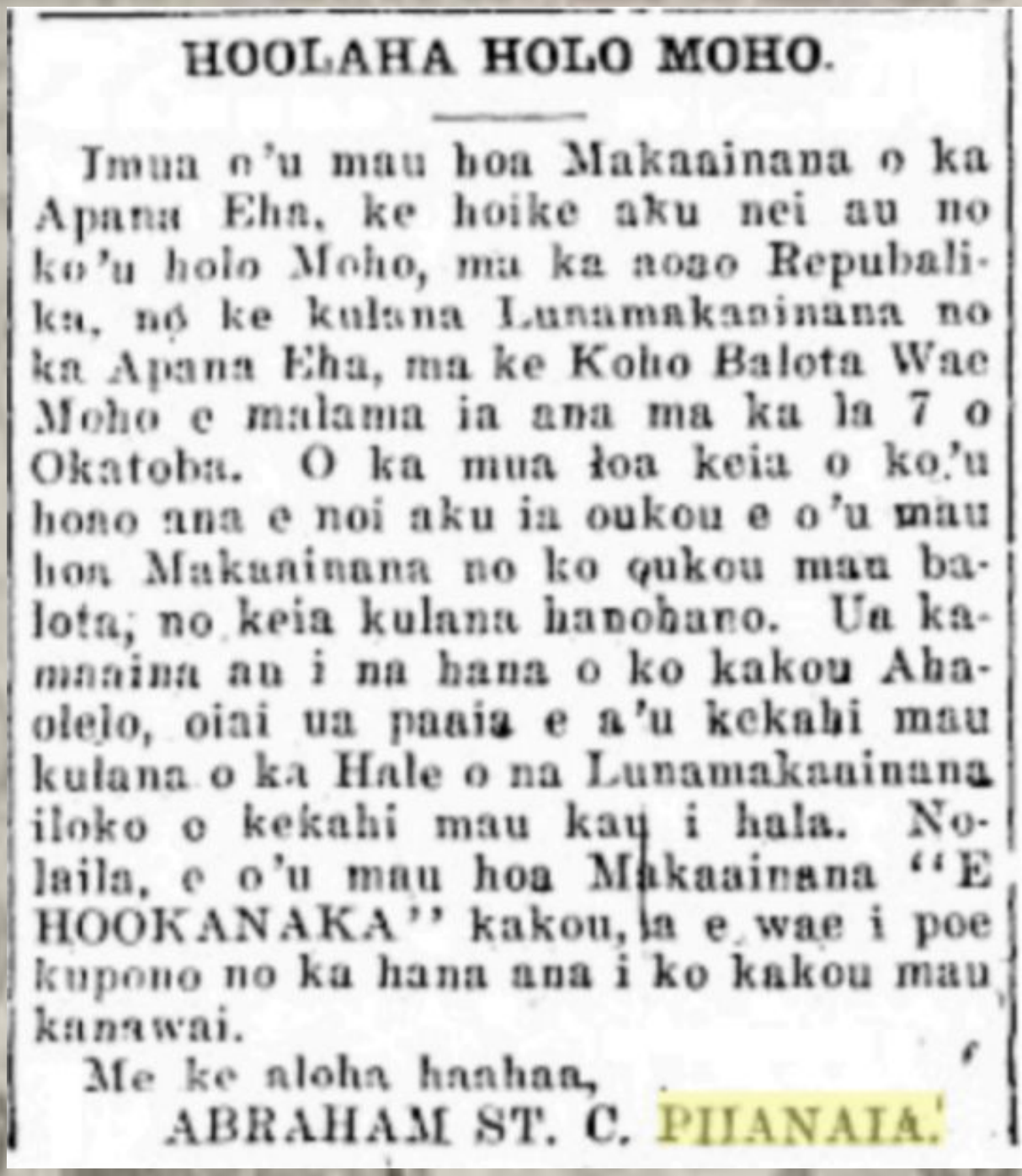
Nupepa article about the Royal School 1841



Nupepa article about the Hawaiian Youths Abroad 1882

Returning to the Kingdom of Hawai'i

In 1886 at age eighteen, Abraham St. Chad Pi'ianai'a returned to the Kingdom of Hawai'i from St. Chad's College in Denstone England. Nearly immediately upon his return, Pi'ianai'a began to serve his lāhui in a multitude of ways. Pi'ianai'a's commitment to education is also heavily evident in the work he did throughout the pae'āina. On O'ahu, Pi'ianai'a helped to establish Waiahole Elementary School. He also became the headmaster of the Government English School in Ulupalakua Maui. In the latter half of his life, he became a Court Interpreter in Honolulu and worked in the navy yard at Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor).



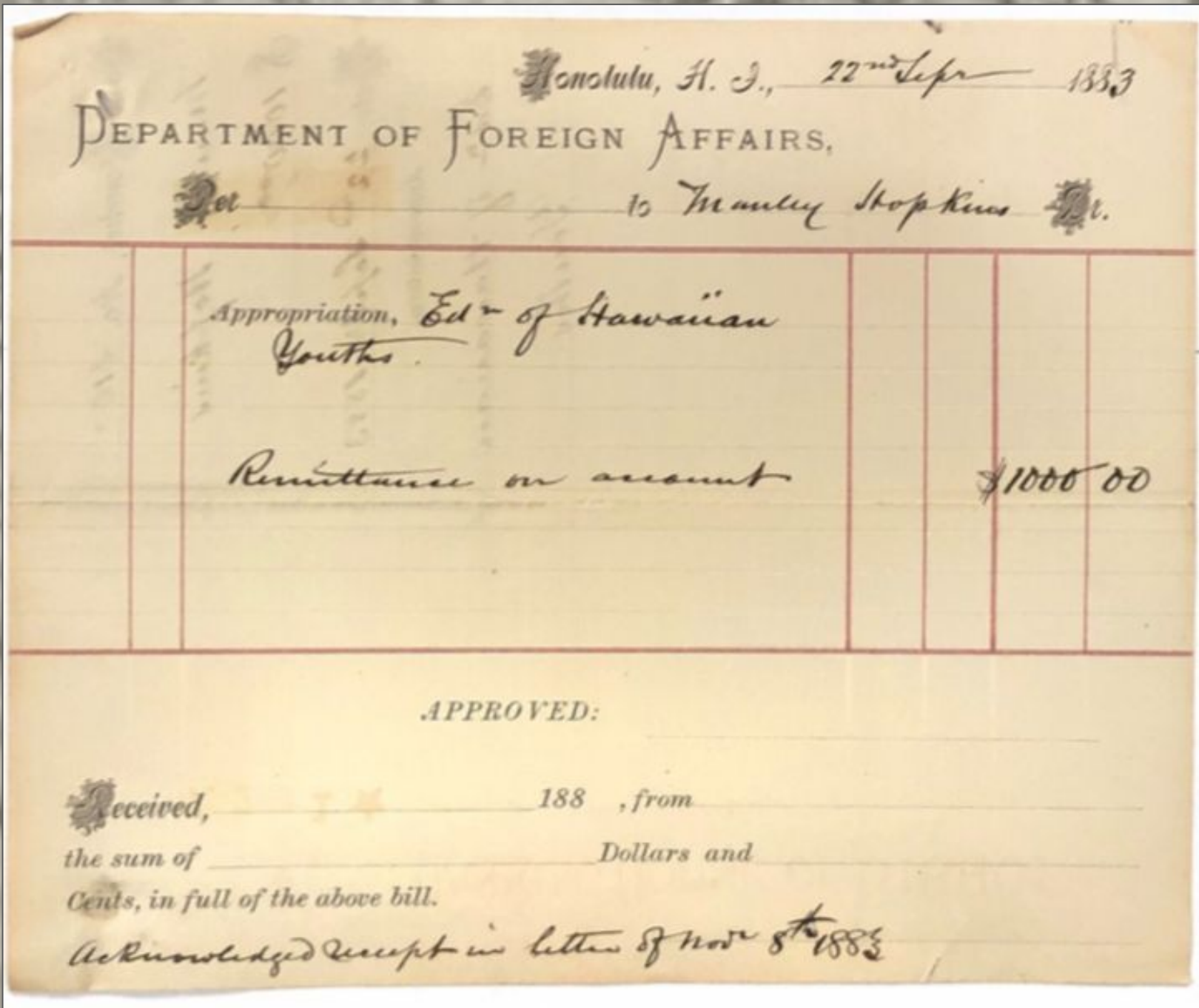
Nupepa article written by Pi'ianai'a



Photograph of Abraham Pi'ianai'a captured in Honolulu



Photograph of Pi'ianai'a and his wife Fanny Kaho'ali'i



Receipt of payment to Manly Hopkins for the continued support of the Hawaiian Youths Abroad

Hawaiian Youths Abroad 2019

In the summer of 2019 fifteen students embarked on a journey to retrace the footsteps of the original Hawaiian Youths Abroad. While there, the students were able to walk along the same streets and explore the same institutions Pi'ianai'a as well as other Hawaiian Youths Abroad were a part of over one hundred years ago.

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