

## The Queen in 1898, after her return from Washington

During her train trip across the United States, then on to Washington, D.C., where she filed her protest against the second treaty of annexation, Queen Lili'uokalani wrote these observations:

"Miles after miles of rich country went by as we gazed from the windows of the moving train, and all this vast extent of territory which we traversed belonged to the United States; . . . Here were thousands of acres of uncultivated, uninhabited, but rich and fertile lands, soil capable of producing anything which grows, plenty of water, floods of it running to waste, everything needed for pleasant towns and quiet homesteads, except population. . . . And yet this great and powerful nation must go across two thousand miles of sea, and take from the poor Hawaiians their little spots in the broad Pacific, must covet our islands of Hawaii Nei, and extinguish the nationality of my poor people, many of whom have now not a foot of land which can be called their own."



An August 2, 1898 reception at Washington Place in honor of Queen Lili'uokalani's return from Washington, D.C. Left to right: Princess Ka'iulani, Queen Lili'uokalani, Prince Kūhiō, Mrs. J. O. Carter, and her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Babbitt.