Right Hon. Lord George Paulet, Duncan Forbes Mackay, esq., and
Lieut. John Frere, R. N.

Given under my hand on board the U. S. Ship Constellation, at
anchor off Honolulu, Oahu, this 11th day of July, 1843.

LAWRENCE KEARNEY,
Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Naval force in the East Indies.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIP DUBLIN,
Off Honolulu, July 26, 1843.

Sir: It being my desire to obtain the honor of a personal interview
with His Majesty King Kamehameha III, for the purpose of confer-
ring with His Majesty on the subject of the provisional cession of his
dominions, I have to request that you will be pleased to intime my
wishes to His Majesty in order that he may appoint the time and place
where such interview may be held.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD THOMAS,
Rear Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of H. B. M.
Ships and Vessels in the Pacific.

To KEKUANAOA,
Governor of Oahu.

[With Mr. Hooper's No. 23.]

DECLARATION.

Of Rear-Admiral Thomas, Commander in Chief of Her Britannic
Majesty's ship and vessels in the Pacific, in relation to the events which
transpired at the Sandwich Islands, and consequent upon the visit of
Her Britannic Majesty's Ship Carysfort in February, 1843.

TO KING KAMEHAMEHA III AND THE PRINCIPAL CHIEFS OF THE
SANDWICH ISLANDS: Immediately that the commander in chief was
made acquainted in Valparaiso in June, 1843, of the provisional cession
of the Hawaiian Islands unto the Right Honorable Lord George Paulet,
as the then and there representative of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria,
he hastened to the spot to make himself fully acquainted with all the
circumstances and, if possible, the motives which led to such an un-
looked for event.

His first duty on arrival was to seek a personal interview with His
Majesty Kamehameha III, and to ascertain whether these difficulties in
which he found himself involved, and the opinion which His Majesty
appeared to entertain of the impossibility of complying with certain
requisitions which had been made, were so utterly insurmountable as
to call upon him to renounce the sovereignty of these islands for the
time being, likewise whether the cession was a free unbiased and un-
solicited act of sovereign power.

The rear-admiral having ascertained that the difficulties to which al-
lusion is made in the deed of cession might be surmounted, having con-
vinced His Majesty that he had not properly understood the principles
of justice and good faith which invariably guide the councils of Her
Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain, in all their deliberations, partic-