tion to the free exercise of his sovereign authority will be received by
the King of the Sandwich Islands as a most powerful and convincing
proof, not only of the responsibility he is under to render immediate
reparation for real wrongs committed upon British subjects or their
property, but also of the importance which attaches to the maintenance
of those friendly and reciprocally advantageous relations which have
for so many years subsisted between the two nations; and he further
hopes that neither His Majesty nor his successors will ever forget that
to the Illustrious circumnavigator Capt. Cook, as the first discoverer,
the inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands owe their admission into the
great family of civilized man, and from the lips of Vancouver (another
Englishman) Kamehameha I heard mention for the first time of the
ture God, which ultimately led to the abrogation of a false worship,
idosatry, and human sacrifices, and by the well-directed energies, the
ceaseless perseverance of the American missionaries to the establish-
ment of a religion pure and undefiled, accompanied by the advantages
of instruction and civilization, the which combined and duly cultivated
bring in their train security of life and property, social order, mental
and moral improvement, internal prosperity, and the respect as well as
good will of other nations more advanced in the knowledge of the true
faith and the science of good government.
Blessings and advantages of this nature the government of Great
Britain is desirous of increasing and promoting among the inhabitants
of the Sandwich Islands by every honorable and praiseworthy means
in its power, and thus to enlist the sympathies of the sovereign and
his ministers on the side of justice, which is the basis of all society
and the surest bond of all commerce.
Given on board Her Britannic Majesty's ship Dublin, at Honolulu,
 island of Oahu, this thirty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.  

RICHARD THOMAS.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, 15th March, 1843.

SIR: The accompanying message of the President to Congress of the
30th of December last, transmitting a correspondence between
this Department and certain agents of the Sandwich Islands then in
this city, will acquaint you with the view which he entertains of the
relations between the United States and those islands, and with the
objects and motives of this Government for cultivating and strengthen-
ing those relations. Congress having complied with his suggestions
by providing for a Commissioner to reside at the islands, you have been
chosen for that purpose. A commission appointing you to the office
will be found among the papers which you will receive herewith, and
a letter from this Department addressed to that minister of the King
of the islands who may be charged with their foreign relations, accred-
iting you in your official character. The title selected for your mission
has reference in part to its purposes. It is not deemed expedient at
this juncture fully to recognize the independence of the islands or the
right of their Government to that equality of treatment and consider-
ation which is due and usually allowed to those Governments to which
we send and from which we receive diplomatic agents of the ordinary
ranks. By this, however, it is not meant to intimate that the islands,