so far as regards all other powers, are not entirely independent; on
the contrary, this is a fact respecting which no doubt is felt, and the
hope that through the agency of the Commissioner that independence
might be preserved, has probably, in a great degree, led to the com-
pliance by Congress with the recommendation of the President.

It is obvious, from circumstances connected with their position, that
the interests of the United States require that no other power should
possess or colonize the Sandwich Islands, or exercise over their Gov-
ernment an influence which would lead to partial or exclusive favors in
matters of navigation or trade. One of your principal duties therefore,
will be to watch the movements of such agents of other Governments
as may visit the islands. You will endeavor to obtain the earliest in-
telligence respecting the objects of those visits, and if you should think
that, if accomplished, they would be detrimental to the interests of the
United States, you will make such representations to the authorities of
the islands as in your judgment would be most likely to further them.
You will also endeavor to impress upon those authorities the
necessity of abstaining from giving just cause of complaint to the Gov-
ernments of those powers whose policy is to increase their possessions
and multiply their colonies abroad. This duty can best be performed
by the prompt and impartial administration of justice according to the
laws and customs of the islands, in such cases of difference as may
occur between their officers and citizens and the officers, citizens, or
subjects of other Governments.

You will give the Government of the Sandwich Islands distinctly
to understand that the Government of the United States in all its pro-
ceedings, and in setting on foot your mission, has not in any degree
been actuated by a desire or intention to secure to itself exclusive
privileges in matters of navigation or trade, or to prevent any or all
other commercial nations from an equal participation with ourselves in
the benefits of an intercourse with those islands. We seek no control
over their Government, nor any undue influence whatever. Our only
wish is that the integrity and independence of the Hawaiian territory
may be scrupulously maintained and that its Government should be
entirely impartial towards foreigners of every nation. In making reso-
lute and stern resistance, therefore, to any claim of favor or exclusive
privilege by other powers, you will at all times frankly disavow any
desire that favors or exclusive privileges should be granted to the
United States, their ships, commerce, or citizens.

You will transmit to the Department full and exact information
respecting the trade of the United States and of other nations with the
islands. Any suggestions which may occur to you having in view any
improvement of the commerce of the United States with the islands
will be acceptable. Your attention is particularly requested to the
nature of the fiscal regulations in force there, to their effects upon for-
10eign commerce generally, and to the policy of the Government in regard
to this subject. If those regulations should be frequently changed, or
if there should be cause to apprehend the imposition of discriminating
duties upon our navigation and trade, the expediency of negotiating a

A treaty with that Government which would determine for a series of years
the reciprocal rights and duties of the parties in regard to those sub-
jects will be taken into consideration.

After you shall have resided long enough at the Sandwich Islands
to have made yourself familiar with the state of public affairs there, and
shall have communicated to the Department the results of your obser-
vations, you may make a visit to the Society Islands for the purpose of