inform you of my arrival here, and of my being on my way to present
my credentials to the premier who was residing at Lahaina, Mani.
I arrived here from Tahiti in the brig Catharine on the 16th ultimo,
after a passage of 28 days, and found, much to my gratification, that
the English admiral, Thomas, had restored the flag to the King, and
placed the islands again under its native government: It will be unneces-
sary for me to give you a history of the doings of Lord George Paulet
previous to the arrival of the admiral, or of the proceedings of the
latter, as I am informed by Mr. Hooper, our acting commercial agent
here, that he has written you fully on the subject, giving you every
information requisite. I will therefore only say that, from what I have
so far learned, both the Government here and the American residents
are perfectly satisfied with what the admiral has done. There are
some questions and cases arising out of the usurpation of Lord George
which are not yet settled, but will have to wait for the arrival of the
British commissioner or for the action of the British Government, but
there appears no doubt that everything will be amicably and properly
arranged.

Learning on my arrival that the King was absent from his usual resi-
dence at Lahaina, on a visit to the island of Hawaii, and that he would
not return until the 27th, I remained here until the 26th, when I took
passage on board the Cyane, which ship had been placed at my disposal
by Commodore Dallas, for Lahaina. I arrived there on the 30th at 8
a. m., accompanied by Dr. Judd, the Government interpreter, and
wrote a note to the premier, informing her (him?) of my arrival, and re-
questing to know at what time it would be convenient for her to re-
ceive me. I received an answer that she would be ready at half past
twelve.

On leaving the ship I was saluted with thirteen guns, and on land-
ing was received by a number of the high chiefs and conducted to the
house of Kekaumohi, the premier, whom, on introduction by Mr. Judd,
I addressed as follows:

I have the honor to present to your excellency my credentials as commissioner
from the Government of the United States to the King of Hawaii, and I beg to assure
your excellency that it will afford me much pleasure in carrying out the instructions
of my Government to cultivate the friendship of the Hawaiian Government and to
deserve it by all the good offices in my power.

After the credentials were read the premier replied in the following
terms as interpreted to me:

I am happy to see you here as the representative of a nation to whom we owe so
much and whose friendship and good will we so highly value and that we shall
always endeavor to retain. Your credentials are highly satisfactory.

I was then asked whether I wished to be introduced to the King,
and on replying in the affirmative, the premier handed me a letter of
introduction, observing that on account of lameness she could not ac-
company me. I was attended, as heretofore, by a number of the high
officers of Government, and on arriving at the house of the King found
him waiting for me dressed in regimentals and attended by the gov-
ernor of Mani and his aides. On entering he came forward and took
me by the hand, requesting me to be seated. I handed him the pre-
mitter’s letter, which he read. I then rose and addressed him as follows,
which was translated by Mr. Judd:

STR: Having been appointed by the President of the United States of America a
commissioner to reside in the dominions of Your Majesty, I have taken the earliest
opportunity to pay you my respects. While my Government expects no exclusive
privileges, and has no desire or intention to prevent any or all other commercial na-