such assurances from the representatives of the leading powers of the
world and from our own ministers abroad as leads to the conviction
that the incorporation of the Hawaiian Islands into our Union will be
regarded by these powers with satisfaction or ready acquiescence.
Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. FOSTER.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 15, 1893.

1. The United States of America and the Provisional Government
of the Hawaiian Islands, in view of the natural dependence of
those Islands upon the United States, of their geographical prox-
imity thereto, of the intimate part taken by citizens of the United
States in there implanting the seeds of Christian civilization, of the
long continuance of their exclusive reciprocal commercial relations
whereby their mutual interests have been developed, and the pre-
ponderant and paramount share thus acquired by the United
States and their citizens in the productions, industries and trade
of the said Islands, and especially in view of the desire expressed
by the said Government of the Hawaiian Islands that those Islands
shall be incorporated into the United States as an integral part
thereof and under their sovereignty, in order to provide for and
assure the security and prosperity of the said Islands, the High
Contracting Parties have determined to accomplish by treaty an
object so important to their mutual and permanent welfare.

To this end, the High Contracting Parties have conferred full
power and authority upon their respectively appointed Plenipoten-
tiaries, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, John W. Foster,
Secretary of State of the United States; and

The President of the Executive and Advisory Councils of the
Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, Lorrin A. Thurst-
ton, William R. Castle, William C. Wilder, Charles L. Carter, and
Joseph Marsden;

And the said Plenipotentiaries, after having communicated to
each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form,
have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

2. The Government of the Hawaiian Islands hereby cedes, from the
date of the exchange of the ratifications of this Treaty, absolutely