Mr. Blaine to Mr. Merrill.

No. 128.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 31, 1889.

SIR: Adverting to my No. 127 of the 27th instant, I have now to apprise you of the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Navy of that date saying that the Adams, now fitting for service at the Mare Island navy-yard, was ordered some days since to proceed to Honolulu as soon as ready for sea.

I am, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Mr. Blaine to Mr. Merrill.

No. 131.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 20, 1889.

SIR: Your dispatches numbered 239 to 242, inclusive, have been received.

I am, sir, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Mr. Blaine to Mr. Merrill.

No. 132.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 27, 1889.

Transmits Mr. Merrill's letter of recall as minister.

Mr. Merrill to Mr. Blaine.

No. 240.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Honolulu, July 9, 1889.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the anniversary of the Independence of the United States was celebrated here with much enthusiasm, and the 4th instant was observed as a general holiday by both native and foreign residents.

The Government offices and the business houses in the city were generally closed.

A reception was held at the legation and was largely attended by all nationalities.

I inclose clippings from each of the daily papers, Advertiser and Bulletin, giving accounts of the proceedings of the day.

I have, etc.,

ED. W. MERRILL.

[Inclosure 1 in No. 240—Daily Advertiser.]

Fourth of July—How the glorious day was celebrated—Salutes, music, regatta, literary exercises, field sports, rifle practice, ball, etc.

The greater part of the evening and night of the 3d of July resounded in firing of pistols and guns and the letting off of fireworks of different kinds, and the morning of the Fourth was heralded by similar demonstrations, and a salute of thirteen guns