The following is a copy of the autograph letter from the President of the United States to His Majesty presented by his excellency John L. Stevens:

Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, to His Majesty Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands.

GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND:

I have made choice of John L. Stevens, one of our distinguished citizens to reside near the Government of Your Majesty in the quality of minister resident of the United States of America. He is well informed of the relative interests of the two countries and of our sincere desire to cultivate to the fullest extent the friendship which has so long subsisted between us. My knowledge of his high character and ability gives me entire confidence that he will constantly endeavor to advance the interest and prosperity of both Governments and so render himself acceptable to Your Majesty.

I therefore request Your Majesty to receive him favorably and to give full credence to what he shall say on the part of the United States, and to the assurances which I have charged him to convey to you of the best wishes of this Government for the prosperity of the Hawaiian Islands.

May God have Your Majesty in His wise keeping.

Written at Washington, the 26th day of June, in the year 1889.

Your good friend,

By the President:

JAMES G. BLAINE,
Secretary of State.

His Majesty replied to Mr. Stevens, as follows:

"Mr. Minister: It is with pleasure that I receive from you the assurance of the continuance of the friendly regard of the President and the people of the American nation for the Sovereign and people of Hawaii.

"And I am well pleased to welcome to a residence in my kingdom a gentleman who is the choice of my great and good friend, President Harrison, as the representative of the American Government and people.

"The officers of my Government will be instructed to tender to you every attention and courtesy during your official residence in my dominions."

His Majesty was attended on this occasion by the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, H. R. H. Prince Kawaihao, His Excellency Hon. Jona. Austin, minister of foreign affairs; James W. Robertson, esq., His Majesty’s vice and acting chamberlain; Col. the Hon. Robert Hoapili Baker, A. D. C.; Maj. John Dominis Holt, A. D. C., and Capt. the Hon. E. K. Lilikalani, equerry in waiting.

Mr. Stevens to Mr. Blaine.

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UNITED STATES LEGATION,
Honolulu, October 7, 1889.

SIR: There is at the present time a lively interest among the Hawaiian citizens in regard to proposed changes in the treaty relations between the United States and these islands. By some means, as to which I have not accurate information, a draft of a new treaty found its way into the newspapers here hostile to the present ministry. This has caused an earnest discussion of the subject involved in the public journals and in private and commercial circles. This has led the cabinet to deem it expedient to publish a correction of false impressions and to express its real opinion as to the necessity and terms of a new treaty. I inclose a copy of the statement of the minister of foreign affairs, which has been published in the papers here.

The facts, so far as they have come to my observation, lead me to conclusion that the chief opposition to the proposed new treaty arises from partisan opposition to the present ministry and from the representa-