on the United States flagship Charleston, for the attentive entertain-
ment of His late Majesty on his way to this country, and the solicitude
and care with which his remains were returned to Honolulu on board
that ship.

This Government is gratified to be apprised of the accession of Her
Majesty Queen Liliuokalani, surrounded and sustained as she is by
the good will and sympathy of her people; and I hasten to express on
its behalf, not congratulations and good wishes alone, but the confi-
dent expectation that the high duties devolved upon her by the act of
Providence will be wisely and beneficently discharged.

By his visits to this country, where he was always assured of a sin-
cere and cordial welcome, the person of the late King had become
familiar to many of the people, and his approachableness, the sim-
plicity and amiability of his manner and the kindliness of his disposi-
tion had rendered him the object of their friendly regard and aroused
the desire on their part to testify their sentiments by such hospitalities
as they might offer with propriety. It is therefore not necessary to
emphasize the fact that his death among them became the cause of
something more than a merely formal expression of sorrow, or that he
will be long and pleasantly borne in remembrance.

The many years of friendship between his late Majesty and the Gov-
ernment of the United States, and the neighborhood and common
interests of the Hawaiian and American peoples made it peculiarly
fitting that the last honors should be paid to him, and his body be
returned to his people, by officers and men of the American Navy, and
on board an American ship of war.

Your address to the committee of Hawaiian citizens, at whose
hands you received the copy of resolutions transmitted by you, is
approved.

I am, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Mr. Blaine to Mr. Stevens.

No. 16.]  

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
  Washington, March 2, 1891.

SIR: I have received your Nos. 21–30, and 21 bis of the old series,
and Nos. 1–16 and No. 18 of the new series.

I am, sir, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Mr. Blaine to Mr. Stevens.

No. 19.]  

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
  Washington, March 10, 1891.

SIR: I have received with great appreciation the copy of the reso-
lutions of February 4, 1891, of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce
which accompany your No. 19 of 16th ultimo, relating to the late visit
of His Majesty King Kalakaua to this country, and to his lamented
death; as also to the attention paid him while here and the solemn
conveyance of his remains by one of our war-ships, from California to
Honolulu.

I am, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.