Mr. Wharton to Mr. Stevens.

No. 75.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 23, 1893.

SIR: I append a copy of your telegram* of 8th instant on Hawaiian affairs.

I am, sir, etc.,

WILLIAM F. WHARTON.

Mr. Wharton to Mr. Stevens.

No. 76.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 24, 1893.

SIR: I append a copy of a telegram† sent you on 22d instant.

I am, etc.,

WILLIAM F. WHARTON,
Acting Secretary.

Mr. Stevens to Mr. Foster.

No. 86.

UNITED STATES LEGATION,
Honolulu, February 27, 1893.

SIR: The political status of affairs here remains much the same as at the date of my last previous dispatch, with improving indications as to these islands becoming a part of the territory of the United States, to the great satisfaction of nearly all of the responsible citizens, whites as well as native Hawaiians.

The raising of the United States flag over the Government building continues to have a pacifying influence. The qualified United States protectorate, which has been temporarily assumed at the request of the Provisional Government, is being exercised with caution and reservation, in no way interfering with Hawaiian sovereignty nor with the administration of Hawaiian public affairs by the duly constituted authorities. My understanding of the spirit and terms of our temporary protectorate is in entire accord with the spirit and terms of the Secretary of State's dispatch to me of February 14, and implied in my dispatch No. 84, of February 1st, and the papers accompanying the same.

There are now on shore about one hundred and twenty marines and sailors of the U. S. S. Boston, with their officers, and their conduct so far has been highly creditable to the American Navy.

All present indications are to the import that if annexation becomes a fact the white population will be nearly unanimous in its favor; that most of the native Hawaiians will readily acquiesce, and that the permanent good order and prosperity of the islands will be secured. The most recent advices from all the principal islands indicate quiet, good order, and general acquiescence in the rule of the Provisional Government.

I am, etc.,

JOHN L. STEVENS.

* See under date of February 8, 1893.
† See under date of February 22, 1893.