

Mr. Stevens to Mr. Gresham.

No. 96.]

UNITED STATES LEGATION,
Honolulu, May 18, 1893.

SIR: Agreeably to your instructions I have turned over the archives and other property of the legation to Hon. James G. Blount, my successor as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States. Herewith is inclosed his receipt for the same. A duplicate copy I leave at the legation. I leave here with my family and the remains of my deceased daughter May 24. Had it been possible to have secured proper steamer accommodations we would have left Honolulu ten days earlier, though that would have been several days prior to your dispatch directing me to place the legation in charge of Mr. Blount.

I am, sir, etc.,

JOHN L. STEVENS.

Mr. Blount to Mr. Gresham.

No. 1.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, May 24, 1893.

SIR: I received by the *Australia* arriving here on the 17th instant two telegrams from you, dated on the 9th instant, forwarded through W. A. Cooper, United States Dispatch agent at San Francisco.

I regret very much that it was found necessary to appoint me as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Hawaiian Islands.

On the afternoon of the former date I took the oath of office—which I inclose herewith—and have taken charge of the records and property of the legation.

I have done so because I supposed from the circumstance that I was appointed against a declaration on my part to you in Washington that I could not accept it, that some important reason, not contained in the telegram, made it desirable to the President and yourself that Mr. Stevens' connection with the legation should be promptly severed.

I inclose herewith my resignation of the office, with the request that it be accepted, and my successor appointed as soon as practicable.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES H. BLOUNT.

[Inclosure 2 in No. 1.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, May 24, 1893.

SIR: I herewith tender my resignation of the office of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Hawaiian Islands, to take effect on your acceptance thereof.

With profound admiration for you officially and personally,

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES H. BLOUNT,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

His Excellency GROVER CLEVELAND,
President of the United States of America.