the United States, without giving them better commercial advantages than such as can be more safely and easily obtained by intimate treaty relations with an independent government here. On our side, the gain from annexation to such a distant country is also difficult to prove, while the fiscal policy of the United States may at times place our sugar, rice, coffee, and other tropical products at a disadvantage by binding us to rival interests and preventing our seeking freely the most advantageous outlets.

For all the above reasons and others too long to enumerate, we protest against the present movement in favor of doing away with the independence of our country; we protest against the effort made to force annexation to the United States without consulting the people, and we especially protest against the interference of the United States minister, Stevens, in Hawaiian politics and his violation of our sovereign rights by the unjustifiable landing of the United States troops and the biased recognition of the insurgents.

We particularly resent the presumption of being transferred like a flock of sheep or bartered like a horde of untutored savages by an unprincipled minority of aliens who have no right, no legal power, no influence over us, not even a claim of conquest by fair-handed warfare, and we cannot believe that our friends of the great and just American nation could tolerate annexation by force against the wishes of the majority of the population, for such an annexation would be an eternal dishonor, an indelible stain on the pure escutcheon of the leading nation of the world.

It is therefore with the utmost confidence in the wisdom, honor, and impartiality of the United States Government that we respectfully but earnestly pray for our independent autonomy and the restoration of the Hawaiian Monarchy; and our gratitude will ever bind us more indissolubly to the great Union by a stronger tie than any enforced annexation could ever realize.

God save Hawaii Nei.

God bless the great Republic and its magnanimous and just leader, President Cleveland.

J. A. CUMMINS,
JOSEPH NAWAHI,
JNO. E. BUSH,
For the Hawaiian Patriotic League.

KA HUI HAWAII ALOHA AINA.
[Hawaiian Patriotic League.]

KE KUMUKANAWAI.

Oiai na ike ia ae nei ka loli ano nui ana o ko kakou aina, he mea ho'i e manaoa al, e hooplilika ia ana kona Kukoa amea na Pono Kivila o kona man Makaainana, a me na Kupa, a no ia mea, ho mea pono e kukuluia ona Hui manao lokahi a makaala mawaena o na kanaka a paia e aloha ania i ka Aina, me ka nana ole i ka Aooao Kalalaina a Manao Hoomanu paia. Nolaila:

E hooholoia. O makou o na makaainana kupua a me na Kupa Aloha Aina, a makee maluhia ho'i o Hawaii nei, no ke F R. 94—APP II—59

CONSTITUTION.

Whereas vital changes in our country have taken place, which may affect its independence and the civil rights of its subjects and citizens, thereby rendering indispensable a compact and zealous union between all men who love the country, irrespective of party or creed;

Therefore, resolved, That we, the patriotic, peaceful, and loyal subjects and citizens of Hawaii nei, for the purpose