Mr. Cleghorn to Mr. Stevens.

Office of the Governor of Oahu.
Honolulu, January 16, 1893.

Sir: It is my duty to solemnly protest to your excellency against the landing this evening without permission from the proper authorities of an armed force from the United States ship Boston.

Your excellency well knows that when you have desired to land naval forces of the United States for the purpose of drill, permission by the local authorities has been readily accorded.

On the present occasion, however, the circumstances are entirely different, and ostensibly the present landing is for the discharge of functions which are distinctly responsible duties of the Hawaiian Government.

Such being the case, I am compelled to impress upon your excellency the international questions involved in this matter and the grave responsibilities thereby assumed.

While solemnly protesting to your excellency against the unwarrantable proceedings to which I have referred,

I have the honor to remain, sir, your excellency's obedient and humble servant,

A. S. Cleghorn,
Governor of Oahu.

His Excellency John L. Stevens,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America.

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Mr. Stevens to Mr. Parker.

United States Legation,
Honolulu, January 17, 1893.

Sir: Yours of yesterday in regard to the landing of the United States naval forces in Honolulu duly received and its import considered. In whatever the United States diplomatic and naval representatives have done or may do at this critical hour of Hawaiian affairs, we will be guided by the kindest views and feelings for all the parties concerned and by the warmest sentiments for the Hawaiian people and the persons of all nationalities.

Most sincerely, yours,

John L. Stevens.

Hon. Samuel Parker,
Minister of Foreign Affairs.