

*Mr. Wharton to Mr. Merrill.*

No. 138.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Washington, August 23, 1889.*

SIR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 255 of the 1st instant, relative to the attempt of July 30 last to overthrow the Hawaiian Government.

The steps taken by the legation to protect the lives and property of our citizens at Honolulu in that emergency seem to have proved effectual. A copy of your dispatch will be sent to the Navy Department.

I am, etc.,

WILLIAM F. WHARTON,  
*Acting Secretary.*

*Mr. Blaine to Mr. Stevens.*

No. 8.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Washington, November 6, 1889.*

SIR: I transmit for your confidential information a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Navy and its inclosure, relating to the political situation in Hawaii; also a copy of the reply of this Department.

I am, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

[Inclosure 1 in No. 8.]

*Mr. Tracy to Mr. Blaine.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

*Washington, November 1, 1889.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith for the information of the Department of State a copy of a report dated the 18th ultimo from Rear-Admiral L. A. Kimberly, commanding the United States naval force on the Pacific station, with reference to the political situation in the Hawaiian Islands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. F. TRACY.

[Inclosure to inclosure 1 in No. 8.]

*Rear-Admiral Kimberly to Mr. Tracy.*

U. S. FLAGSHIP ALERT (3D RATE),

*Honolulu, October 18, 1889.*

SIR: I have to report that, politically speaking, quietness prevails at present. There is an agitation quietly working as to the race question, which no doubt will become a prominent factor in the elections that come off in February.

The natives seem to have an uneasy feeling as to their rights being usurped by the whites, and their gradual loss of prestige and power in the Government as laid down in the principles of the present constitution, which to their ideas circumscribes too much the Kingly power.

It would promote a feeling of security to our own people and, I think, other foreigners, if at the February elections we had a force here competent to preserve order should necessity arise.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. A. KIMBERLY.