Mr. Blaine to Mr. Tracy.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, November 6, 1889.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and of the copy of Rear-Admiral Kimberly’s report of the 18th ultimo, which you inclose, on the political situation in Hawaii.

In view of his opinion that the security of our citizens there would be promoted “if, at the February elections,” the United States had a force in those waters competent to preserve order should the necessity arise, I trust that your Department may find it convenient to make such disposition in that quarter as will subserve the desired object.

I have, etc.,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Mr. Adee to Mr. Stevens.

[Confidential.]

No. 11.]  DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, November 16, 1889.

Sir: I herewith inclose for your confidential information a copy of the instructions addressed by the Secretary of the Navy (and received with his letter of the 13th instant) to the commanding officer of the United States naval force of the Pacific station, relative to the retention of a sufficient number of vessels of his fleet in Hawaiian waters during the approaching February elections for the prompt protection of American interests should occasion arise.

I am, etc.,

ALVEY A. ADEE,
Acting Secretary.

[Inclosure in No. 11.]

Mr. Tracy to Mr. Blaine.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, November 13, 1889.

Sir: Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, concurred in the opinion of Rear-Admiral Kimberly that security to our citizens there would be promoted if at the February elections the United States had a force in Hawaiian waters competent to preserve order should necessity arise, the Department incloses herewith, for your information, a copy of its instructions issued this day to that officer for his guidance.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. F. TRACY.

[Inclosure to inclosure in No. 11.]

Mr. Tracy to Rear-Admiral Kimberly.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, November 13, 1889.

Sir: Referring to your letter No. 165 of the 18th ultimo, with reference to the political situation in the Hawaiian Islands, and in which you state that “it would promote a feeling of security to our people, and, I think, to foreigners, if at the February election we had a force here competent to preserve order should necessity arise,” the Department directs that you will keep as many of the vessels of your