ment were being sworn, over 300 took the oath. The cabinet, the justices of the supreme court, and the judges of the circuit court also took the oath of allegiance, and then all left the building, intent on enjoying to the utmost a day begun so auspiciously.

Long live the Republic!

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[Inlosure 4 in No. 65.]

Mr. Hatch to Mr. Willis.

REPUBLIC OF HAWAIi, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, July 4, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that in pursuance of the will of the constitutional convention lately convened in Honolulu, and of an enactment of the executive and advisory councils of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, the Republic of Hawaii has been established and this day proclaimed, and having succeeded to the power and authority of said Provisional Government, now constitutes the sole and supreme Government of the Hawaiian Islands.

I desire also to inform you that Sanford Ballard Dole, in accordance with the choice of the said constitutional convention as expressed in the constitution adopted by it, has assumed the office of President of this Republic, and has appointed as his cabinet:

James A. King, minister of the interior;
Samuel M. Damon, minister of finance;
William O. Smith, attorney-general, and myself minister of foreign affairs.

I inclose for your information two copies of the constitution adopted by said convention.

I take this occasion to express the hope that the good will which has for so many years characterized the relations of your Government to former governments of Hawaii may be extended to the Republic.

Availing myself of the opportunity to express the sentiments, etc.,

FRANCIS M. HATCH.

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[Inlosure 5 in No. 65.]

Mr. Willis to Mr. Hatch.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, July 5, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 4, 1894, stating that "in pursuance of the will of the constitutional convention lately convened in Honolulu, and of an enactment of the executive and advisory councils of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, the Republic of Hawaii has been established and this day proclaimed; and having succeeded to the power and authority of said Provisional Government, now constitutes the sole and supreme Government of the Hawaiian Islands."

You further state that "Sanford Ballard Dole, in accordance with the choice of the said constitutional convention, as expressed in the constitution adopted by it, has assumed the office of President of this Republic and has appointed as his cabinet:"

"James A. King, minister of the interior;"
"Samuel M. Damon, minister of finance;"
"William O. Smith, attorney general, and myself minister of foreign affairs."

You inclose for my information two copies of the constitution adopted by said convention, and express the hope that "the good-will which has for so many years characterized the relations of your Government to former governments of Hawaii may be extended to the Republic."

In reply to your note reciting the foregoing facts, I have the honor to inform you that I hereby, as far as I have the right so to do, extend to the Republic of Hawaii the recognition accorded its predecessor, the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands. I do this in the belief that I represent the President of the United States, to whom, as the Executive Chief of the Government, my action in the premises will be promptly submitted for his necessary approval.

Joining with you in the expressed hope that the cordial international relations of the past will be continued in the future, and with assurances of high esteem,

I am, etc.,

ALBERT S. WILLIS.