Your Excellency

I have the honor to enclose by command of Her Majesty, our Queen, copy of a document which was yesterday forwarded to J. C. A. S. Willis, Minister Resident of the United States.

June 23rd 1894

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

O. W. Widemann

His Excellency
W. J. Graham
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Honolulu, C.S., June 20th, 1891

To His Excellency

Albert S. Willis

U. S. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Sir,

Having in mind the amicable relations hitherto existing between the government which you here represent and the government of Hawaii, as evidenced by many years of friendly intercourse, and being desirous of bringing to the attention of your government the facts here following, I, Lilikoiwani, by the grace of God and under the Constitution of the Hawaiian Kingdom: recent, do hereby solemnly protest that I am, now, and have, continuously been since the 20th day of January A.D. 1876, the Constitutional Sovereign of the Hawaiian Kingdom; that on the 17th day of January (12) 1873 (in the words of the President of the United States himself), — "by an act of war, committed with the participation of a diplomatic representative of the United States, and without authority of Congress, the Government of a feeble but friendly and confiding people has been overthrown. A substantial wrong has thus been done which, in due regard for our national character and well as the rights of the injured people—..."
son said date, and my government prepared an written protest against any and whatsoever done against myself and the Constitutional government of the Hawaiian Kingdom by certain persons claiming to have established a Provisional government of and for this Kingdom; that said protest was forwarded to the President of the United States, also to Sanford B. Dole, the Chairman of the Executive Council of the said Provisional government, and was by the latter duly acknowledged; that in response to said protest the President of the United States sent a special commissioner in the persons of Hon. James H. Blunt to Honolulu to make an accurate, full, and impartial investigation of the facts attending the subversion of the Constitutional Government of Hawaii, and the installment in its place of the Provisional Government; that said Commissioner arrived in Honolulu on the 27th day of March, 1893, and fulfilled his duties with untiring diligence and with care, tact, and fairness; that said Commissioner found that the government of Hawaii surrendered its authority under a Thesis of war, until such time only as the government of the United States, upon the facts being presented to it, should insist.
the Constitutional Sovereign, and the provisional government was created to expiate until
terms of union with the United States of America, have been negotiated and agreed
upon, also that but for the lawless occupation
of Honolulu under false pretenses by United
States forces, and but for the United States
Minister’s recognition of the provisional govern-
ment when the United States forces were its
sole support, and constituted its only military
strength, I, and my government would never
have yielded to the provisional government,
now for or times, and for the sole purpose
of submitting my case to the enlightened
justice of the United States, or for any
purposes, also that the great wrong done to
this feeble but independent state by an
actress of the authority of the United States
should be undone by restoring the legitimate
government.

That since the happening of said
events, the executive, and the Congress of
the United States have formally declined
the overtures of said Provisional Government
for the cession of the Hawaiian Islands
to the United States.

That notwithstanding said refusal said
provisional government has continued to
perform the functions of government in this
Kingdom to the present date, and that its
exercised, from the times of its inception to the
present, has been marked by a succession of
arbitrary, illiberal and despotic acts, and by
the enactment and enforcement of pretended
levies, subversive of the first principles of free
government and utterly at variance with the
traditions, history, habits and wishes of the
Hawaiian people.

That said Provisional Government has
now recently convened, and is now holding what
it is pleased to term a constitutional convention,
composed of nineteen (19) self-appointed members,
being the President and Executive and Ad-
visory Councils of said Provisional Government,
and eighteen (18) delegates elected by less
than ten per cent (10%) of the legal voters of
the Kingdom, consisting almost entirely of
aliens, and chiefly of such aliens as have
no permanent home or interest in Hawaii,
and which said convention is now consider-
ing a draft of a constitution (copy of which
is hereunto annexed) submitted for its approval
by the Executive Council of said Provisional
Government consisting of the President and
Ministers thereof.

That it is the expressed purpose
of the said provisional government to pro-
mulgate such constitutions as shall be
approved by said convention without submitting it to a vote of the people, or of any of the people, and to thereby proclaims a government under such constitution, and under the name of the Republic of Hawaii.

That the said provisional government has not assumed a republican or other Constitutional form, but has remained a mere executive council or oligarchy, set up without the assent of the people; that it has not sought to find a permanent basis of popular support, and has given no evidence of any intention to do so; that its representatives assert that the people of Hawaii are unfit for popular government and frankly aver that they can be best ruled by arbitrary or despotic power, and that the proposed constitutions, so submitted by said executive council of the provisional government for the approval of said convention, do not provide for or contemplate a free, popular or republican form of government, but does contemplate and provide for a form of government of arbitrary and oligarchical powers, concentrated in the hands of a few individuals irresponsible to the people, or to the representatives of the people, and which is opposed to all modern ideas of free government.
Therefore, I, the constitutional sovereign of the Hawaiian Kingdom, on behalf of myself and the people of my said Kingdom, do hereby again most solemnly protest against the acts aforesaid, and against any and all other acts done against myself, my people, and the Constitutional government of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and I do hereby most earnestly request that the government represented by you will not extend its recognition to any pretended government of the Hawaiian Islands, under whatever name it may apply for such recognition, other than the constitutional government so deposed, as aforesaid, except such government shall show its title to exist by the will of the people of Hawaii, expressed at an election wherein the whole people shall have had an opportunity, unembarrassed by force and intimidation by fear or fraud, to register their preferences as to the form of government under which they will live.

With assurances of my esteem,

I am, Sir,

Liliuokalani