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71-18. To Thakambou King of the Fiji Islands

I have heard much of the advancement which Your Islands are making and of the ~~f~~ difficulties which you have in making a Government applicable to foreigners as well as to Your own people.

The establishment of Steam Navigation will give very frequent communication between this Country and Fiji; and ~~Y~~ as I take a great interest in the welfare of Your people, I have concluded to Commission Mr Charles St. Julian who has long been My Consul General at Sydney, to visit You and to offer You in My name any advice or assistance that I may be able to render You. And I beg of You to give full credit to all that he shall say in My name.

I have likewise commanded Mr St Julian to offer You My hospitalities in case that You should desire to visit this country, to see the manner in which My Government is carried on, for the benefit alike of Natives and foreigners resident within My Dominions.

I ~~am~~ am
Your Good Friend

Kamehameha R.

Iolani Palace
Honolulu. Hawaiian Islands
May 31st, 1871.

The following minute, on Hawaiian Govt. paper, if evidently the text of Mr St Julian's verbal statement to Cakabau~~f~~. It is attached to the letter above.

I thank Your Majesty for having favoured me with this interview.

The sovereign whom I have the honour to represent - His Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands -desires through me, to congratulate your Majesty on your efforts to establish, in and for your Dominions, a system of constitutional Government, resembling that which has worked so well in the Hawaiian Kingdom. He trusts that these efforts may prove entirely successful.

You have an extensive beautiful and fertile country. The skill energy and capital of the White man are rapidly developing its resources. The truest and best foundation for temporal prosperity has been laid by the introduction of Christianity.

But much yet remains to be done ere Fiji can attain that position of generally recognised Nationality which is earnestly desired for it by Your Majesty's friends and well wishers - A Nationality which shall be self-governing and self-sustaining in the fullest sense of these terms.

With care prudence and perseverance however - firmness and steadiness of purpose on the one hand; and on the other a wise adaptation of measures to the circumstances of the country - all this may be accomplished.

His Hawaiian Majesty, has commissioned me to say that if your Majesty will visit Him at His capital, it will afford Him great pleasure not only to receive you as His guest but to shew you the country and the working of all its institutions.

It only remains for me, in the name of my Sovereign and for myself, to convey a heartfelt wish for the health and prosperity and of all in Fiji - whether native born or settlers - and of a hope that the time is not far distant when the Fijians will be all united as one well governed and happy people, whose only strife shall be as to who shall be foremost in the arts of peace.

The following appears to have been Cakabau's reply:-

I am gratified to learn that the King of Hawaii exhibits so much interest in the welfare and prosperity of my Kingdom.

The success of a European system of Government at Hawaii assures me of the many advantages to be derived from the knowledge and wisdom afforded by the White.

I reciprocate most fully the good wishes of my brother of Hawaii and charge you to say that I trust shortly under Divine providence to further cement our amicable relations by availing myself of his Majesty's invitation to visit Hawaii and in person return those assurances of goodwill which your Excellency has conveyed to me.

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John Temple Sagar -

a planter, appointed Minister
of trade and commerce with
supervision of foreign relations

Appointed 5 June 1871

Resigned 25 August 1871

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By despatch No.4/71 Cakobau informs Kamehameha of steps taken to inaugurate responsible Government and asks for his 'countenance, support and recognition'. Large nos of Europeans and other considerations make it necessary to 'secure the services of Europeans accustomed to the forms of Government obtaining in more favoured and highly civilized countries'. 1867 constitution framed at desire of Foreign residents and agreed to by them.

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Similar despatches sent to Queen Victoria and the President of the United States.

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Fiji Govt. (John B. Sayer?) to Minister of Foreign Relations, Hawaii, dated Ovalau 11.6.71.

Mr S.A. St. John, ex Sec. to Cakobau, en route to U.S. on Govt. business.

'As my Constitution is based on that of Hawaii This Government will be thankful for any information you can afford relative to the general working and policy of your Government the appointment and pay of officials method of raising revenue and total yearly expenditure of Government will be glad to reciprocate in the exchange of Gazettes" etc.

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Levuka, Fiji, 25 Aug., 71.

Jas. Turnbull Esq.,

Sir,

You are hereby appointed Consular Agent for the Yasawa Group of His Hawaiian Majesty.

You will correspond with and receive your orders and instructions from D'Arcy W. L. Murray Esq., His Hawaiian Majesty's Consul at and for this Archipelago with whom as well as with myself and official successors will rest the power of at any time revoking this appointment.

I am Sir Yours very obedtly

Charles St Julian

H. H. M. Charge d'affaires.

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The Hawaiian Consul presents his Compliments to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and begs to to present to him James Turnbull Esq who has been appointed Vice Consul for this group by His W Excellency Chas St Julian Esq., Charge D'affaires.

Nr Turnbull's residence will be the Yasawas.

Hawaiian Consulate

25 August 1871

The Hon
The Minister Foreign Affairs.

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Cakobau to Kamehameha 5th King of the Hawaiian Islands, dated Levuka, Ovalau, Fiji, 4th Sept., 1871.

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I thank my brother of Hawaii for his good wishes and for the interest in the welfare and prosperity of my Kingdom which he exhibits in his communication of the 31st May last.

I have already explained to the Hawaiian Consul General and Charge d'Affaires my sense of the many advantages to be derived from the knowledge and wisdom of the Whites, as exemplified in the system of European Government and while reciprocating most fully the congratulations of my Brother of Hawaii I would add that it is my intention shortly under Divine Providence to further cement our amicable relations by availing myself of his invitation to visit Hawaii and in person return those assurances of good will which have been conveyed to me.

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St JULIAN

Letter from Charles St. Julian, H.H.M. Charge d'Affaires, dated Sydney, 4th October, 1871, to C.S., Fiji.

Requests copies of letters of Credence from Hawaiian King to King of Fiji and His Excellency the former Ruling Chief and now Viceroy of the Windward Islands.

In reply, & in any comm to Hawaiian King, having reference to St J's official visit to Fiji, requests that Fijian Govt will bear witness to his constant willingness to assist, but that up to the time of his leaving no such request for help had been made.

"As it had been intimated to me by yourself that there was no intention on the part of the Fijian Government to seek any closer relations (by Treaty or convention) with the Hawaiian Kingdom" or to make use in any other way of his knowledge therefore no reason to stay any longer in Fiji.

Since return has availed himself of every opportunity of forwarding interests of Fiji - in communication with Mr Sahl, H.F.M's Commercial Agent. Pending formal recognition of the F. Govt. by G.B. it may be convenient to use Haw. Govt. Consular channels in Sydney so that communications may command attention and reply.

Royal Standard the finest piece of work in Bunting ever turned out in NSW.

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CHARLES ST. JULIAN

Burt, Chief Secretary, Fiji, to St. Julian, Sydney, dated Levuka, 24.10.71, conveys entire approval of his design for a coat of arms for the Kingdom. Motto "Rerevakana Kalou ka doka na Tui (Fear God and Honor the King)" to be added to design.

"Your remarks respecting the Royal Standard and other Flags ordered by this Government are peculiarly interesting and your assistance in the choice and execution of design as also of your promise of further action are fully appreciated by this Government."

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CHARLES ST. JULIAN

Chief Secretary, Fiji, to Charles St. Julian Esq., Hawaiian Consul General etc. etc., Sydney, dated Levuka 24.10.71.

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Sir,

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In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant in which you asked to be furnished with copies of the autograph letters addressed by His Majesty the King of Hawaii to His Fijian Majesty I do myself the honor to state that the necessary documents will in compliance with your request be transmitted to you by the next succeeding mail.

2. While now in communication with you I would beg on behalf of this Government to tender you ^e hearty thanks for the courteous ~~of~~ goodwill expressed by you on behalf of His Hawaiian Majesty and exhibited during, and subsequent to your recent visit to these Islands.

3. This Government ~~would~~ also would beg to assure you of its thorough appreciation of your offers of sympathy and support.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most-obedient servant

Signed Sydney C. Burt

Chief Secretary

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FIJI/HAWAII

Cakobau to His Majesty Lunalilo, King of Hawaii, dated Bau, Fiji,
April, 1873.

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Sire,

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Your Majestys letter of the 14th January last announcing
the death of His late Majesty Kamehameha V has been read by me
with deep interest.

Connected as My Kingdom now is with that of Your Majesty
by the similarity of its hereditary interests, and as I trust it
may still more so be by the establishment of Steam communication
at an early date that will enable our respective subjects to
mingle in friendly and commercial relations all matters incident
to Hawaii must be of the deepest interest to myself and successors.

The Constitutional manner, together with the unanimity of
the voice by which Your Majesty has been elected to the Throne is
an event upon which I have to offer Your Majesty my earnest
congratulations.

Desiring the sympathy and friendly consideration of Your
Majesty in the great and arduous task upon which I am engaged,
and praying that God may have Your Majesty in His Holy Keeping.

I am
Your Majesty's
sincere friend

Sgd Cakobau

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