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Dealers in Wines and Liquors,
Swan & Clifford's Building, foot Kaahumanu Street. 40-1y

FREDERIC OGDEN,
Importer and general Commission Merchant,
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Wanted Bills of Exchange on England, France, and the United States.
N. B.—Money advanced on vessels bound from this port to Sydney, or other parts of the Australian Colonies. 35-tf

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Dealer in Ship Chandlery, Hawaiian Produce, and General Merchandise,
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Importer & Dealer in General Merchandise,
Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands.
☞ Bills of Exchange on foreign countries wanted. -35 tf

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Honolulu, Oahu, H. I. 35-tf

H. HACKFELD & CO.,
General Commission Agents and Ship Chandlers,
Honolulu, Oahu, H. I. 35-tf

J. C. SPALDING,
Commission Merchant and Importer,
Honolulu, Oahu, H. I.
Wanted, bills of Exchange on the U. S. and Europe. Consignments from abroad promptly attended to. Island produce of all kinds taken in Exchange for goods.-35-tf

AMOHEW. AHPONG,
C. P. SAMSING & CO.,
Dealers in China Goods,
Honolulu, Oahu, H. I.
On hand and for sale, Sugar, Molasses, Tea and Coffee 35tf

DAS AUSTIN, WM. BACLE
AUSTIN & BACLE,
Dealers in General Merchandise.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I. 35-tf

VINCENT GRENIER,
Importer & Commission Merchant,
Nuuanu Street, Honolulu.
VINCENT GRENIER, Proprietor, Bordeaux. J. J. CARANAVE, Agent, Honolulu

CHARLES BREWER,
Commission Merchant,
Boston, U. S.
☞ Refer to MAKEE, ANTHON & Co. and R. W. WOOD.-35-t

C. BREWER 2d,
General Commission Merchant.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Money advanced on favorable terms for Bills of Exchange on the United States, England, or France.-35-tf

THOS. SPENCER,
Ship Chandler and Commission Merchant.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Ships supplied with refreshments, provisions, &c., at the shortest notice, on reasonable terms. WHALERS BILLS WANTED.-35-tf

SIM'L N CASTLE, AMOS S. COOKE.
CASTLE & COOKE,
Importers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in General Merchandise,
At the old stand, corner of King and School streets, near the large Stone Church.—Also, at the Store formerly occupied by C. H. Nicholson, in King St., opposite the Seamen's Chapel. 35-tf

HENRY ROBINSON. HENRY RHODES.
ROBINSON & RHODES,
Importers, and Wholesale Dealers in Wines, Liquors, Cigars, &c.
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GUST. C. MELCHERS, GUST. REINERS.
MELCHERS & CO.,
Commission Merchants and Ship Chandlers,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Stone Store, corner of Kaahumanu and Merchant sts. Money advanced on favorable terms for Whaler's Bills on the United States and Europe. 35-tf

H. VON HOLT. C. TH. HEUCK.
Von HOLT & HEUCK,
General Commission Merchants.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I. 35-tf

W. N. LADD,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN HARDWARE,
Fort Street, Honolulu. 44 tf

P. MICHEL,
Dealer in General Merchandise.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
At the French Store corner of Nuuanu and Marine st.-35-t

C. H. GULICK, A. H. CLARK.
GULICK & CLARK,
Importers and Commission Merchants,
King st., Honolulu, Oahu, S. I. 35-tf

J. WORTH,
Dealer in General Merchandise,
Hilo, Hawaii.
Ships supplied with Recruits at the shortest notice, on reasonable terms. Bills of Exchange wanted tf-5

ERNST KRULL. EDUARD MOLL.
KRULL & MOLL,
Importers and Commission Merchants.
Stone store, French's Yard. 18--tf.

R. COADY, J. C. BULLIONS.
R. COADY & CO.,
Ship Chandlers & Commission Merchants.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Ships supplied with refreshments, provisions, &c., at the shortest notice, on reasonable terms. N. B.—Wanted, whalers' bills on the U. S, or Europe, for which money will be advanced on favorable terms. 35-tf

RICE & CO.,
Auction and Commission Merchants.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
☞ JOHN F COLBURN, Auctioneer.-35-tf

BUSINESS CARDS.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

WILLIAM BOWDEN,
Ship Broker and General Agent.
[Honolulu, Fort St. tf-2

FELDHEIM & CO.,
Importers and Commission Merchants,
Queen st., Honolulu, Oahu, S. I. 35-tf

J. W. RIXMANN & CO.,
Merchants, Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.,
Nuuanu St. one door above King St. 21-1y

B. PITMAN.
Ship Chandler and Dealer in General Merchandise.
Byron's Bay, Hilo, Hawaii.
Ships supplied with general Recruits, Wood, &c., at the shortest notice, and most reasonable terms in exchange for bills or goods adapted to the market. Wanted, Whaler's bills on the United States or Europe, tar which money will be advanced on favorable terms. N. B.—Storage for 3 or 4000 barrels taken at customary rates.-35-tf

B. F. BOLLES, I. HOFFMEYER.
B. F. BOLLES & CO.
Commission Merchants, Ship Chandlers and General Agents,
Lahaina, Maui, H. I.
Ships furnished with recruits. Whaler's Bills wanted on the U. S. and Europe. STORAGE.-35-tf

G. CLARK,
Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, &c.,
Hotel Street, Honolulu, S. I. 20-6m*

GILMAN & CO.,
Ship Chandlers and General Agents.
Lahaina, Maui, S. I.
Ships supplied with RECRUITS, STORAGE, and MONEY -35-tf

H. STANGENWALD,
HONOLULU DAGUERREAN GALLERY,
King street, opposite the Globe Hotel.
47 **Pictures taken in any weather.** tf

WILLIAM MAXWELL,
Butcher,
At Stalls Nos. 1, 2 and 4, in the New Market.
Will supply Ships and Families with the best of Fresh Beef, Mutton, Pork, &c., at the most reasonable rates.
☞ Stock and Vegetables supplied to Vessels at short notice. Corn Beef and Tongues put up to order. 43-3m

B. F. HARDER,
Butcher and Sausage Maker,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Would respectfully inform the Residents and Ship Masters that they can be supplied with the best Beef, Pork and Mutton at his establishment, the Rose Cottage Market, nearly opposite the Bethel, at the very lowest prices Families, Hotels and Boarding Houses can be supplied at any time of day with the best Sausages, Pork &c. Vessels supplied with Corned Beef and Live Stock on the shortest notice.-
Honolulu, Jan. 1, 1855.—35-tf

EDWARD KOPKA,
Working Jeweller,
Fort-St., 4 doors below Hotel.
All kinds of Jewelry made and repaired, at the shortest notice and on reasonable terms. 43-6m*

D. N. FLITNER,
Continues to repair Chronometers, at the old stand: accurate rates determined by observations of the sun and stars, with a transit instrument made by Roskell, Liverpool. Particular attention given to fine watch repairing. Sextant and Quadrant glasses silvered and adjusted.-35-tf

H. PRENDERGAST, Agent of HAWAIIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. Office on Merchant st., over Ruggles & Co. tf-26

C. H. NICHOLSON,
Merchant Tailor.
[Establishment opposite Seamen's Chapel,]
Honolulu, Oahu, H. I.
A large assortment of Broadcloths, Cassimeres and Linen Drillings, constantly for sale. Garments made at short notice, in latest fashion. 35-tf

J. FOX'S
Bakery and Grocery Store
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Nuuanu street, between Chaplain and Hotel streets.-35-tf

T. MOSSMAN, T. MOSSMAN JR.
MOSSMAN & SON,
Bakers, Grocers and Dealers in Dry Goods.
Nuuanu St., Honolulu, Oahu, S. I. 35-tf

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Sail Maker, Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Has constantly on hand and for sale, hemp and cotton Canvass, Duck, Rigging, Patent Blocks, Needles, Old Sails and everything appertaining to the trade. Orders promptly attended to, and executed with quick despatch.

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Meals at all hours, and with the best the market affords Mauna Kea street, 1 door below Liberty Hall.-35-tf

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PORTRAITS, Landscapes, Private Residences Maps, Plans, Bill-heads, Circulars, Labels, Business, Show, and Visiting Cards, neatly Lithographed and Engraved.
Portraits and Landscapes painted in Oil or Water-Colors. All orders neatly and promptly executed. Caranaves' Building, over Vincent Grenier, Nuanu St., Honolulu. 29-tf

J. H. WOOD,
Boot and Shoe Manufacturer, Shoe and Leather Dealer.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
At the Brick Shoe Store, corner of Fort and Merchant sts.35-t

BENJ. CARMAN,
ARCHITECT AND BUILDER,
In Nuuanu Street, (opposite the Commercial Hotel.) Plans and Specifications drafted; work done by the day or contract, or superintended at a fair per centage on the cost of building. 44-6m*
N. B.—All kinds of Job Work done on the shortest notice.

S. JOHNSON,
House Carpenter, &c.,
Successor to C. H. Lewers.
Work Shop on the premises adjoining the French Hotel. All orders punctually attended to and jobbing done on reasonable terms. Plans and specifications drawn to order. tf-23

FISCHER & JURGENS,
Cabinet Makers and French Polishers,
210 Hl-St, opposite Government House 43-6m

STUART & RAHE,
Cabinet Makers and Turners,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
☞ Successors to R. A. S. Wood, on Hotel street.-35-tf

JOHN FEY'S
Hat and Cap Establishment,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.,
Late of San Francisco, would respectfully inform the residents and visiters of Honolulu that he has opened a Hat establishment in Nuuanu st., one door above J. Fox's Bakery and Grocery Store, where may be found an assortment of fashionable hats.-1y-25

E. HEEREN,
Manufacturer of Soda Water and Syrups,
At Commercial Hotel, Nuuanu St.
tf-12

WM. WEBSTER,
Land Agent to His Majesty.
Office in the King's Garden, Beritania Street. tf 4

MORT & OPPENHEIM,
Commission Merchants.
Sydney, N. S. W. 35-tf

ATTORNEYS.

JOSEPH P. GRISWOLD,
Attorney at Law.
Office Kaahumanu Street, Honolulu, Oahu.-26-tf

J. E. CHAMBERLAIN,
Attorney at Law.
Office in the Court House. 46-tf

AUCTIONEERS.

M. C. MONSARRAT,
Auctioneer, Honolulu,
Oahu, S. I. 35-tf

HENRY SEA,
Auctioneer,
Over the Store of R. Condy & Co. 25-tf

G. D. GILMAN,
Auctioneer, Lahaina,
[Maui, S. I. 41-tf

BUSINESS CARDS.

BANK OF
PAGE, BACON & CO.,
HONOLULU.
Drafts bought on the principal cities of the United States and England, also sight Exchange for sale in sums to suit.
PAGE, BACON & CO, BANKERS, San Francisco.
PAGE & BACON, BANKERS, St. Louis. 23-tf

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LATE SURGEON UNITED STATES NAVY,
Consular Physician to Sick American Seamen.
Office corner of Kaahumanu and Queen Streets, (up stairs;) Dwelling at Mr. J. Dudoit's, Beretania and Garden Streets.
Respectfully offers his professional services to resident families, to the shipping, and to strangers generally. Medical and surgical advice in English, French, Spanish, and Italian.
Office hours for the present, from 9 to 10 A M., and from one to 2 P. M. 41 tf

S. PORTER FORD,
Surgeon and Physician,
Kaahumanu st., Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
N. B.—Particular attention given to the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear.-35-tf

JAMES O'BRIEN,
Surgeon and Physician,
Office in Fort St. 3 doors below the corner of Hotel St. and opposite the Store of R. G. Davis.
☞ Particular attention paid to Chronic diseases. 12-tf

GEO. A. LATHROP,
Physician and Surgeon,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Office at the Market Drug Store. Residence corner of Fort and Beretania sts., next above the Catholic Church.

G. P. JUDD, M. D.,
Physician and Surgeon,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Office corner of Fort and Merchant streets. Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.-35-tf

E. HOFFMANN.
Physician and Surgeon,
Office in the New Drug Store, Corner of Kaahumanu and Queen Sts., Makee & Anthon's Block. Open day and night. tf 11

C. H. WETMORE,
Physician and Surgeon,
Hilo, Hawaii S. I.
N. B Medecine Chests replenished on reasonable terms.-35-t

D. C. STOCKING,
Dentist.
Ladies and Gentlemen who desire Dental operations, will please leave orders at Ruggles & Co.'s Drug Store, corner Kaahumanu and Merchant streets.
Operations performed at Private Residences 39-6m*

JAS. W. SMITH,
Physician and Surgeon,
Koloa, Kauai, S. I.
N. B. Medicine Chests replenished on reasonable terms.-27tf

DR. Ch. Fr. BERG,
Physician and Surgeon.
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Office corner of Merchant and Alakea Sts, opposite the residence of Judge Robertson. 39-tf

E. S. RUGGLES. A. G. THURSTON.
RUGGLES & CO.,
Drug Store and Dispensary,
Corner of Kaahumanu and Merchant streets. Open at all hours of the day and night. Prescriptions carefully compounded. tf-44

UNDERWRITERS.

FLORENS STAPENHORST,
Agent for the Bremen Board of Underwriters.
THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed Agent for the Bremen Board of Underwriters, begs to inform the commercial public in general, that all average claims against the said Underwriters, occurring in or about this Kingdom, will have to be verified by him. Masters of Bremen vessels entering this or any other port of the Hawaiian Islands, in distress or average, are requested to apply to the same at their earliest convenience.
FLORENS STAPENHORST.
Honolulu, 1st July, 1854. 9-1y Office Nuuanu Street

KRULL & MOLL,
Agents of the Hamburg and Lubeck Underwriters,
Honolulu, Oahu, S. I. 18-tf

COOPERAGE.

CHAS. H. BUTLER,
Cooper, Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
The undersigned will continue to carry on the business of Coopering, in all its branches, at the old stand, formerly occupied by Swain & Butler. Particular attention given to Gauging by Gunter.
☞ Chas. H. Butler would inform his friends and the public, that he will be at his shop to give prompt and immediate attention to all their orders. He would also invite them to call and examine his large stock of Casks, Barrels, Tubs, &c. Bathing Tubs, &c., made to order. 26-tf

J. A. BURDICK,
Cooper, Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.,
Having taken the premises formerly occupied by W. Vincent, Hotel st., near Mauna Kea st. will continue to carry on the cooper's business in all its branches at the above mentioned place where he hopes that those of his friends who have hitherto afforded him a liberal patronage will not fail to give him a call. N. B. 1,500 bbls water casks on hand and for sale on liberal terms.

C. H. MARSHALL,
Cooper, Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.,
Has removed his shop to the yard in rear of the store formerly occupied by Punchard & Co., and would respectfully inform the public that he is now prepared to execute any orders in the cooperage line, at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. Tubs, shower baths, and work of every description made to order.-35-tf

HENRY C. GRAHAM,
Cooper, Honolulu, Oahu, S. I.
Successor to GRAHAM & LEWIS, will carry on the above business in all its branches, on the premises formerly occupied by C. A. Taner, as a sail loft, where he hopes, by close attention to business, to merit a share of public patronage. 1y*.3

Hawaiian Steam Flouring Company.
A. G. THURSTON, Manager.
Office in Honolulu House, opposite Page, Bacon & Co.'s.
Feb. 1, 1855. 39-tf

THE HONOLULU IRON WORKS.
The undersigned is now prepared to manufacture all kinds of
MACHINERY AND MILL WORK,
and also all kinds of IRON AND BRASS CASTINGS made to order. Also, SAWING OF LUMBER promptly attended to.
1-tf D. M. WESTON.

GEORGE G. HOWE,
LUMBER MERCHANT,
Lumber Yard Corner of Queen and Nuuanu Sts. on the Punchard Premises. 43-tf

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
EXPRESS!
FOR UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.
Merchandise and Specie transported to all parts of the World.
44-tf R. COADY & CO., Agents.

ADAMS & CO'S. EXPRESS,
FOR CALIFORNIA, OREGON, Europe, United States
and all parts of every description of Merchandise and Valuables.
For the transportation
RICE & CO.
Agents for Adams & Co.
Honolulu, Aug. 3, 1854.—tf-13

The Polynesian.

REIGN OF KING KAMEHAMEHA IV.

REPORT

Of the Secretary at War, to the Legislature of 1855:

With the demise of the late King Kamehameha III, (of beneficent memory,) terminated the functions of the late Lieutenant General and Commander-in-Chief, Prince Liholiho. That Prince, on the 15th of December last, ascended the throne amidst the plaudits of His subjects, fully justified by the enlightened and liberal course, which, as Sovereign, he has pursued from that date up to the present moment. Early admitted to the counsels of the late King as a Privy Counselor, and as a member of the House of Nobles, the brilliant natural talents which adorn His Majesty, carefully cultivated by a good education, have been directed to the gravest interests of the state. There is no department of the late king's government which was not much benefited by his wise suggestions, but none so much as the Department of War, of which he may be considered as the *Creator*. It would be a waste of your valuable time for me to dilate upon the difficulties which beset him at every step of his course in the organization of a military force, or upon his success in overcoming these difficulties by dint of perseverance, and by the most judicious application of the small means placed at his disposal by preceding legislatures.

After His Majesty's accession to the throne, one of his first cares was to provide a proper Commander-in-Chief, in the person of His Royal Highness General, Prince Kamehameha, who had served under himself, as second in command.

It is well known to the King's government that ever since 1848, I have urged the necessity of a regularly organized military force; that I predicted dangers as likely to come upon us, from California; that I instructed Mr. Jarves and Mr. Judd, in 1849, to represent those dangers to the government of the United States, and that, in all my preceding reports, as Secretary at War, I have pressed the subject with great earnestness.

In proof of what I say, I appeal to those reports, to the records of the late King's Privy Council, to enclosure No 66 of my report as Minister of Foreign Relations for the present year, and to the extracts from letters to Mr. Judd of the 3d and 19th November, and 8th December, 1849, of which I append copies marked A, B and C.

I may therefore lay claim to some credit for prevision; events that occurred during last year, and others more serious which were threatened, fully confirmed my predictions made years before. Without entering into particulars which would condemn a *few*, and hurt the feelings of *many*, I solemnly warn the representatives of the Hawaiian people, as they love their sovereign and their existence as a nation, not to vote against the appropriation asked for the military, without first applying to General Prince Kamehameha, Commander-in-Chief, to see my despatches to His Excellency, M. Kekuanaoa, Governor of Oahu, dated 11th, 17th and 25th November, 1854. I wish to be understood, in the plainest sense of my words, when I say that, there is not a representative of the people who, after reading those despatches, can vote against as full an appropriation for a military force as the revenue of the kingdom can admit of, without betraying the rights of his Sovereign, the very existence of the Hawaiian people; and I add, with all becoming respect, without violating his own oath to support the Constitution and the laws. When the kingdom itself is in danger, do not be deluded by the fine sounding phrases of *public improvements*. Those recommended by the King in his gracious speech from the throne, and by the Ministers of the Interior, Finance, and Public Instruction, are all unquestionably of great importance; but, as for the so called public improvements of by-gone years, where are they? What benefits have they conferred upon the masses of the people compared with the immense sums that they have absorbed? What wharves, roads and bridges of permanent and general utility can we boast of? What benefit have the people of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai and Kauai, derived from all the expenditure that has been made within a *radius* of three miles of Honolulu? In favor of judicious public improvements for the public good, I am as great an advocate as any man can be. I may claim the honor of having been the first to suggest some of the greatest—such as the introduction of inter-island steam navigation, and the general improvement of the harbor, forts, &c.; but, so long as the kingdom itself is in danger, I would never recommend any application of the national revenues to public works, however necessary and useful, that would leave the King without the means indispensable to the national defense.

With the view of obtaining and laying before you the fullest and most correct particulars of everything connected with that defense, on the 19th February last I addressed to His Royal Highness, General Prince Kamehameha, Commander-in-Chief, under the King, the despatch, of which I annex copy, marked D. I further addressed to His Royal Highness the despatch dated 20th February, of which I append copy marked E. After carefully reading and considering those two communications, I particularly recommend to your attention the reply of His Royal Highness, dated 26th March, [illegible] and of its three annexed sch[illegible] you will observe copies marked F.

By the first sch[illegible] expended during eleven months [illegible] April, 1854, to 1st March, 1855, [illegible] that the total [illegible] 28,598 58 cents. By the second schedule you will see that the cost of supporting, for one year, only 120 infantry, is $29,784, and that of supporting one small detachment of artillery, consisting of one captain, one sergeant, and sixteen privates, is $3,804; and that for *barracks, armory, staff officers, medical and surgical attendance, military band, &c.*, $10,312 more are required. By the third schedule, you will perceive that $12,000 are required for the purchase of arms and of military accoutrements. In the above summing up of schedule second, I omit to deduct the $5,400 which the Prince, in his excessive desire to save money, thinks may be economized by discharging 60 men for six months of the year. I do not think that we can be safe with only sixty men ready to act when called upon, even during the most quiet months of the year. It is not the stout-armed and stout-hearted sailors, who earn their bread by hard labor and amidst many perils, on the stormy ocean, fishing whales, that we have most to fear. Our dangers arise from those who are landsmen, and who desire to live—not by labor, as the sailors do, but by appropriating to themselves the fruits of the labor of others, and who, in predatory bands, invade peaceful countries in the name of *liberty, civilization* and *progress*. What such men want is to fill their pockets, not to peril their lives. Their system, like that of all other robbers, is to attack by surprise; and so long as we are without foreign vessels of war, permanently in port, it becomes us to have always at command, such a force as would certainly defeat them, in any attempt at *surprise*.

For these reasons, and others which I shall show below, in place of the $56,000 to which the Prince has *pared* down the estimates for the Department of War, I have asked of the Minister of Finance $60,000, as you will see by my dispatch to him of the 3d instant, of which I append copy marked G.

I append, marked H, a tabular statement of the whole expenses for the military, under the appropriation made by the last legislature, showing the proportion expended for different purposes, from 31st March, 1851, to the 1st of this month; also marked H bis, a brief account, showing how the balance of the appropriation of $5,000 by the Privy Council of 1854 was expended.

The appropriation of last year has sufficed only with the utmost *pinching* in every thing, by the help of $229 23 cents, arising from the sale of useless old iron guns, as you will see by the correspondence, of which I append copies marked I, J, K, and by $1252 00 for gunpowder and percussion caps, which I had to order from San Francisco, and for which I have advanced the money, as shown in the supplementary military account, of which I annex copy marked L.

I very strongly recommend to your consideration, the Militia Act which the Prince has prepared. There are many points along the coasts of the Islands, where foreign marauders of the class I have referred to above, and in my Report of Minister of Foreign Relations, might effect a landing; and repudiating as we do, most cordially and unanimously, their principles and their pretensions, we ought to be in a position to capture and disarm them, wheresoever they may disembark. It would be very easy so to isolate such plundering intruders, on any point on which they might land, as to leave them only masters of the ground on which they stand, and to cut off all resources from, and all communication with, them, until the natives could muster in such force as to overwhelm them.

We need never apprehend that such vagabonds will invade us in any force beyond what, with proper organization, we can overcome. The nearest point from which they could come upon us is California, and to bring even 200 men from thence, at say $50 per head, would require $10,000, to say nothing of the cost of their arms and accoutrements. Such men are usually rich only in the intensity of their desire to seize the property of others, and in their readiness to commit any number of murders that may be necessary to secure their booty. Yet, I must not conceal from you that it has been reported that men possessed of large means in San Francisco, and not unknown to individuals residing amongst ourselves, have been ready to furnish the means of fitting out a filibustering expedition against these islands. With the example of *Texas, Cuba, the Peninsula of Baja California* and of *Nicaragua*, before us, we must not shut our ears to such warnings.

If we neglect the military organization suggested by the Prince, authorize no militia throughout the islands, import no arms for distribution among the natives, then we will be chargeable with not only shutting our ears and our eyes to the dangers of our position, but with actually inviting foreigners to invade us and profit by our weakness.

In his desire to meet the penury of the Treasury, the Prince, in his schedule of arms required to be purchased, has said nothing about *field pieces*. In my opinion, a dozen of brass field pieces, so light as to admit of being rapidly carried from one place to another, on horses or mules, and with an ample supply of every thing required for their use, would add greatly to our means of defense.

These brass field-pieces, with all their appurtenances, would cost little compared with the old iron guns bought of Messrs. Butler, Keith & Hill, of Boston, in 1850, without shot to fit them, at a cost of $6,453 89, including freight,* as you can see by referring to the account, marked No. 73, rendered in my report as Minister of Finance to the Legislature of 1854. These guns are now worthless, and we must meet them and are absolutely powerless by saluting them mount a *Salute*.

Filibustering. Marked M, copy of the Prince's letter of the 24th February last, recommending that the Arms should be bought in England, the price there being much lower than in the United States.

You will observe, that His Royal Highness in his second Schedule puts down $1,250 for a Military Instructor performing the duties of Quarter Master General and Master of Ordnance. By referring to page 20 of my report for last year, you will find that the want of proper military instructions, even to the officers, did not escape the sagacious mind of the late Commander-in-Chief, now our Sovereign. Knowing His Majesty's views upon that important want, to our effective Military organization, and knowing also those of His Royal Highness, now Commanding-in-Chief, in my Despatch to the latter of the 26th March last, (see D in the Appendix) I suggested that a special appropriation of an adequate amount should be made, for the purpose of procuring from abroad, *a scientific and faithful* officer, to serve as Military Instructor. The care of selecting one, from WEST POINT, at a salary, not to exceed $2,500 a year, has been confided to the King's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, the Honorable William L. Lee; and certainly, no one will exercise that trust, with more caution and judgment, or a greater desire to obtain not only a well instructed, but an officer loyal and faithful to His Majesty.

While I frankly admit the excellence of the Military education given at West Point—yet the French have so long been the instructors of other nations in the art of war; they are admitted to be so superior in the details of Military organization, combining efficiency with economy and in rendering troops effective in the field (of which the French Army in the *Crimea*, at present, affords so convincing an example) while the *honor* of a French officer, his obedience to his superior, and his *kindness* to the common soldiers are so proverbial, that I would have preferred, to all others, for general Military instructor, a French officer. While American or British officers yield to none, in bravery, very few of them possess the practical training, almost universal among French officers; and habituated to high pay and a lavish expenditure of money, they are far inferior to the French in turning small means to great account, in which respect, and perhaps in some others, the French Army, excels any other in the world. Great as was the perfection to which Napoleon Ist brought his army; it is admitted that Napoleon the III, during his, as yet, but brief reign, has introduced vast improvements; and that, at the present day, nothing can be conceived more complete, in the way of equipment, or of command, for every purpose of active warfare than a French regiment of the line, whether of Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery; nothing more perfect than their commissariat system, and nothing equal to their *ambulances* and other details for carrying off the wounded, and affording to them and to the sick the most prompt and the best medical and surgical assistance. In conclusion let me remind you of the repeated recommendations of our late good King, to provide for a better military organization, for which I refer you to page 4 of my Report to the Legislature of 1854.

You cannot disregard the strong hope expressed by our present Sovereign, in His gracious Speech from the Throne, that you appropriate the means necessary for that better Military organization and to place the Department of War upon a firm and better footing.

GOD PRESERVE THE KING,
R. C. WYLLIE.

War Office, 16th April, 1855.

* By referring to my Report, as Secretary at War, for 1853, page 100, you will see that in England the price of 24 18-pounder iron fort-guns, rammers, with sponges and ladles complete, would be about $6,660, and so on, proportionally, for guns of a heavier calibre. With a small revenue to pay for armaments, and a small number of men to be armed, it is a sound opinion of the Prince Commanding in Chief that our men should be as effective as possible, by having arms of the *best and most improved descriptions and qualities.*

Railways of the World.

The number of miles of railway in operation upon the surface of the globe, according to a statement in the Railway Times, is computed at 40,070; of which the United States claim 21,310, or 2550 miles more than all the rest of the world put together. The railways in the eastern hemisphere are distributed as follows:

In Great Britain, 2,774 miles; in Germany, 5,340 miles; in France, 2,560 miles; in Belgium, 873 miles; in Russia, 429 miles; in Sweden, 75 miles; in Norway, 42 miles; in Italy, 170 miles; in Spain, 60 miles; in Africa, 25 miles; in India, 100 miles. Total 16,964 miles.

The railways in the western hemisphere are thus divided: In the United States, 21,310 miles; in the British provinces, 1,327 miles; in the island of Cuba, 359 miles; in Panama, 50 miles; in South America, 60 miles. The longest railroad in the world is the Illinois Central, which, with its branches, is 731 miles in length, and was constructed at a cost of $15,000,000.

The State of Massachusetts has more miles of railway, in proportion to its extent of territory, than any other state or country on the globe. It has one mile of railway to each seven square miles of its geographical surface. The State of Ohio occupies the van of the States so far as relates to the aggregate length of the railway track.—It has now in operation 2927 miles of railway. Illinois comes next with 2667; New York has 2625, Pennsylvania has 1993; Indiana, 1453; Massachusetts, 1203; and Georgia comes next with 930; Virginia has 837; South Carolina 700; Connecticut 638; Michigan 610; Tennessee 515; New Hampshire and Maryland 512 each; Maine 477; New Jersey 437; Vermont 419; N. Carolina 381; Wisconsin 283; Mississippi 239; Kentucky 228; Alabama 221; Louisiana 169; Iowa 115; Florida 54; Rhode Island and Missouri 50; from and Delaware 16.

SEVEN NEW STEAM SLOOPS-of-WAR.—The "Ketch," has bin, the Secretary of the Navy proposed to build sev- the Daily Advertiser supply the place of others laid before the House will be dropping out of use. House of the six steam frigates ordered by the ge Congress, and which are now nearly completed, he says:—

"Vessels of this formidable character, however, are of great draught, and require a depth of water of more than twenty feet. We have many important harbors along the coast which they could not enter either for defense or refuge. They could not pass over the bars of Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, New Orleans, and other important points both north and south. The experience of other nations and recent events in naval warfare demonstrate the great value, and indeed, in numerous emergencies, the superior advantages of well armed vessels of lighter draught. We have now on hand at the different navy yards seven frames for sloops-of-war, of less than eighteen feet draught of water. I propose that they carry an armament each of about twenty or twenty-two guns of heavy calibre."

REWARD OF BENEFICENCE.—That man who to the utmost of his power augments the great mass of public or individual happiness, will under every institution, and in spite of all opposition, be the happiest of all men himself.—Rochefoucault.

JUDGMENTS.—It is with our judgment as our watches, none just alike, yet each believes his own.—Pope.