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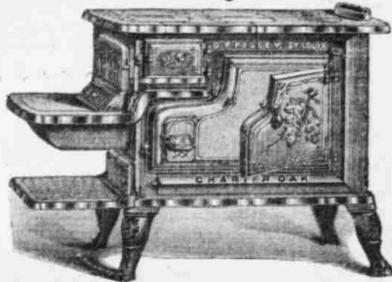
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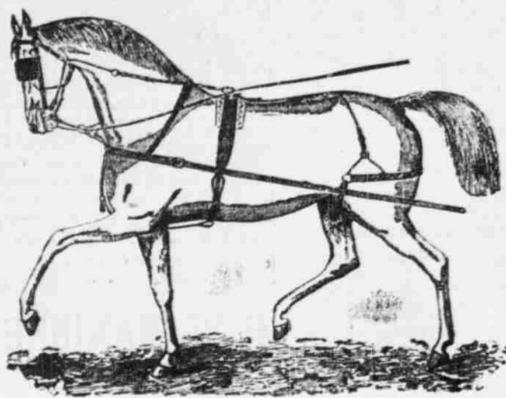
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LAND MATTERS

Dr. H. Hayes Reports from Washington.

Correspondence Involved--Statement
in Writing Made at the Suggestion
of Secretary Porter.

The following on land matters, taken
from the Hilo Tribune of December 30,
1899, comprises the correspondence
which has passed thereon between Dr.
H. Hayes and J. A. Porter, secretary
to President McKinley:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1899.
Mr. W. H. Smith, Editor Hilo Tribune,
Hilo, Hawaii.

Dear Sir: I feel that the people of
Hilo should know what steps have
been taken thus far in the matter of
the Government lands, and what the
prospects are. When I reached Wash-
ington it seemed necessary that the
matter should be laid before the Pres-
ident at once, in order that he might
incorporate in his annual message to
Congress any recommendations he
might think proper to make in the
premises. As the memorial has not
yet reached me I had to act, and act
quickly, in my private capacity; so I
saw Secretary Porter, showed him a
copy of the memorial, and stated the
case as plainly, as briefly and as strongly
as I could. He said the President
was too busy on his message to Con-
gress, working day and night, to see
me personally, but he suggested that
I make a brief statement in writing
of what I had said to him and he would
submit it to the President. So I wrote
the following:

1752 Oregon Avenue,
Washington, D. C., Nov. 25, 1899.
To the President:

I have the honor to submit the fol-
lowing facts, which came under my
personal notice while I was residing in
the town of Hilo, Island of Hawaii, re-
garding conditions in the Hawaiian Is-
lands occasioned by Executive Order of
September 11, 1899.

1st. The enforcement of this order
has already greatly disturbed business
by the uncertainties it has created, and
will block several important enter-
prises on the Island of Hawaii, such as
the building of two railroads, and the
development of coffee and sugar planta-
tions.

2d. About nine-tenths of the Hawai-
ian government lands affected by this
order are on this island, and conse-
quently the people there are especially
interested in the matter, and very de-
sireous that something be done promptly
to ameliorate the present unsatisfac-
tory conditions.

3d. Nearly all of these lands were
taken up in perfect good faith under
the Hawaiian land laws, as homesteads
and plantations, and not for purposes
of speculation, and practically all of
them have been improved and devel-
oped, as required by the grants. Most
of them were taken up under the Land
Act of 1895, and the lessees had not
time to comply with all the conditions
precedent to title (one of which is three
years' residence) before the islands were
annexed to the United States. Other
settlers, coming after annexation,
took up lands granted them by the
Hawaiian Government under the Hawai-
ian laws, which had been continued in
power and force by the Government
of the United States. The United
States Government has succeeded to all
the obligations of the Hawaiian
Government, one of which is to ob-
serve the terms of the contracts made
with the lessees of these lands, and
to grant them fee simple titles thereto.

4th. These lessees have spent both
time and money in the development of
their lands, in costly experiments in
coffee culture, and in the erection of
homes and buildings. For these ex-
penditures no reimbursements would
probably be made, and the refunding of
the purchase price of the land would
not begin to compensate them for their
losses and outlay. Many of these les-
sees have also given up positions in
the United States and severed all their
connections there, and have gone to
Hawaii to take up these claims.

5th. A memorial reciting these facts
was being circulated on the Island of
Hawaii at the time I left (October
25th), and had already received the
signatures of nearly all of the higher
officials and of many of the merchants,
professional men and planters of the
island, and will probably be presented to
you in a few weeks.

I have, therefore, the honor to re-
spectfully suggest, in the interests of
the people of Hawaii, that you will
recommend to Congress such legisla-
tion as will remedy the present unset-
tled condition of the land question and
confirm in their titles all those who in
good faith have taken up lands in the
Hawaiian Islands in accordance with
the laws of the Republic of Hawaii.

I have the honor to be, with high
respect,
Very truly yours,
HENRY HAYES.

With this I sent a letter to Mr. Por-
ter, semi-official in character, which he
could show to the President, but em-
bodying statements that need not go
on record. The letter follows:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25, 1899.
My dear Mr. Porter:—I enclose a
brief statement of the facts regarding
public lands in Hawaii, which I
brought to your notice the other day,
and which you suggested that I put in
writing for submission to the Pres-
ident. I have been roused in this mat-
ter by the strong desire I found among
my fellow land owners in Hawaii to
bring to the President's notice some
strong and direct expression of their
troubles and needs. I was, as you
know, the Secretary of the Hawaiian
Commission last year, and subsequently
took up government lands on Ha-
waii, and was out there this summer
developing them when this order of the
President checked further operations.
I have, therefore, had opportunities for
knowing the real conditions. I know
that the men who have taken up these
lands are reputable and earnest men,
and not mere squatters or speculators,
and that it is their wish and inten-
tion to become permanent residents of
this new addition to our country and

to help develop it along American lines
as American citizens.

Trusting that I am not putting you
to too much trouble in this matter,
and thanking you for your interest and
courtesy, I am,
Very truly yours,
HENRY HAYES.

Hon. John Addison Porter,
Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Porter acknowledged the receipt
of these letters in the following note:
"Executive Mansion,
Washington, Nov. 8, 1899.

My Dear Sir:—Your communication
relating to Government lands in Ha-
waii has been submitted to the Pres-
ident and was read by him very at-
tentively.

The subject I believe will be men-
tioned in his message to Congress, and
the President has requested the At-
torney General to give especial consid-
eration to the points which you have
enumerated.

Very sincerely yours,
J. A. PORTER,
Secretary to the President.

Dr. Henry Hayes,
1752 Oregon Avenue, Washington,
D. C.

These letters tell concisely the story
of my efforts and the present status
of things. There seems to be a good
deal of suspicion in Washington re-
garding Hawaiian affairs, and I think
I have presented one phase of the mat-
ter to the President in a new light.
Previously, the point of view of the
individual planter had, apparently, not
been presented to him, all former rep-
resentations having been in the inter-
est of the Government of Hawaii or
of large corporations. Of course it is
impossible to say, at this time, what
the outcome will be, but I am confident
the President is favorably disposed
to the bona fide settlers on the lands
and will do all in his power to pro-
tect them. He is fully conscious of the
unsettled and demoralized state of af-
fairs in general in the islands, but I
do not believe he had any conception
of the mischief wrought by the small
land holders by his order of September
11th until the matter was brought to
his attention in the above letters.

The Commissioners' bill, granting
Hawaii a territorial form of govern-
ment, will be presented to Congress as
soon as it meets, and the President will
urge the speedy passage of this bill,
and in this, or in a separate measure,
I believe the land question will be
satisfactorily settled. Hawaii will not
be treated in the same manner as Cuba,
Puerto Rico and the Philippines, but
will be made an integral part of the
United States and given a territorial
form of Government. How soon this
bill will be passed it is, of course, im-
possible to state at this time, but the
President is anxious to start on his on-
ward career this first-born child of the
expansion policy.

All has been done that can be done
at this time in the direction of
straightening out the land-question
angle, and we must now wait for the
President's action. When the question
is referred to Congress it may be neces-
sary to press the matter there, and
the memorial should be sent on as soon
as possible.

I have given me great pleasure to do
what I could thus far, and I shall en-
deavor in the future, by every means
in my power, to promote the inter-
ests of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,
HENRY HAYES.

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