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THE HAWAIIAN TREATY

Secret Documents before the U. S. Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Among the papers which you will probably find before this Senate, and which were secured with the Pacific R. R. [illegible] of them before its passage this morning, is one showing the instructions finally with Hawaii. The secret correspondence documents which were transmitted with the treaty to the Senate, and which contained much valuable information upon the subject involved, are bound with, prepared to the public.

(Message from the President of the United States, transmitting a report of the Secretary of State, recommending the passage of the Act to Regulate the Navigation of the Inlands in a Certain Contingency Specified in the Act.)

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for consideration by the Senate and appropriate action thereon, a report of the Secretary of State recommending the passage of the Act of Congress to regulate the navigation of the inlands in a certain contingency specified in the Act.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

Executive Mansion, Washington, June 9, 1884.

To the Senate:

The question of the duration of the existing treaty of reciprocity with Hawaii has been before Congress in the Senate since the ratification of the same treaty, and has lead to the issue there of the two amendments, the necessity of which is twice made with each other. A majority of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, by an report of January 21, 1884, recommended the conclusion that the treaty should be terminated by the act of the United States. The contracting participants in the treaty have since shown that it may be a doubt whether the people would continue to give to the treaty and its consequences to the prosperity which it has created.

Whatever measures it may be thought by our sister people to give to the provisions of the treaty, it is evident, it seems, that Hawaii, on its side, is likely to give at least the twelve months' notice of termination.

The Minister the King of Hawaii has intimated to the Hawaiian Minister in this capital, in pursuance of the decision of the Legislature of the Islands, to a formal agreement extending it for a further term of seven years.

The undersigned deems it proper to suggest to the President the submission of this proposal to the Senate, in order that, if they shall express therein that body with which the treaty originated, the consent thereto may be conveyed.

The Hawaiian Minister's note of April 14, 1884, extending the terms of the treaty, is with and other the President, for transmission to the Senate, if he shall deem it proper, and the Secretary of State is prepared to receive the suggested amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Department of State, Washington, May 27, 1884.

To the President of the United States:

Upon a fair construction of the treaty between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands, concluded January 30, 1875, it was agreed that the said convention should remain in force for seven years from the date of which it should come into operation, and further, until the expiration of twelve months after either of the contracting parties should give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same.

And whereas, the said term of seven years has expired, and the said convention is now terminable on twelve months' notice by either of the contracting parties;

And whereas, the mutual advantages growing out of said convention may be lessened by doubts as to its continuance in force;

Therefore, the President of the United States and His Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands, desiring that the definite term of duration in force of said convention should be extended, have appointed, the President of the United States, Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State, and the King of the Hawaiian Islands, Hon. Henry A. P. Carter, his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Government of the United States of America, who, having exchanged their full powers, which were found sufficient and in due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

The contracting parties agree that the said convention concerning commercial reciprocity shall continue in force for a further term of seven years from the date of exchange of ratifications of this agreement, and further until twelve months after either of the contracting parties shall give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same, each of the high contracting parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said term of seven years or at any time thereafter.

ARTICLE II.

The present agreement shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, D. C., U. S. A., within ten months, or earlier if possible.

In witness whereof—

The Senate to-day ratified the additional [illegible]

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