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Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge
Your Excellency's dispatch of Jan 26th
covering autograph letter to the President
of the United States - Proclamation and
letter to the Secretary of State.

These letters were delivered
by me to the Secretary of State on the same
day of their arrival. I also read to
the Secretary Your Excellency's letter which
contained further explanations of the
forming of the Provisional Government.

Your Commissioners have
informed you of their friendly
reaction by the President and the Secretary
of State, and the result of their negotiations
in a speedy agreement, sent at once to
the Senate for ratification.

The Treaty has been

His Excellency Sanford B. Dole

Minister of Foreign Affairs

to be to

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been approved by the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee. reported back to the Senate and
is now on the Calendar. to be taken up at
any time. But the wave of approval which
greeted the advent of the Treaty into the
Senate. is succeeded by a perceptible reaction
which in my opinion will not defeat it
finally. but is sufficient to deter immediate
action. and will probably throw it over
into Mr Cleveland's Administration

At first the 2/3d vote. was deemed
by the friends of the Treaty perfectly secure.
but the delay. has developed so many
dissentients. to immediate action. that
it appears to be inexpedient to put it
to a test vote.

Senator Platt of Connecticut
said to me yesterday. that if all the Senators
were here. the 2/3d vote would be easy. but
with a daily average attendance of only 50
of the 88 Senators. the margin was so close
that it would be unsafe to force a vote

The reaction too is being
fomented by the Pres. I enclose slips from

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from the Washington Post of this morning.

The reporter overstates the case, especially as to the number of dissenting Senators, although it is not improbable, if the Treaty goes over the 14th of March, modifications or Amendments may be made, for the sake of Democratic prestige.

The old Contest of prerogative as between the Senate and House of Representatives has been revived, will be discussed in the House next Monday. This phase does not concern us particularly, as the Senate is abundantly able to defend their prerogative, and moreover, have never been deterred from ratifying a Treaty, because the House has sole Control of all fiscal matters.

The commentators say, the Senate cannot carry out fiscal promises on bond the House to do so, but "that the House has never failed to vote the money required by Treaty stipulations."

Mr Foster Secretary of State has resigned and left for Paris, to assume his post there as one of the Commissioners in the Bering Sea negotiations. With his

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his expressed desire to have the ratification accomplished during this Administration, and energy in urging immediate consideration upon Senators. I feel that his departure has been unfortunate.

Mr Neuman has been here for several days. has had an interview with Mr Foster and presented his brief.

I enclose slip from New York Herald of yesterday. giving his statements in full.

There is some wonder as to how the Herald procured this document. but I have an idea - that the Senate Foreign Committee - allowed - without giving actual consent - the reporter to copy it. It was not a diplomatic paper - nor one under the seal of secrecy - and moreover - touched on side of the Hawaiian affairs which the Senate would have the public know about. It appears at the State Department to be accepted - that Mr Neuman's mission here - relates solely to increase of the allowance made for the Queen in the Treaty.

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The public prints announce that the Princeps
Kaiulani attended by Mr Theo. W. Davis will
arrive in New York next Wednesday (March 1st)

I am at a loss to make out a reason
for this unwise move - for I believe the interests
and well being of the Princeps - and the future
will not be advanced by the personal
appearance in this Country at present

It is my intention to go to New
York on Tuesday to meet the party on their
arrival.

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Mr Charles B. Bishop who has
been in this City for three weeks. left to day
for San Francisco. The Bishops advice,
counsel and support have been valuable
to the Commissioners

I have the honor to remain
Your Excellency's obedient servant

Wm. B. Smith