

To His Majesty,
Kamehameha V,
King of the Hawaiian Islands.

Great and Good Friend:

I have read
with feelings of profound sorrow
your Majesty's letter of the 5th Decem-
ber, last, announcing the death on
the 30th of the preceding month,
of His Majesty, your Brother,
Kamehameha IV, and conveying
also the pleasing intelligence of
your Majesty's constitutional suc-
cession to the Throne of the Hawaiian
Kingdom.

Your Majesty's anticipations of
sympathy from me in the double

bereavement which you have experienced in the decease of your Sovereign and Brother are fully realized. Not only I, but the whole American People are deeply moved by the intelligence of the event with which God in His infinite wisdom has afflicted your Majesty and the Hawaiian Nation; for whom this Government and people have ever entertained sentiments of almost paternal regard, as well as of sincere friendship and unchanging interest.

It is gratifying to know that His Majesty's place on the Throne and in the hearts of the Hawaiian people is occupied by one who was

allied to him by the closest ties of blood, and by a long participation in the affairs of the Kingdom. These influences, controlled by the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, whose guidance your Majesty invokes, and by those aspirations which your Majesty cherishes for the good of your subjects, cannot fail to assure the well-being and prosperity of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Your Majesty may ever firmly rely upon my sincere sympathy and cordial support and upon the abiding friendship of the people of the United States in the execution of the lofty mission entrusted

to you by Providence.

Commending Your Majesty, and
the bereaved widow and People of
the late King to the Fatherly pro-
tection and comfort of the Almighty,
I remain

Your Majesty's Good Friend,

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:

William H. Seward

Secretary of State.

Washington, February 2, 1864.

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from A. Lincoln Pres. U.S.