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HAWAI'I STATE ARCHIVES HOSTS OPEN HOUSE TO COMMEMORATE THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE ANGLO-FRENCH DECLARATION

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HONOLULU – Never-displayed items in recognition of the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-French Declaration will be exhibited on November 28, 2018 by the Hawai'i State Archives, a division of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). As part of the "Year of the Hawaiian" series of events, the theme of the exhibit is *Celebrating the Diplomatic History of the Hawaiian Kingdom*.

The Anglo-French Declaration acknowledged the Hawaiian Kingdom as a diplomatic equal to the world powers at that time with a "government capable of providing for the regularity of its relations with foreign nations." With this recognition, diplomacy blossomed, international treaties were signed, and over 110 Hawaiian Kingdom consulates were opened around the world.

Highlights of the original records and artifacts which will be on display include:

- The Journal of Diplomatic Mission to Europe, 1842-1844, that resulted in the Anglo-French Declaration of 1843

- Hawai'i's copy of the Anglo-French Declaration
- Proclamation of Neutrality, 1854, by the Hawaiian Kingdom regarding the ongoing Crimean War that laid the foundation for the development of international laws on state neutrality
- Original documents showcasing how the event, La Ku'oko'a, was celebrated throughout the years
- International treaties signed with Great Britain, Japan, and Italy
- Original diplomatic seals from the Hawaiian Kingdom consulates abroad
- Correspondence between the Hawaiian Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Hawaiian Kingdom consulates

Open House will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Kekauluohi Building on the 'Iolani Palace Grounds. Preceding the Open House will be a lecture in the Kanaina Building from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Timoteo Ha'alilio, one of three Hawaiian Kingdom delegates who negotiated with the European powers to achieve this historic recognition, followed by a walk to Pohukaina in front of the building to pay respects at his grave.

Schedule of Nov. 28 Activities:

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Media preview

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Lecture on Timoteo Ha'alilio, one of the main diplomats for Kamehameha III, in the Kanaina Building followed by a Mele at his gravesite in front of Kanaina Building

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Public opening of the exhibition in the State Archives.

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