

GROVER'S HAWAIIAN MESSAGE

COMMISSIONER BLOUNT'S REPORT UPHOLD

The United States Will Not Use Force to Restore the Monarchy in Hawaii. Text of the Instructions Given to Minister Willis—Landings of U.S. Forces Unauthorised.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Cleveland to-day sent to Congress a message on the Hawaiian question. He says he is convinced that the difficulties lately created here and in Hawaii, and now standing in the way of a solution of the question through executive action, render it proper that the matter should be submitted to the broader authority and discretion of Congress.

He details the proceeds, quotes liberally from Minister Stevens' correspondence, in which the latter said Hawaii had reached a crisis and one of the two courses was absolutely necessary, either bold or vigorous measures for annexation or a customs union with implied American protection, but he believed the former to be the better course, and he could not refrain from expressing the opinion with emphasis that the golden hour was at hand.

To this minister, full of zeal for annexation, there seemed to arise in January last the precise opportunity which he awaited and he announced on Feb. 1 that the "Hawaiian" year is now fully ripe and that this is the golden hour for the United States to pluck it.

On this same day, unable longer to restrain his ardor, he issued a proclamation whereby in the name of the United States he assumed protection of the islands pending and subject to negotiations at Washington. This assumption was disavowed by our Government, but the United States flag remained over the Government building at Honolulu and American forces remained on guard until April, when they were removed by Commissioner Blount.

The President next details the occurrence that led to subversion of constitutional government in Hawaii, and relates the actual part taken therein by Minister Stevens.

In continuation the President's message says the landing of United States forces on the soil of Honolulu was of itself a declaration of war unless made with the consent of the Government of Hawaii or for the bona fide purpose of protecting the imperilled lives and the property of American citizens.

But, he says, there is no pretence of any such consent. In fact the Queen protested against it, and there is little basis for pretence that forces were landed to protect the lives and property of American citizens.

If so, they would have been stationed in the vicinity of such property, which was in a distant part of the city, instead of at the command of the Hawaiian Government building and palace. When troops landed the city was in a peaceful condition and there was no symptom of riot or disturbance.

The President therefore concludes that Hawaii was taken possession of by United States forces without the consent or wish of the Government of the islands or anybody else, so far as shown, except the United States minister, and was without justification.

The President then gives the text of instructions to Minister Willis. He was instructed to say to the Queen that the conditions relative to annexation must be acquiesced in by her or she would be asking if the Queen should ask what the United States would do towards restoring her and maintaining her on the throne.

He was also instructed to tell the provisional government if it should ask the same questions that the President would do all he could under executive authority to restore the Queen, but the message fails to state what the President could and would do under the term "Executive authority."

PROPERTY COMMITTEE. The Ferry Company and the Proposed Island Water Lease. The Property Committee confined its attention to harbors and water-fronts at its meeting yesterday afternoon. It decided that the city would not allow, without debate, the Ontario Government to control the property for which the ferry company is expecting to get a lease from the Commissioner of Crown Lands. They agreed not to impede Mr. Edward Hanlan with any new restrictions on his property on Hanlan's Island he bought from Mr. Bowen.

The committee also considered the waterfront and made mention of it. The privilege of controlling the land which the ferry company expect to lease is not yet decided. It may be in the hands of the Dominion, Ontario or the city government. The Ontario Government has assumed control. It requires also of the city "that in case the city government may gain the expiration of the proposed lease the renewal shall depend and be concurrent with any renewal that may be granted by the city to the ferry company of the premises composed in the Hanlan lease, and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon."

The draft lease also provides that in the event of the corporation not seeing fit to renew the lease and Mrs. E. H. Foster the city may not dispose of the ferry company unless they pay for improvements. The committee is of the opinion that the Ontario Government was asking too much, and instructed the Mayor, Ald. McMurich and Crawford to go up with the Solicitor and protest to tomorrow morning.

The transfer of the land which Mr. Edward Hanlan purchased from Mr. Bowen has caused some trouble, and the City Council, too, was interested. Mr. Bowen bought property from Mr. E. J. Clark, which had on it a general limitation that but a single house should be erected on one lot. Mr. Hanlan bought the property from Mr. Bowen, expecting to be subjected to only like restrictions. He found that he, however, was limited further, and was only permitted to build a private dwelling. The committee, after some discussion, altered the new regulation to read as the old one had done.

Mr. P. G. Close and "Eloise" Case. In July Ex-Ald. P. G. Close purchased from the trustees of Mrs. E. H. Foster for \$100,000 the "Eloise" estate at the corner of Dufferin-street and Davenport-street, which is 50 acres in extent. He has already paid \$42,000 on the property. Mrs. Foster has now taken legal steps to recover. He alleges that the defendants have been and still are trying to "blow" the property under the same name as the plaintiff asks for the cancellation of the agreement and, in addition, \$25,000 damages for loss of profits by reason of misrepresentations, whereby he has been prevented from reselling the property.

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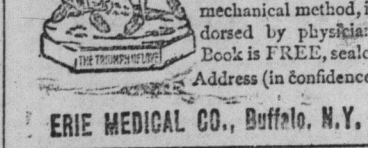
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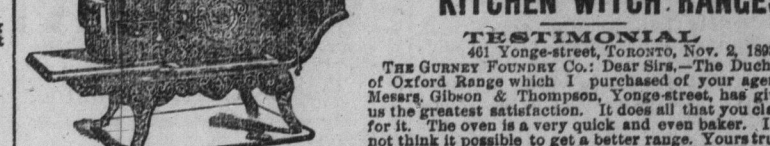
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