

BY AUTHORITY.



DECREE.

We, KAMEHAMEHA V., by the Grace of God, of the Hawaiian Islands, King.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, by the 35th Article of the Constitution of the Kingdom, all titles of Honour, Orders, and other distinctions emanate from the King; and,

Whereas, We are desirous to cultivate and develop among our subjects the feelings of Honour and Loyalty to Our Dynasty, and its institutions; and,

Whereas, it is Our wish to confer honorary distinctions upon such of Our subjects and foreigners as have rendered, or may hereafter render, to Our Dynasty and People important services;

Therefore, after consultation with Our Privy Council of State, We have decreed, and do decree, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. An Order of Merit is hereby created under the name of the "Order of Kamehameha I."

ARTICLE 2. The number of the members of said order shall be limited as follows:

- Ten Knights Grand Crosses.
- Thirty Knights Commanders.
- Fifty Knights Companions.

ARTICLE 3. The Insignia of the Order of Kamehameha I. are regulated as follows:

*Knights Grand Crosses*—A Maltese Cross of brilliants in a gold frame, with the motto on the obverse "*E hookanaka*," and on the reverse the words "*Kamehameha I.*"

*Knights Commanders*—A Maltese Cross of gold in a silver frame, with the same motto and inscription.

*Knights Companions*—A Maltese Cross of silver in a green enamelled frame, with the motto and inscription.

The insignia shall be worn on the left breast when in full dress or in uniform; other wise, the ribbon alone shall be worn; the said ribbon shall be of silk and of alternate stripes of yellow and blue.

ARTICLE 4. The King shall be *ex officio* the Grand Chancellor of the Order of Kamehameha I. The said Order shall not be hereditary, and the formula of the oath, and all matters pertaining to the same, shall be regulated by a Council of the Order appointed by the King, and presided over by him.

Done at Iolani Palace, in the Privy Council of State, held this 11th day of April, A. D. 1865. KAMEHAMEHA R.

By the King: CHARLES GORDON HOPKINS.

"ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I."

It has pleased His Majesty the KING, to confer the Order of KAMEHAMEHA I. upon the following persons:

- GRAND CROSSES—H. R. H. M. Kekuanaoa, to be Chancellor of the Order.  
His Excellency R. C. Wyllie.
- COMMANDERS—His Ex. C. G. Hopkins, The Honorable G. M. Robertson, The Honorable E. H. Allen.
- KNIGHTS—His Excellency P. Kanoa, His Excellency P. Nabaolelua, The Honorable C. Kanaina, The Honorable L. Andrews, The Honorable C. Kapaakea, The Honorable D. Kalakaua, His Excellency J. O. Dominis, The Honorable C. O. Harris, His Excellency C. de Varigny.  
The Right Rev. Bishop of Honolulu, to be Chaplain of the Order.

COURT NEWS.

On Wednesday evening last His Majesty the King gave a grand dinner at Iolani Palace, Her Majesty Queen Emma presiding opposite to the King. Fifty guests were present on the occasion. Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria and H. M. Kekuanaoa attended as well as H. B. M.'s Commissioner and Mrs. Syngé, and the Captain and officers of H. B. M.'s ship *Clio*, in whose honor the dinner was given. Amongst other guests we will mention their Excellencies the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Finance and Madame de Varigny, His Honor the Attorney General and Mrs. Harris, His Excellency the Minister Resident of the United States, H. I. M.'s Commissioner and Madame Desnoyers, Captain Enquist and the officers of H. I. R. M.'s ship *Gyliack*, Captain Hanham, R. N., and Mrs. Hanham, His Lordship Bishop Staley and Mrs. Staley, their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court and their ladies, the Hon. C. R. Bishop and Mrs. and Miss Bishop, H. I. R. M.'s Vice Consul and Mrs. Pfluger, their Excellencies the Governors, present in Honolulu, and their ladies, several members of H. M.'s Privy Council of State and other distinguished guests.

During the dinner the Chamberlain of the Palace proposed the following toasts: His Majesty Kamehameha V. Long live the King.

- Her Majesty Queen Emma.
- Her Majesty the Queen of England.
- The President of the United States.
- His Majesty the Emperor of the French.
- His Majesty the Emperor of Russia.
- His Majesty's guests—the Captains and officers of the English and Russian navy.

At nine o'clock their Majesties and guests left the dining room and proceeded to the reception drawing rooms, where a large and select company had assembled. At His Majesty's request the guests adjourned to a large ball room, specially erected for the purpose and handsomely decorated. The hall was opened by an official quadrille, and dance after dance followed in rapid succession till one o'clock, when the company proceeded to a handsome and well served supper. The dances were continued with unabated spirit till four o'clock in the morning, when the guests retired after spending a pleasant night at Iolani Palace.

On Thursday evening the British Commissioner and Mrs. Syngé gave a Soiree and private theatricals at the Legation. They had the honor of receiving his Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen Emma. The members of His Majesty's Cabinet, the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, the Captain and officers of H. B. M.'s ship *Clio*, and other distinguished guests were invited.

It has pleased His Majesty the KING, to make the following appointments, viz.:

- JAMES WHITTAL, Esquire, His Consul General for Hongkong and Macao.
- MAJOR E. HASSLOCHER, His Consul for Prussia.
- EUGENE M. VAN REED, Esquire, His Consul General for Japan.
- JOHN McCRAKEN, Esquire, His Consul for Oregon.
- R. C. WYLLIE.

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 27, 1865.

Captain General Robert Syngé, H. B. M. ship *Clio*, Honolulu

To My Dear  
Carson City, Nevada  
California