



SYNOPSIS

OF RIGHTS INHERENT IN THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE.

1. The right of the Sovereign to govern His Kingdom, independent of all Foreign influence or control whatever.
2. The right of exclusive jurisdiction within the whole extent of His domain, territorial and maritime.
3. The right to enforce respect and obedience to His Constitution and laws, upon all who reside within His jurisdiction; to amend His Constitution as provided for in the instrument itself, and to amend, alter, or abrogate His laws according to the Constitution, as He may think necessary for the good of His people.
4. The right to preserve the perfectly free, uncontrolled and independent exercise of the Powers of the State, namely, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial.
5. The right to appoint and dismiss His own Ministers and other officers, agreeably to His Constitution and laws.
6. The rights of Peace, War and Neutrality, to the same extent as exercised by the Sovereign of any other independent State, and to exercise all the powers conferred upon Him by His Constitution and laws.
7. The right to form Treaties, Alliances and Conventions with foreign States, to Diplomatic Representation at foreign Courts, and to form and direct His own foreign policy towards all foreign nations, for the peace, safety and best interests of His Kingdom, as freely as any other Sovereign can exercise that right.
8. The right to form and regulate the internal policy of His Kingdom, in every thing relating to the education, religion, morality, industry and commerce of His people; to taxation, assessment, duties on imports and exports for the support of His Government, of national colleges and schools, hospitals, and other charitable institutions; to establish municipalities and corporations, organize and regulate the Police, grant patents and exclusive privileges, and to do all other things for the good of the State and the perfection of His people, according to his own understanding of their interests, without any other let or hindrance than His own Constitution and Laws, and the provisions of His Treaties with foreign nations, liberally construed.
- 9th. The right of reference to a friendly Sovereign, as arbitrator, of all international questions, before foreign nations resort to *Reprisals* or war, secured by the Protocols of Paris, to all nations, adopting the principles agreed upon by the Representatives of the great Powers in Protocol No. 23, of 16th April, 1856.
10. The right to regulate the etiquette and ceremonial of His own Court, and to be addressed by foreign Agents with the same courtesy and respect with which they would address their own sovereigns.
11. The right to dismiss, or otherwise punish foreign Agents who forfeit their inviolability by abusing their privileges, to the injury of individuals entitled to His Majesty's protection, to the injury of the King and His Government, and the endangerment of the peace and safety of the State, as freely as other Sovereigns would exercise that power, under like circumstances.
12. Finally, all the rights, powers, privileges, immunities, respects and considerations, in all things whatsoever allowed by the Law of Nations and by the usage of Courts, to other independent Sovereigns and claimed and exercised by them.

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