

CONSTITUTION.

It is our design to regulate our kingdom according to the above principles, and thus seek the greatest prosperity both of all the chiefs and all the people of these Hawaiian Islands. But we are aware that we cannot ourselves alone accomplish such an object. God must be our aid, for it is his province alone to give perfect protection and property. Wherefore we first present our supplication to him that he will guide us to right measures and sustain us in our work.

It is, therefore, our fixed decree:—

1. That no law shall be enacted which is at variance with the word of the Lord Jehovah, or at variance with the general spirit of his word. All laws of the island shall be in consistency with the general spirit of God's law.

2. All men in every religion shall be protected in worshipping Jehovah, and serving him according to their own understanding, but no man shall ever be punished for neglect of God, unless he injures his neighbour, or bring evil on the kingdom.

3. The law shall give redress to every man who is injured by another, without a fault of his own, and shall protect all men while they conduct properly, and shall punish all men who commit crime against the kingdom or against individuals; and no unequal law shall be passed for the benefit of one to the injury of another.

4. No man shall be punished, unless his crime be first made manifest, neither shall he be punished unless he be first brought to trial in the presence of his accusers, and they have met face to face, and the trial having been conducted according to law, and the crime made manifest in their presence, then punishment may be inflicted.

5. No man or chief shall be permitted to sit as judge or act on a jury to try his particular friend or enemy, or one who is especially connected with him. Wherefore, if any man be condemned or acquitted, and it shall afterwards be made to appear that some one who tried him acted with partiality, for the purpose of favouring his friend or injuring his enemy, or for the purpose of enriching himself, then there shall be a new trial allowed before those who are impartial.

EXPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE PRESENT DYNASTY IS FOUNDED.

The origin of the present government and system of polity is as follows: Kamehameha I. was the founder of the kingdom, and to him belonged all the land from one end of the islands to the other, though it was not his own private property. It belonged to the chiefs and