

hameha I., life and death, condemnation and acquittal, were in the hands of Kaahumanu. When Kamehameha I. died, his will was, "The kingdom is Liho-liho's, and Kaahumanu is his minister."

That important feature of the government, originated by Kamehameha I., shall be perpetuated in these Hawaiian Islands, but shall always be in subserviency to the law.

The following are the duties of the premier:

All business connected with the special interests of the kingdom, which the king wishes to transact, shall be done by the premier under the authority of the king. All documents and business of the kingdom, executed by the premier, shall be considered as executed by the king's authority. All government property shall be reported to him (or her), and he (or she) shall make it over to the king.

The premier shall be the king's special counsellor in the great business of the kingdom.

The king shall not act without the knowledge of the premier, nor shall the premier act without the knowledge of the king, and the veto of the king on the acts of the premier shall arrest the business. All important business of the kingdom which the king chooses to transact in person, he may do it, but not without the approbation of the premier.

GOVERNORS.

There shall be four governors over these Hawaiian Islands—one for Hawaii, one for Maui and the islands adjacent, one for Oahu, and one for Kauai and the adjacent islands. All the governors, from Hawaii to Kauai, shall be subject to the king.

The prerogatives of the governors and their duties, shall be as follows. Each governor shall have the general direction of the several tax-gatherers of his island, and shall support them in the execution of all their orders which he considers to have been properly given, but shall pursue a course according to law, and not according to his own private views. He also shall preside over all the judges of his island, and shall see their sentences executed as above. He shall also appoint the judges and give them their certificates of office.

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The governor shall be superior over his particular island or islands. He shall have charge of the munitions of war, under the direction of the king however, and the premier. He shall have charge of the forts, the soldiery, the arms, and all the implements of war. He shall receive