

beforehand of the days on which courts are to be held. When the time specified arrives, they shall be the judges in cases arising under the laws, excepting those which regard taxation, or difficulties between land agents, or landlords and their tenants. They shall be sustained by the governor, whose duty it shall be to execute the law according to their decisions. But if exceptions are taken to their judgment, whosoever takes them, may appeal to the supreme judges.

OF THE SUPREME JUDGES.

The representative body shall appoint four persons whose duty it shall be to aid the king and premier, and six persons shall constitute the supreme court of the kingdom.

Their business shall be to settle all cases of difficulty which are left unsettled by the tax officers and common judges. They shall give a new trial according to the conditions of the law. They shall give previous notice of the time for holding courts, in order that those who are in difficulty may appeal. The decision of these shall be final. There shall be no further trial afterwards. Life, death, confinement, fine, and freedom from it, are all in their hands, and their decisions are final.

OF CHANGES IN THIS CONSTITUTION.

This constitution shall not be considered as finally established until the people have generally heard it, and have appointed persons according to the provisions herein made, and they have given their assent; then this constitution shall be considered as permanently established.

But hereafter, if it should be thought desirable to change it, notice shall be previously given, that all the people may understand the nature of the proposed change, and at the succeeding meeting of the chiefs and the representative body, if they shall agree as to the addition proposed, or as to the alteration, then they may make it.

The above constitution has been agreed to by the chiefs, and we have hereunto subscribed our names, this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty, at Honolulu, Oahu.

(Signed) KAMEHAMEHA III.
KEKAULUOHI.

The code of laws is now administered with firmness and a promptitude that gives them great effect, and of this we had an instance while we remained at Honolulu.

A night or two after our arrival, I was awakened by one of the most startling and mournful sounds I ever heard, which lasted all