

power which he considers his ally; but she also demands that he conform to the usages of civilized nations. Now, among the latter, there is not even one which does not permit within its territory the free toleration of all religions; and yet, at the Sandwich Islands, the French are not allowed publicly the exercise of theirs, while Protestants enjoy therein the most extensive privileges: for these, all favours; for those, the most cruel persecutions. Such a state of affairs being contrary to the laws of nations, insulting to those of Catholics, can no longer be endured, and I am sent to put an end to it. Consequently, I demand in the name of my government,

1st. That the Catholic worship be declared free throughout all the dominions subject to the King of the Sandwich Islands; that the members of this religious faith shall enjoy in them all the privileges granted to Protestants.

2d. That a site for a Catholic church be given by the government, at Honolulu, a port frequented by the French, and that this church be ministered by priests of their nation.

3d. That all Catholics, imprisoned on account of religion since the last persecutions extended to the French missionaries, be immediately set at liberty.

4th. That the King of the Sandwich Islands deposit in the hands of the captain of *l'Artemise*, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, as a guarantee of his future conduct towards France, which sum the government will restore to him when it shall consider the accompanying treaty will be faithfully complied with.

5th. That the treaty signed by the King of the Sandwich Islands, as well as the sum above mentioned, be conveyed on board the frigate *l'Artemise* by one of the principal chiefs of the country; and also, that the batteries of Honolulu do salute the French flag with twenty-one guns, which will be returned by the frigate.

These are the equitable conditions, at the price of which the King of the Sandwich Islands shall conserve friendship with France. I am induced to hope, that, understanding better how necessary it is for the prosperity of his people, and the preservation of his power, he will remain in peace with the whole world, and hasten to subscribe to them, and thus imitate the laudable example which the Queen of Tahiti has given, in permitting the free toleration of the Catholic religion in her dominions; but if, contrary to my expectation, it should be otherwise, and the King and Principal Chiefs of the Sandwich Islands, led on by bad counsellors, refuse to sign the treaty which I present, war will immediately commence, and the devastations, all the calamities which may be the unhappy but necessary results, will be