

imputed to themselves alone, and they must also pay the losses which the aggrieved foreigners, in these circumstances, shall have a right to reclaim.

(Signed) C. LAPLACE,

Captain of the French frigate l'Artemise.

The 10th July (9th according to date here), 1839.

II.

THE UNITED STATES CONSUL TO THE KING.

U. S. Consulate, Sandwich Islands,

October 26th, 1839.

To HIS MAJESTY, KAMEHAMEHA III.,

King of the Sandwich Islands.

As the opinion seems to be to some extent entertained, that American citizens residing in the Sandwich Islands as missionaries, under the patronage of an incorporated institution of the United States, have exerted a controlling influence upon the framers of the laws of this country, I have very respectfully to inquire, if they have ever had any voice in the passage of laws affecting the interests of other foreigners, and particularly, whether they have ever had any thing to do in the measures adopted by your government for the prevention of the introduction of the Catholic religion into the country. And whether in the treatment which has been shown to any subject of the government of France, they have directly or indirectly recommended the course pursued by your government, and also whether in the attempts made under your authority to suppress the public exercise of the Roman Catholic religion on the part of your own subjects, they have countenanced those attempts. If they have in any of these respects controlled the action of your government, will you be pleased to inform me very explicitly in what manner and to what extent. An early reply will be a favour.

With the highest consideration,

I have the honour to be

Your Majesty's most obedient servant,

P. A. BRINSMADE,

U. S. Commercial Agent.