

command, and that I disclaim all intention of interfering with their execution; but while I make this avowal, I must at the same time, as I feel myself in duty bound, state, that I object to any informal or arbitrary punishment being inflicted upon any under my command, without the due observance of the forms provided for by treaty stipulations.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

To GOVERNOR KEKUAŌA,
Oahu.