Department of State,
Washington, July 6th, 1844.

Gentlemen:
The note which you did me the honor to address to me of date July 1st, 1844, has been received and laid before the President, and in reply to it I am instructed to say that the communication heretofore addressed to you by the Secretary of State (Mr. Webster) dated the 19th of December, 1843, with the Message of the President to Congress of the 31st of December, 1842, and the proceedings thereof of the House of Representatives, the appropriation made for the compensation of a Commissioner of the United States who was ——

To Major T. Haalibbo and W. Richards, Jr., Jr., Jr.
Subsequently appointed to reside in the Sandwich Islands, were regarded by the President as a full recognition on the part of the United States of the Independence of the Hawaiian Government. This opinion has undergone no change, and as the course adopted by the Government of the United States in this conforms substantially with the rule by which it has been regulated in all similar cases, it does not appear to the President necessary to introduce any other or more formal mode of recognition.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. L. Geikie