

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the maintenance of light-houses and other aids to navigation in the Territory of Hawaii is necessary for the safe navigation of the waters thereof by the vessels of the Navy and of the merchant marine of the United States, and for the promotion of its commercial interests,

Preamble.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and pursuant to Section 91 of the Act of April 30, 1900, entitled An Act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii, do hereby declare and proclaim that all the public property of the former government of the Republic of Hawaii ceded heretofore to the United States, consisting of light-houses and the public lands adjacent thereto and used in connection therewith, to the extent of five acres, or thereabout, adjacent to each light-house, when practicable to obtain so much, the exact location of said land and its metes and bounds to be hereafter determined and defined by the Light-House Board, light-vessels, light-house tenders, beacons, buoys, sea-marks and their appendages, and all apparatus, supplies and materials of all kinds provided therefor, and all the archives, books, documents, drawings, models, returns, and all other things appertaining to any light-house establishment maintained by the said government of the former Republic of Hawaii, be and hereby are taken for the uses and purposes of the United States, and the Department of Commerce and Labor, through the Light-House Board, is hereby charged with all administrative duties relating to the said light-house establishment.

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Light-house estab-  
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United States.  
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partment of Com-  
merce and Labor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred [SEAL.] and three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-eighth.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

FRANCIS B. LOOMIS

*Acting Secretary of State.*