

Tokio, Dec. 27th, 1881.

To

His Majesty Kalakaua.

Sire,

Your Majesty's gracious letter was received in due time with the expressions of kind feeling and the cordial sentiments, I reciprocate Your Majesty in every respect. We were highly pleased with your visit to Japan; it is a rare thing to have such charming a visitor like Your Majesty, who came with no other purposes but wishing to promote mutual good relation and welfare. We are delighted to have had an opportunity of offering our hospitality to



Your Majesty and we truly appreciate your noble disposition and excellent mind.

The only thing I regret is that Your Majesty's stay was so short that I could not show to you all the places I expected, but Your Majesty reigns over a country not so very distant but a few day's voyage crosses the Pacific Ocean, so we trust and hope to have the pleasure of seeing Your Majesty again in our soil.

I have the honour to send my promised photographs of the body guard which I command and also a "Murata Rifle" invented by Captain Murata and the photograph of "Korakuyen" (Garden in the Imperial Arsenal).

through Your Majesty's Hawaiian Consul,
Mr. Irwin, please accept them with my
kindest regards. I am glad to hear
that my Government is going to send our
decorations to the Hawaiian Royal family,
as it will tend to increase the mutual friend-
ship of Your Majesty and of my Sovereign.
It is my sincere hope that on your return
to Hawaii you have found all your Royal
family in the enjoyment of good health
and prosperity.

I am, Sir,

Your Majesty's sincere friend

Higashi Fushimi