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## ARRIVAL OF HIS MAJESTY.

His Majesty had been expected for some days previous to the 30th, but the vessels on board of which he had embarked with his suite from Lahaina, did not come in sight until 9 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, when the firing of a gun, and the hoisting of the large Hawaiian ensign on the battery on Punch-bowl Hill, announced the fact. His Excellency, Gov. Kekuanaoa immediately left the harbor in his new and beautiful barge, to meet His Majesty. At 12 o'clock as the little squadron, consisting of the schooners Hoikaika, Paalua, Victoria, and the new vessel recently built at Hawaii, came abreast of the town, the salute of 21 guns was fired on Punch-bowl hill. Soon after, the vessels—with a fair breeze entered the harbor, and His Majesty and suite embarked in the barge for the shore, the Hawaiian flag flying at the stern, and the Royal standard at the bow. In passing the U. S. ship Warren, her yards were manned and a Royal salute fired, both of which attracted attention for the beautiful precision with which they were executed. His Majesty's household troops, 150 strong, and a company from the fort, in all 350 muskets, were drawn up at the landing to receive him. The troops looked well, were neatly accoutred, and their officers made quite a showy appearance in their new uniforms. His Majesty stepped ashore amid the music of the band, and the roar of the cannons from the water battery, and with the Queen on his arm, attended by the Hon. Secretary of State, G. P. Judd, their Excellencies the Governors of Oahu, and Maui, the high Chiefs A. Paki, C. Kanaina, and Colonel J. Stephens, under escort of the military, proceeded to Mauna Kilika, the building fitted for His Majesty's service while he remains in town. A large concourse of people were assembled to witness the royal cortege.

Her Royal Highness, the Premier, with the ladies of her court, soon after landed from the Paalua, and were received by the military under arms, at Mauna Kilika, the band playing the while "God save the King." His Majesty, during the remainder of the morning, was waited upon by the officers of his Government, and of the Troops. The royal party were in excellent health and spirits. Royal audience was given at 8 o'clock in the evening to the Representatives of Foreign Powers, and the residents generally, who were received by their Majesties, the King and Queen, Her Royal Highness, the Premier, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court. The saloon was fully illuminated, the audience, numerously attended, and for Honolulu, this friendly assemblage of all parties, with the glitter of uniforms, and the rich and tasteful dresses, both of the Hawaiian ladies and foreign residents, ren-

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dered the spectacle both novel and pleasing.

We cannot refrain from noticing the good taste displayed by the Captains of the English vessels William Ackers and Cacique, in their decorations of their respective ships on this occasion. The other vessels also wore their ensigns and signals, and the harbor presented a lively appearance.

The protraction of the Festival during the remainder of this week compels us to defer a description of the festivities until our next, when we shall be enabled to give the account in full.

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