

THE FIRST ACT OF KAMEHAMEHA III (1845)

An Act to Organize the Executive Ministry of the Hawaiian Islands

Be it enacted by the King and the Chiefs of the Hawaiian Islands, in Legislative Council assembled:

SECTION I.

There shall be four principal executive officers of the Hawaiian Kingdom, who shall be styled respectively:

1. Minister of the Interior
2. Minister of Foreign Affairs
3. Minister of Finance
4. Attorney General

SECTION II.

These ministers shall be appointed by the King and shall be members of his Privy Council. They shall hold their offices during the King's pleasure.

SECTION III.

Each Minister shall be responsible for the acts of his respective department and shall report directly to the King.

SECTION IV.

The Minister of the Interior shall oversee domestic governance, including the police, public works, lands, and internal improvements.

SECTION V.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall manage all diplomatic relations, correspondence, and treaties with foreign nations.

SECTION VI.

The Minister of Finance shall manage public revenue, expenditures, taxation, and customs.

SECTION VII.

The Attorney General shall serve as the chief legal advisor to the King and prosecute offenses against the laws of the Kingdom.

SECTION VIII.

All executive business of the Kingdom shall be transacted under the authority of these ministers and subject to the King's direction.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1845.

Kamehameha III

(End of First Act)