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Map of the strategic importance of Hawaii (Sandwich Islands) for exploration and trade in the Pacific. Source: *A New Map of the World with all the New Discoveries by Captain Cook and other Navigators* (1799).



DOCUMENT B

December 17, 1897, *New York Times* “For Hawaiian Annexation”
John W. Foster (ex-Secretary of State)

“I do not think the islands will pass under the dominion of Japan. If the people of American origin now in control of the Government are rejected by Congress, they will, in my opinion, turn to their kinsmen, the English and Canadians. They have learned from the Colonial history of Great Britain that wherever the British flag goes there follows equal taxation, just and impartial administration of the laws, and honest and orderly government.

“While I have no information as to the purpose of the present Hawaiian rulers, I feel sure that when it is finally determined that they are not to be annexed to the United States they will lose no time in opening negotiations with Great Britain, and the result of these negotiations will be neither slow nor uncertain.”

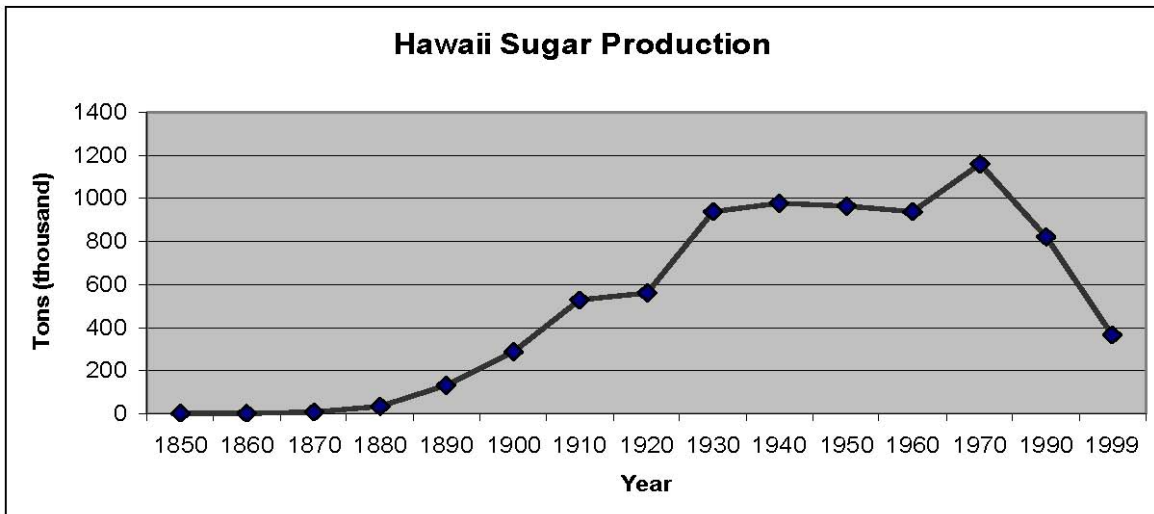
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"His Little Hawaiian Game Checkmated." Cartoon, chromolith. [New York], Judge. n.p., c1894. Hawaiian Historical Society, Whitney scrapbook, p.114, 999.6 W61S. Kahn Collection [37/35], Hawai'i State Archives. Also at Bernice P. Bishop Museum Archives. Honolulu, Hawai'i. President Grover Cleveland sits shocked as Uncle Sam sophisticatedly moves his chess piece to check mate the Queen Lilioukalani piece on the table. Sanford Dole looks on.



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Hawai'i Sugar Production over time (in thousands of tons) Note that the time period from the Bayonet Constitution (1897) to the annexation of Hawaii (1893) took place during a great rise in sugar production.



Source: University of Hawaii, "Economic History of Hawaii." 2001.