Aloha,

"It will afford me unfeigned satisfaction if my kingdom can add its quota toward the successful accomplishment of the most important astronomical observation of the present century and assist, however humbly, the enlightened nations of the earth in these costly enterprises...." King Kalakaua, September 1874, As quoted in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, upon arrival of a British Expedition of Astronomers to Hawai‘i.

That being said, culture and progress can co-exist. What will we do, ban TMT from building and let the rest stay? Or will all be banned from Mauna Kea? Why not suggest that the individuals in charge of the Management of Mauna Kea and the Mauna Kea Science Reserve look into building a Hei‘au (Temple) for our people. I think it should be placed by Lake Wai‘au, we have people who can restore Hei‘au and you know it is hard to restore than to build from scratch.

Right now this issue is dividing my people and it needs to stop. We need to make peace with progress and co-exist for our children’s sake.

This is my mana‘o,