ing more interest in the gala day appearance of the crowd than in the restoration of
their national flag. The air of good natured indifference and idle curiosity with
which the native men regarded the proceedings, and the presence of the women and
children in their white or bright colored dresses, was more suggestive of a country
"fair" or horse race than the sequel to a "revolution."

Even the presence of the "armed forces" of the Provisional Government, num-
bering perhaps 200, parading the corridors of the Government house, failed to elicit
any sign of a feeling of anger or resentment.

In half an hour after the exchange of flags had been made the crowd had dispersed
and only the "force" of the Provisional Government, which I was told was necessary
to prevent mob violence, remained to indicate that a "revolution" had
recently taken place. While among the crowd I looked carefully for indications of
"arms" upon the persons of the natives, but saw none, although with the thin
clothing worn by them, the presence of a revolver or such an arm could easily have
been detected.

If any danger of mob violence on the part of the natives existed, all outward
signs of it were carefully concealed. Only evidences of the greatest good feeling
were apparent.

Hoping that this short statement of the facts as they appeared to me may prove of
interest to you,

I am, etc.,

C. L. Hooper,
Captain U. S. Revenue Marine.

No. 5.

Mr. Blount to Mr. Gresham.

HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, April 8, 1893.

SIR: I send you by the steamship China the following documents:
Report of the president of the Bureau of Immigration to the Legislature of 1892;
Constitution of the Hawaiian Islands for 1887;
The Honolulu Almanac and Directory for 1886, containing the Constitu-
tion of 1884, and
The Hawaiian Annual for 1892.*

These contain much valuable information, which may be useful in
properly understanding the political movements and the disposition of
different classes of persons in these islands. I forbear any comment
now. It seems to me important to gather all the information I can, in
every direction, before permitting myself to reach conclusions or indulge
in comments. I am conversing with many persons of all shades of
political opinion. Some of these conversations I have in writing. They
will cover much space, and, unless especially desired by you, I will not,
as a rule, forward them by mail.

I send a conversation between Admiral Skerrett and myself, taken
down by my stenographer and approved as correct by Admiral
Skerrett. (Inclosure No. 1.)

I inclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Thurston to Mr. Antone Rosa,
the original of which I have seen. Also an explanation of Hawaiian
words used in Mr. Thurston's letter. (Inclosure No. 2.)

I inclose also a copy of a letter written by Mr. Thurston to Mr. J. T.
Colburn, who was in the last ministry of the Queen. (Inclosure No. 3.)

I think the annexation party is endeavoring to impress the Royalists
with the belief that, although the American ensign has been hauled
down and the American troops ordered to their vessels, under color of
protecting the persons and property of American citizens the troops

* Omitted from present publication.