the part of Mr. Thurston, or any other member of the committee of safety, indicating that the American minister knew anything of the movement of the reform party?
A. Yes; I should say that there was.
Q. By whom?
A. Either Carter or Thurston.
Q. What did they say?
A. I cannot state. There was something said. It does not come to my mind now.
Q. Was the purport of it that he knew of the movement?
A. Yes, it was; that is, after the meeting.
Q. How did they know that he knew of the movement?
A. I suppose they had had an interview with him. I cannot say for certain.
Q. Did they say as much?
A. That is what I understood at the time.
Q. Well, now, in that meeting was the subject discussed of asking him to land the American troops?
A. I think that was done by the committee of safety before.
Q. Were you present when they asked for the troops to be landed?
A. I was.
Q. The troops were ordered here on Monday and this mass meeting was on Tuesday!
A. No; the mass meeting was on Monday; the troops came on shore Monday evening just about dark. I might say that it was a surprise to us to hear that the troops were coming on shore.
Q. You expected them to come ashore later?
A. No; I didn’t know when they were coming ashore.
Q. But you expected them to come ashore?
A. Yes; I expected they would come.
Q. By reason of any communication with the American minister?
A. No; I think it was by request of the committee of safety.
Q. I have a copy of the communication from the committee of safety of January 16, 1893—Monday.
A. Yes; Monday afternoon.
Q. What time Monday afternoon?
A. After the mass meeting.
Q. How long after?
A. I think about 5.
Q. It was after the adjournment of the mass meeting you say the request to land troops was made?
A. I think it was about 4 o’clock.
Q. What time did the mass meeting adjourn?
A. A little after 3.
Q. And then the committee of safety met?
A. We met immediately; walked down from the meeting to Smith’s office.
Q. And then you took up the subject of calling on the American minister to land troops?
A. Yes.
Q. Who took that communication to him?
A. I think it was Charlie Carter. I can not be positive.
Q. Is he one of the present commissioners?
A. Yes.
Q. How long was he gone?
A. Not long.
Q. What did he say when he came back?
A. He said the marines would be landed.
Q. Did he say whether they would support the Provisional Government movement if they took the public buildings?
A. He came back and said the troops were coming ashore. That was as far as I could remember now.
Q. He brought no response in writing?
A. I do not think so.
Q. Did the committee of safety want the troops brought on shore?
A. They felt that it would be for the welfare of the town to have them ashore. We felt as a committee of safety that we had this matter in our hands and would be held responsible.
Q. Did you expect that the presence of the troops on shore would have a quieting effect on the natives and prevent any demonstration?
A. It was thought so.
Q. That was your idea?
A. Yes.
Q. You expected that when they got on shore that any hostile movement would be brought to a standstill by their presence?