HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

No. 11.

Affidavit of P. M. Rooney.

HONOLULU, OAHU, Hawaiian Islands, ss:

And now comes P. M. Rooney, an American citizen, and a resident of Honolulu aforesaid, and upon oath deposes and says that he was a special police on the 16th and 17th days of January, A. D. 1893, having been engaged by Marshal Wilson as such; that your affiant was at the police station up to 7 o'clock p. m. of the 17th day aforesaid, and up to that time Marshal Wilson was in possession and in charge of the police station aforesaid with all of his men. The Provisional troops had not at that time taken charge of the place.

P. M. ROONEY,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, A. D. 1893.

A. ROSA,

Notary Public, First Judicial Circuit.

No. 12.

Affidavit of John Ross.

HONOLULU, June 20, 1893.

His Excellency JAMES H. BLount,

U. S. Minister, etc., etc.

SIR: I am again enabled to present to you, on behalf of truth and justice, an affidavit from a Captain John Ross, for four years, and latterly an executive officer, in the four years' war of American Revolution. Believing it to be useful he has placed the affidavit at my disposal, which I have given him to understand shall be sent to you immediately. He is in communication with me, and can be seen any time you should so desire further acquaintance of the gentleman. I have the honor to be Your obedient, humble servant,

JNO. E. BUSH.

From an experience of twenty years' residence in the Hawaiian Islands I hereby state, without bias or prejudice, that there was no demonstration or disturbance or threats made that there would be disturbance on the sixteenth day of January, 1893, that would call for the landing of troops either to protect life or property; in fact the landing of men from the U. S. S. "Boston" was so unlooked for that when the report came to the Hawaiian Hotel, where I was at the time of their landing, about 5:30 p. m., that it was received as a canard until the battalion was seen marching past on King street and came to a halt on the sidewalk east of the main entrance to the Royal Palace and facing the south. About 7 p. m. the battalion formed and marched eastward about three-quarters of a mile to the suburbs and broke ranks on the premises of J. B. Atherton, where it appeared they were to bivouack for the night. Next morning they occupied Harmony Hall, a small wooden building about eighty feet west of the Government building. The Hawaiian Government band played as usual its Monday evening concert to the populace and the usual assembly of men, women, and children were there as well as on the streets.