A. I think it would show a return to royalty—that is at the present time. In talking with natives I found a great many were in favor of annexation, but they are afraid that they would lose their civil rights, that is, they think they would have to forfeit that.

Q. Let me ask you if this is the situation. That when they are approached by their employers, desiring to be in accord with them, they declare themselves willing for annexation subject to an expression of fear that they will lose the right of suffrage?
A. I do not quite get your question.
(Question repeated.)
A. Yes, sir.
Q. In other words you think you can influence a considerable native vote by reason of the relations existing between you, but for the fear that they would lose the right of suffrage under annexation?
A. I can hardly answer that. Of course there is their regard for their Queen on the one hand. They feel that annexation is inevitable—a good many of them—and they would express themselves as in favor of annexation provided they were allowed their free suffrage. But I think under any circumstances if it was put to a vote and no financial interests involved, if they were not dependent upon others for support, they would vote against annexation.
Q. Do you think they are in favor of the restoration of the Queen?
A. A majority of them? No, sir. You cannot depend upon the Hawaiians. They say one thing to-day and another to-morrow.
Q. Now, the class of men they elect to the legislature—are they intelligent, reliable people?
A. Not always; no, sir.
Q. Your constitution provides that a voter for nobles shall have unincumbered property of the value of $3,000 or an income of $600?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. If the nobles were elected by persons having the same qualifications as those who elect representatives, would that place the control of the nobles in the hands of the native voters?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. You have said that they elect a majority of the representatives?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. The same thing then would obtain as to the nobles?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Then that body would likely sustain a ministry in accord with native ideas?
A. Yes, sir, decidedly.
Q. And that would leave the property of the Kingdom and the rights of foreigners to the disposition of native voters?
A. Yes, sir, entirely. Property would not be secure.
Q. Property would not be secure?
A. No, sir.
Q. Please tell me why?
A. I would have to answer that in a general way—that no property can be secured under bad government.
Q. You think a body elected in the way last indicated would be a corrupt body of men?
A. I do.
Q. You think it would be an ignorant body of men?
A. Yes, sir; as regards the science of government.
Q. You think the business conditions of the islands would be disregarded in legislation?