A. No. We had not been recognized by anybody at that time. Sam Damon and I were appointed and we went there to talk with them.
Q. To try to induce them to give up?
A. Yes.
Q. What reason did you give them?
A. That we had possession of the Government house now and that it would be useless shedding of blood if we got into a fight over this thing.
Q. Did you give any other reason?
A. No; only just stuck to facts.
Q. Any mention of United States troops on your part or the part of anybody during that conversation?
A. No; I did not say anything about it.
Q. Did anybody?
A. I can not say whether Sam Damon said anything.
Q. Did they say anything to anybody in your presence?
A. No.
Q. How did they answer you? Did you have no discussion?
A. Not there. We invited them to come to the Government house and talk with Mr. Dole.
Q. Did they make any agreement with you, or did they postpone it and go to the Government house?
A. Peterson said if we would guarantee him his liberty——
Q. Safe-conduct?
A. Yes. We promised him that and all went together to the Government house.
Q. What time of day was this?
A. About 5 o’clock.
Q. What time is it dark at that season of the year?
A. Between 6 and 6:30. At the station house was Ned Macfarlane. He said to me that he thought the old government would give up or the Queen would give up if we would accept a protest of her. He said, “I know such a protest does not amount to anything, but still she wants it and so you had better accept it.” I told him that so far as I was concerned in the matter they could put all the protests they wanted.
Q. Was this conversation at the barracks or Government house?
A. At the station house. The four ministers, Sam Damon, and I took two hacks and went to the Government house. All said about the same thing, that they would have to give up, but they wanted to enter a protest. Then Sam Damon went with the ministers to the Queen. He reported after he came back that the Queen had said in substance the same thing.
Q. What time was it when they came back?
A. Fully 6 o’clock.
Q. About quarter of an hour before sunset?
A. Yes. Very soon after Billy Cornwell came over bringing the protest that you know of. Mr. Dole acknowledged the receipt of the protest on the back of it, stating the hour, and he then said the Queen would send orders to the station house that her people should vacate the premises. Very soon after that Captain Zeigler with a number of our men went to the station house and took possession, and the others went away leaving their arms.
Q. Who was in command of the station house?
A. Charles B. Wilson, marshal.