first. We will appoint a committee to wait upon Mr. Stevens and ask him to send soldiers ashore.

Q. And having done that you adjourned?
A. We waited until the committee came back. The committee said Mr. Stevens was willing—the soldiers would come ashore at 5 o'clock. Then we adjourned to meet in the evening.

Q. Was there any communication between any of the gentlemen who met at Mr. Waterhouse's house that night and Mr. Stevens?
A. None to my knowledge.
Q. No committee went to see him?
A. No.
Q. Why did you want the troops to come on shore? What was the idea of the committee?
A. The idea of the committee was this: The natives were armed—at least the soldiers and friends of the Queen were all armed—that evening. We didn’t have any armed forces in readiness. Each individual had his own arms, but we had no organized forces; so in case of a row we would not be able to resist anything.
Q. Suppose they had made an attack on the committee of safety, what would you have done?
A. We could not have done anything. They would simply have caught us. We had our men out watching. We were afraid of an attack.
Q. By the government troops?
A. No, by the natives, because there were some among the natives who had been preaching for them to set houses on fire.
Q. You wanted troops to keep them from setting houses on fire?
A. Yes; as soon as the natives in this country know that there is a strong force anywhere which they can not subdue or will show real fight it is then their character to be very quiet and keep still.
Q. If the troops had not been landed you would not have been safe?
A. We would not have considered ourselves safe.
Q. If you had not gotten a favorable answer from Mr. Stevens about the landing of the troops, what would you have done then?
A. That is impossible to answer, because we had not made any plans.
Q. You were not willing to do anything until you got the answer.
A. That is a question I can not give an answer to. We did not decide about it.
Q. You said you met to do one thing—to ask for troops and to stay there until you got Mr. Stevens's answer, and then you adjourned. Is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Having gotten that answer and the troops on shore you assembled at night, and at that night session you determined to dethrone the Queen and establish the Provisional Government?
A. Yes.
Q. You never took up that subject until you got the troops on shore?
A. At previous meetings. Saturday afternoon we were appointed. Sunday we had a meeting. At this meeting we talked over matters. The general feeling was that annexation to the United States would be the best solution of the whole question, and this, of course, would necessitate the overthrow of the Queen's Government.
Q. That was known at Saturday's meeting and at Sunday's meeting?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you have any meeting before the mass meeting on Monday?
A. We had another meeting on Monday morning.