Q. And still the same feeling?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there anything said in this meeting with reference to the use of troops?
A. No; although I can not state so positively.
Q. Was anything said on Sunday about the use of troops?
A. Only that we expressed the wish that we could get the troops to make things safe.
Q. Then on Monday before the meeting, was there anything mentioned about the troops?
A. It was still said if we could get annexation to the United States and have United States troops on shore there would be no trouble.
Q. You thought if you got troops on shore everything would be quiet?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you think it at the mass meeting?
A. Yes; still thought the same thing.
Q. And you thought at night when you assembled and determined on dethroning the Queen that you would have no trouble, the troops being on shore?
A. Exactly so.
Q. You thought the presence of United States troops—an organized armed body of men—would prevent any hostile movement on the part of the government forces?
A. Not of the forces, but of an excited mob.
Q. You went up to the government building—the troops were near by. Did you still feel that the presence of those troops would likely restrain hostilities?
A. No; I can hardly say that. I expected that there would be somebody in the Government building—that there might be some formalities.
Q. What sort of formalities?
A. The same formalities as we have had before at the 1887 revolution. They trotted out with their guns and talked.
Q. You expected there would be a talk and they would surrender?
A. Yes.
Q. The opinion you have expressed about the presence of troops—was that the general opinion in the meeting of the committee of safety?
A. The committee of safety thought that as soon as the United States troops were on shore the property of everybody would be safe—no horse-firing; no plunder.
Q. When the troops came on shore what did you expect of them in the event of a conflict between the Provisional Government forces and the Queen’s Government?
A. We did not expect them to do anything.
Q. Just to stand and see the fight?
A. I do not know. My opinion is that they came on shore to protect life and property. Their presence would avoid any attack upon property or life.
Q. How would they accomplish it? You are proposing to depose the Queen; she has armed forces. Suppose those forces had gotten into battle. What did you expect the United States troops to do in the way of protection of person and property during the battle?
A. This is a peaceable country. We only scare one another. No blood shedding happens here. This is the third revolution since I am here. At the first revolution not a shot was fired. At the second