A. I think about half past 4 or quarter to 5, something like that.
Q. What time did it assemble in the evening?
A. Half past seven, about.
Q. In your evening session after the troops were landed, did you take up the question of dethroning the Queen?
A. We did.
Q. And determined to dethrone her, and determined on a Provisional Government for the purpose of annexation?
A. We did then definitely determine these things, and more especially decide upon the manner in which it should be done, but about annexation was spoken at the first meeting at W. O. Smith's.
Q. At whose house was this meeting?
A. Henry Waterhouse's.
Q. How far is that from the American minister's house?
A. Next door.
Q. What is the distance between the houses?
A. Twenty yards—maybe thirty yards.
Q. Were many Americans in this movement in the mass meeting?
A. People of all nationalities.
Q. Which nationality had the largest number there?
A. I believe Americans.
Q. How many Americans do you think were there?
A. It is impossible to say.
Q. Would you say that the great body of Americans in Honolulu were there—all the men?
A. I believe so—I can not say. It is impossible to recognize each person. I will say that I saw many Americans, many Germans, many English, and some Portuguese.
Q. How many Portuguese.
A. I took a Portuguese friend of mine, Mr. Mendonça. There were not many Portuguese. Some of them do not understand English very good. There was a large crowd of people, which has been estimated by different people at different numbers. I estimated it at 1,200. Others claimed there were more. How they were divided I do not know.
Q. Did you ask any other power to send troops on shore?
A. No.
Q. Anything said about it in the meeting of the committee of safety?
A. Nothing that I know of. There were no other warships anyway.
Q. Well, you had troops on shore on Monday night, and your idea was to prevent the burning and destruction of property that night?
A. For the future. Not only for that night, but until things were settled.
Q. Do you mean until you could organize the affairs of government?
A. Yes.
(Mr. Bolte was at this point shown the letter from the committee of safety to Mr. Stevens—dated January 16, 1893—and asked in regard to the nationality of the signers thereof.)
Q. What nationality is Mr. Cooper?
A. American.
Q. Mr. McChesney?
A. American.
Q. Mr. Wilder.
A. American.
Q. Mr. Bolte?
A. German.