A. Ever since 1887 there have been attempts at revolution from the native Hawaiian side. One real outbreak occurred in 1889—the Wilcox insurrection. At that time the people who were implicated in this revolution were found not guilty in court by a jury of their own countrymen, and only one man of the revolutionists, who was a Belgian or German, I do not remember now, was found guilty by a white jury and punished. You will see anywhere and on all occasions that the native element runs together like mercury to confront anything that comes from the side of the white people.

Q. You mean in politics?
A. In anything, and it is a very strange thing to see that the half-whites almost invariably go with the natives.

Q. Do you ever have any white men of intelligence and courage and ambition for place—without property—who will go with them and lead them?

A. We have men of ambition, intelligence, courage, and no property. The last point I can not say, but the first three applies to V. V. Ashford. There are others. I could give you a whole string.

Q. I only wanted to know if the native population could get and accept that class of white men as leaders of their race and party?
A. They would, because they have done so already.

Q. Have you been troubled much with this class of men?
A. Very much indeed.

Q. For how long?
A. Ever since I have been in the country—since 1879.

Q. And for these causes you have felt that to have stable government you have to look to some power outside the islands?
A. Yes.

Q. You still feel that way?
A. I do.

Q. Now, without indicating anything by my question as to the disposition of the United States (for I have no right to do so), suppose you should undertake annexation to the United States, what form of government would you think necessary in order to maintain order, security, life, and property in these islands?
A. I should prefer personally an oligarchy—submitting my interests to the judgment of respectable men.

Q. Appointed how?
A. I suppose after we were annexed the President of the United States would appoint a governor, and let this governor or the President of the United States appoint three or four secretaries and let them appoint advisory boards, but I do not think that would satisfy the people.

Q. What property qualification would you consider sufficient for a voter?
A. I think a man ought to earn $2 or $2.50 a day.

Q. That would be about how much in the course of a year?
A. Between $600 and $750 a year.

Q. Would that disqualify enough of the natives to give you political power?
A. I think if it was about $2.50 a day that it would, because people who earn $2.50 day are mechanics, and people who earn less than that are mostly laborers. Mechanics are naturally of a higher class than laborers.

Q. Are there many mechanics among the natives?
A. Very few in proportion to their large number.