ture of public funds, made from a nearly bankrupt treasury, for the
maintenance of an extravagantly large, useless, and dangerous military
establishment of armed aliens who have no vested interests in the
country, mere mercenaries, officered by men known for the hatred they
bear against the Hawaiian people. We protest all the more because
the very men who thus squander the people's money on several hun-
dreds of unnecessary play soldiers, are the very same ones who, in the
last legislature, ridiculed and opposed a total of sixty men for the
Queen's guard and purposely reduced the police force.

We must here dwell on the fact that no Hawaiians, even from among
those few who are said (with great flourish of trumpets) to favor the
insurrection, enlisted in the Provisional Government Army, in spite of
all pay and uniform allurements; but, on the contrary, we must take
good note of the fact that the Hawaiians of the old royal band refused,
to a man, to continue their service under the Provisional Government,
preferring starvation prospects to perjuring their loyalty; they started
an independent organization, with instruments paid with their own
money, and the people show their appreciation of the boys' noble and
disinterested fidelity by patronizing their concerts in unusual crowds.
And this may be taken as a good sign of the general feelings of the
natives against the Provisional Government sprung on them by their
old enemies, the Reform party.

But eight days had not yet elapsed before the loyalty, fidelity and
patriotism of the incongruous, discordant crowd, who supported the Pro-
visional Government manifested itself by dissensions running riot, to
such a point that the only manner of saving the new order of things
was to implore Mr. Stevens for a declaration of American protectorate.
Since this protectorate has been withdrawn the Provisional Government
have certainly had no trouble in maintaining themselves, but simply
through the fact that the natives are quietly and peacefully awaiting
for the decision of the United States.

It would be foreign to our aim here to follow the Provisional Gov-
ernment in its subsequent career of despotism and intimidation practiced
in the name of American liberty and under the protection of American
bayonets.

It will suffice to say that we, Hawaiians, do not and cannot con-
tentedly acknowledge the right of a faction of turbulent foreigners to
dictate in our country for the satisfaction of their greedy selfishness
and lust of power; but we are ever ready to bow and submit to the
rule of the majority, whenever legally expressed, and we would will-
ingly abide by the decision of a plebiscite, honorably and fairly carried
out, if such was the will of America. Therefore, we proclaim that we
have not and never will recognize the present Provisional Government,
a government sprung out of a coup de main, abetted and shielded by
foreign intervention and run by a clique who do not enjoy the con-

Of the men of the present Government we have nothing to say,
except that they are politicians repeatedly defeated at the polls who
want to rule or ruin, or mere boys utterly unknown and of no weight,