Interview with Wm. Hyde Rice, of Lihue, Kauai, April 28, 1893.

Q. You filed on April 20, 1893, four petitions?
A. Yes.

The petitions are as follows:

To the honorable W. H. Rice:

We, the undersigned, residents of the islands of Kauai and Niihau, Hawaiian Islands, do hereby nominate and depute you as delegate to represent us at Honolulu before the United States commissioners in matters concerning the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States to endeavor to procure for us equal rights and privileges accruing to citizens of the United States.
(Signed by 137 names.)

To the honorable W. H. Rice:

We, the undersigned, residents of the islands of Kauai and Niihau, Hawaiian Islands, do hereby nominate and depute you as delegate to represent us at Honolulu before the United States commissioners in matters concerning the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States to endeavor to procure for us equal rights and privileges accruing to citizens of the United States.
(Signed by 18 names.)

To the honorable W. H. Rice:

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(Signed by 43 names.)

To the honorable W. H. Rice:

We, the undersigned residents of the islands of Kauai and Niihau, Hawaiian Islands, do hereby nominate and depute you as delegate to represent us at Honolulu, before the United States Commissioners in matters concerning the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States to endeavor to procure for us equal rights and privileges accruing to citizens of the United States.
(Signed by 81 names.)

Q. How did you come by these?
A. I was telephoned from the Waimea natives asking me if I would represent them here before Commissioner Blount. I said that I had no wish to come, but if it was their wish I would be willing to represent them.

Q. How far from where you are?
A. About 25 or 30 miles from my residence.

Q. Then what?
A. They said they would draw up papers and send them around to be signed at the precincts in that place.

Q. Here is the fifth petition similar in form presented this morning, the 28th. How did you come by this?
A. It was sent up from the island of Nupahau last Sunday. They wished to circulate them all around the islands, but hadn't time.

Q. And you were not near when these papers were gotten up?
A. No; I was not. I have not been near any of their meetings.

Q. Were you governor, at any time, of the island?
A. Yes.

Q. When?
A. I was governor for about one year of the islands of Kauai and Niihau.