Q. What year?
A. From the 14th of February, 1892, to the abolition of the office by the existing Government.
Q. Where were you on the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th of January, 1893?
A. I was on the island of Kauai.
Q. When did you learn of the dethronement of the Queen and the substitution of the Provisional Government?
A. On the 23d of January.
Q. Was there anything known of any movement of this sort in the island prior to its happening?
A. No. We had some rumor that there would be trouble on that Saturday morning—that there might be some trouble, as the Wilcox ministry had been voted out Thursday afternoon. I heard on Friday morning.
Q. That there might be trouble?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. On account of the going out of the ministry?
A. Yes.
Q. What sort of trouble was indicated?
A. We had no idea.
Q. You did not know whether it would take the form of force or what?
A. We had no idea.
Q. Was there any suspicion of the dethronement of the Queen?
A. I think not.
Q. Have you anything you wish to add, Mr. Rice?
A. I had been with the Queen when she told me of the appointment of the Nawahi ministry; as they called it, the Nancy Hanks ministry. She told me who the appointees were. I said: "That won't hold; you had better have another ministry ready."
Q. Are you interested in sugar-planting?
A. I am not a sugar-planter. I own stock in a plantation. My business is running a cattle and horse ranch.
Q. You superintend that, but you have some investments in sugar?
A. Yes; I have stock in one sugar plantation. I inherited the stock.
I am not what is called a sugar-planter.
Q. What is your idea about annexation?
A. I think if we are not annexed to the United States I do not know what will become of us, because we are incapable of ruling ourselves.
Q. Why?
A. There are so many different factions and interests that it will produce pandemonium if we tried to rule ourselves.
Q. Do you mean by that that the native element is not qualified for self-government?
A. I mean that.
Q. Why?
A. Because no native is capable of carrying on business for himself, and much less of carrying on government.

I have carefully read the foregoing and pronounce it a correct report of my interview with Col. Blount.

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