Q. Up to that time had there been any effort on the part of the Provisional Government to take possession of them?
A. No effort whatever.
Q. After the reply of Mr. Stevens came was there any demand on the part of the Provisional Government for the surrender of these places?
A. I only know from hearsay. I saw Mr. Damon and others who came to the station house for that purpose, quite late, about half past six or seven.
Q. Was that after the reply?
A. Long after.
Q. Up to that time the people who proclaimed the Provisional Government made no aggressive movement beyond going to the Government building?
A. None whatever.
Q. After they issued the proclamation everything remained in status quo until the recognition by Mr. Stevens of the Provisional Government?
A. Yes.
Q. Subsequent to this was the proposition on the part of the Provisional authorities to the Queen to surrender?
A. Yes; I was there when Mr. Wilson surrendered. I think they had McCandless there. He made a few remarks. He said that he would only surrender on condition that the United States troops would make demand on him, or the Queen should ask him to surrender.
Q. Now, after this response from Mr. Stevens, was there a cabinet consultation on the subject of surrender?
A. I can not tell you, either from hearsay or in any way. After receiving that reply from Mr. Stevens it fell flat like a pancake.
Q. How much time intervened between the reception of that reply and the surrender of the station house and barracks?
A. Two hours.
Q. In these two hours, where were you?
A. Around the neighborhood of the station house in my office; within a space of say, 200 yards. Business people and everybody thronged around the station house and by Bishop's bank.
Q. What was their object?
A. To hear the news as to whether Mr. Stevens had recognized the Provisional Government. I remember the news was brought to me that he had declined to recognize it. Then news came that he had recognized it.
Q. There was an eagerness obtaining in the minds of the people, both in the reform party and the native population, to know just what Mr. Stevens was going to do?
A. Exactly, it was the turning point of everything.
Q. And when that was ascertained?
A. It fell flat as a pancake.
Q. And when that was ascertained, the minds of all persons seemed to accept that as authority?
A. Oh, yes. It was Mr. Stevens' attitude in the matter to which all persons looked up. Bear in mind, Mr. Blount, that the evening before I had heard from two members of the cabinet that Mr. Stevens had told them troops were landed to protect people and to keep the Queen in office, and I was surprised to hear this.
Q. Who told you this?
A. Colburn and Parker. They said they had Mr. Stevens's word that the troops were landed to protect the Queen.
Q. Where were the troops stationed at the time of the proclamation?