A. The Liberal party—the native element.
Q. They must have had some other party to help them.
A. The National Reform party.
Q. Then a new cabinet was appointed?
A. Yes.
Q. Was that ever voted out?
A. No.
Q. It was appointed the day before the Legislature was prorogued?
A. Yes; on Friday.
Q. What was the cause of all this turning out of cabinets?
A. The great desire on the part of a great number of the members of
the house to get into the cabinet themselves.
Q. The hope of getting into the cabinet made these combinations
possible and successful?
A. Yes.
Q. Who were the members who wanted to be ministers?
A. John Ena, E. C. Macfarlane, A. P. Peterson, J. A. Cummins, J.
N. S. Williams, Paul Neumann, J. Marsden, Alex. Young, W. H. Corn-
well, W. C. Wilder, C. W. Ashford, R. W. Wilcox, J. E. Bush, J. Nawahi,
William White, and W. O. Smith.
Q. Was this last Wilcox cabinet constituted wholly of Reformers?
A. Yes.
Q. This left out of the cabinet and representation from the National
Reform or Liberal parties?
A. Yes.
Q. Did that produce any dissatisfaction among aspirants for cabinet
places?
A. Decidedly. It produced strong dissatisfaction among the Liberal
party. They had been told before they would come in. Bush would
have cut his throat before he would have sided with the Reformers but
for the idea that he would get in himself.
Q. Is he an annexationist now?
A. No; he is an anti-annexationist.
Q. On the voting out of the second cabinet, I think, you said they
went all to pieces; there were no parties?
A. Yes.
Q. Am I to understand that they just turned loose in a sort of scram-
ble for cabinet places?
A. That was the simple reason for it.
Q. Was there ever a time when the Reform party had anything like
a majority of that body?
A. Not in 1892.

I have read the foregoing and pronounce it an accurate report of my
interview with Mr. Blount.

H. A. WIDEMANN.

HONOLULU, June 10, 1893.

Judge Widemann, June 15, 1893.

Chief Justice Judd, who understands the native language, says “he
heard the Queen’s speech on the 14th of January. She said to the
crowd she would proclaim a new constitution hereafter.” She used the
words “ma keia man la.” These words may signify a few days, a few