A. Yes, sir; except the enlightened natives. They have a different opinion.

Q. Now, your own idea. What qualification did you want for voting for nobles?
A. The qualification of learning.
Q. What sort of property qualification, or any?
A. I wanted about one-half of the present qualification; and the voter to know how to read and write and understand the constitution.
Q. That was in order to give to the native element a larger liberty in the matter of electing nobles?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. In the desire to proclaim a new constitution did the Queen seem to be meeting the wish of the native population?
A. Yes.
Q. She had, then, in her desire to have a new constitution the support of the natives?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you see that constitution?
A. I did not. I only heard from persons who read it.
Q. What did you hear it was?
A. Joseph Nawahi—the Queen gave it to him to read.
Q. What did he report to you?
A. He reported to me that the nobles and representatives should be elected, but one-third of the nobles to be appointed by the Queen.
Q. Who was to elect the other two-thirds?
A. The other two-thirds of the nobles were to be elected by the same people who elect representatives now.
Q. What was to be the qualification of a person who voted for nobles under that constitution?
A. The same as that for representatives. The judges of the supreme court were only for six years, to be recommissioned every six years.
Q. And how about the cabinet?
A. The cabinet was to be appointed by the Queen.
Q. And to go out by a vote of want of confidence?
A. Yes; and I asked him further about the exercise of suffrage. I understood him to say the foreigners must take the oath of allegiance and stay here five or six years, except those foreigners who came here and were allowed to vote by royal signature.
Q. You say that since 1887 the natives have been wanting to restore the old constitution?
A. Yes.
Q. Giving to the Queen more power?
A. Yes.
Q. Have the parties been divided here on that line?
A. Yes.
Q. Why didn't the last Legislature do something in the matter of a new constitution?
A. A majority opposed it. Even some of the natives dodged around. They said they would support the convention for the new constitution, but when the thing came up they tried to dodge.
Q. Why did they try to dodge?
A. I suppose they were influenced by the Reform party.
Q. But if they had voted as they were expected to do by the people who elected them, would they have had the power to make a new constitution?
A. Yes; because there were two bills before the House to call a con-