By section 4 the privilege of voting is placed within the reach of "every male resident of the Hawaiian Islands of Hawaiian, American, or European birth or descent who shall have taken the oath by this act provided." The oath referred to is that the voter "will support and bear true allegiance to the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, and will oppose any attempt to reestablish monarchical government in any form in the Hawaiian Islands." The oath at first contained a clause renouncing allegiance to Lilinokalani, but this was afterwards stricken out.

Section 5 provides for minority representation. It is earnestly hoped by the Provisional Government that the Hawaiians will participate in this election.

Out of the two political clubs known as the "American League" and "Union Party," a new organization, the "American Union Party," has been organized, whose leading principles are "the accomplishment of a political union with the United States of America and the maintenance of a stable and honest government."

The political situation at present seems to be peaceful.

With renewed assurances of high esteem, etc.,

ALBERT S. WILLIS.

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Mr. Willis to Mr. Gresham.

No. 44.] LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, March 24, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that having been notified by the consul for Italy, Mr. F. A. Schaefer, that the 14th instant being the fiftieth anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty Umberto I, King of Italy, would be commemorated as a national jubilee, I accepted for our Government this invitation to join in the observance of the day.

The occasion was recognized in the usual manner at this legation and at the consulate. There being no Italian ship of war in this port, Admiral Irwin had the vessels under his command dressed in honor of the occasion and fired a national salute at noon.

The consul acknowledged these civilities in a courteous note and expressed his intention to bring them to the notice of his Government.

I have, etc.,

ALBERT S. WILLIS.

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Mr. Willis to Mr. Gresham.

No. 45.] LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, March 24, 1894.

SIR: I have to inform you of the arrival in this port, on the 22d of this month, of the Japanese man-of-war Takachiho. The Japanese man-of-war Naniwa returned from the island of Hawaii the same day. The Takachiho carries 360 men and officers, and has the following armament: Two 26-centimeter Krupp guns, 6 15-centimeter Krupp guns, 2 47-millimeter quick-firing guns, 10 1-inch Wordenfeldt, and 4 Gatling guns. She has 4 torpedo tubes.

The officer in command, Capt. T. Nomura, during his official call on the 23d instant, stated that he expected to remain here several months.

With high esteem, etc.,

ALBERT S. WILLIS.