ment. On the 21st instant I received a protest signed "Lilioukalani,"
reciting from her standpoint the acts and facts prior and subsequent to
the overthrow of her Government, protesting against all such acts, and
"earnestly requesting" that the United States "will not extend its
recognition to any such Government thus formed."

Not feeling at liberty to answer or transmit this communication, I
had an interview with Hon. Samuel Parker, the last minister of foreign
affairs under the monarchy, to whom, after explaining the present atti-
tude of our Government and my inability to forward any such commu-
nication, I handed, for information, a copy of your dispatch hereinbefore
mentioned and of the Senate resolution accompanying it. This course
was adopted with the knowledge and consent of the Provisional Gov-
ernment. In reply to the direct question from Mr. Parker as to whether
this was the final decision of the Senate, I said that in my opinion it
was final.

The constitutional convention finished the first reading of the new
constitution on the 21st instant. It is thought that it will be promul-
gated on the 4th of July.

Upon the suggestion of Admiral Walker I submitted a request for
the landing of his troops for exercise on every Tuesday. This request
was granted. It has been customary here for many years to give such
permission to all nationalities. A subsequent request of a similar
character in behalf of the British Government was first granted and on
the following day refused. It is thought, however, that in view of past
precedents, this action will be reversed.

The Japanese cruiser Takachiho has returned to Japan. The Congo
remains.

There has been no disturbance here and no apparent probability of
any in the immediate future.

With sentiments of high esteem, etc.,

Albert S. Willis.