were (1) the opium steal of $71,000, by which a Chinaman named Aki
was made by the King to pay him a bribe of $71,000 of hard coin in
order to obtain the exclusive franchise for selling opium, and (2) the
expense of the expedition to Samoa in the Kaimiloa. A secret league
was formed all over the islands, the result of which was, the King
was asked to promulgate a new constitution containing those provi-
sions that I have before alluded to. It was very adroitly managed
by the Ashfords, and more especially by V. V. Ashford, who obtained
the confidence of the King and Mr. Gibson. He was the colonel of the
rifles, and he assured them that if he was paid a certain sum of money
and made minister to Canada that he would arrange it so that the
movement would be futile.

Q. How was he to do that?
A. By preventing the use of the military I suppose. And he
arranged with the military authorities and Capt. Haley that they
should be called out to preserve public order, although it was this large
and well-drilled force which made the King fear that if he did not yield
things would be very critical for him.

Q. Was that a Government force?
A. It was organized under the laws.
Q. A volunteer organization?
A. Yes.

Q. So that the men in sympathy with the movement of this secret
league went into it and constituted it under form of law?
A. Of course I do not know what was told the King privately, but I
know that he felt it would be very dangerous to refuse to promulgate
the new constitution. I have no doubt that a great many things were
circulated which came to his ears in the way of threats that were
unfounded.

Q. What was the outside manifestation?
A. One great feature of it was its secrecy. The King was frightened
at this secrecy. It was very well managed. The judges of the
supreme court were not told of it until just before the event took place.
I think it was the 2d or 3d of July, 1887.

Q. Was there then a mass meeting?
A. There was a large mass meeting held, and a set of resolutions was
presented to the King, requiring that a new ministry be formed, by Mr.
W. L. Green and one other person whose name I have forgotten.

Q. Was there any display of force?
A. The Honolulu Rifles were in detachments marched about in dif-
ferent portions of the town, having been called out by the legal military
authorities.

Q. Who were the legal military authorities?
A. The governor of the island, Dominis, and Capt H. Berrill-Haley,
the adjutant-general.

Q. Were they in sympathy with the movement?
A. No, sir; the officers of the corps were in sympathy with the move-
ment.

Q. Who were they?
A. Ashford and Hebbard; I do not remember all.
Q. Did the governor order them out, not knowing of this state of
things?
A. I think he did. I think he knew it; but it was to prevent as I
believe, something worse happening. As I said, there were threats
made.
Q. Of what sort?