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Amendment Limits Selection of Adjutant-General To Resi- dents of Hawaii

One amendment to the Chamberlain Army Bill, passed just prior to the final adoption of the amended measure in the senate, is of direct interest to Hawaii. This amendment limits the selection of the adjutant-general of the national guard to residents of the Territory.

The original section of the Chamberlain Bill dealing with the adjutant-generals of Hawaii, Alaska and the District of Columbia provided that such adjutant-generals should be nominated by the President and not, as at present in the cases of Hawaii and Alaska, by the Governor of the Territory.

This would have made it possible for the President to send to Hawaii a mainlander to have charge of the local militia, and, if the salary to be attached to the office be big enough to be tempting, in all probability the local adjutant generalship would have become the prize of some "deserving Democrat" from some impecunious State with more patriots than positions.

The amendment to the bill, whereby the adjutant general for Hawaii must be a resident prior to appointment, was introduced on Monday by Senator Warren of Wyoming and was incorporated in the bill on Tuesday, without oppo-