

NO NEW COMPANIES FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Governor Pinkham Nips Ambition of Hawaiian-Born Japanese To Form Unit

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In a letter which puts the bars up against the formation of any additional companies of national guard, until such time as equipment for those already organized has been received and the present guard brought up to full strength and efficiency, Governor Pinkham put an end yesterday for the time-being to the talk of organizing companies of Hawaiian-born Japanese. The Governor says that there is not enough money to develop the best material now in the guard, which he says numbers 5044. The letter, which is addressed to Brig-Gen. Samuel I. Johnson, commanding the guard, is as follows:

"You were directed when inaugurating the movement for increasing the numbers of the National Guard of Hawaii to make no discrimination as to races and to accept those physically and mentally fit who could without reservation subscribe to the oath and conditions required by the Government of the United States of America. No change or modification has been made.

"The original instructions are continued except as modified and limited by the following:

"June 30 you notified the division of militia affairs, war department, Washington, that the national guard numbered 5044 men. The naval militia numbered 106 men. Equipment is still incomplete and territorial funds will not admit of present further expansion. It is advisable that existing numbers and organizations be maintained and brought into a high state of efficiency.

"As soon as the government, at Washington shall have fixed its military and naval program, the territorial government will seek such adjustments and support as befits our peculiar circumstances and position."