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Constitutional Convention of Cal.

Sacramento Dec. 1878

To the Governors of Oregon,
Nevada and Washington
& Arizona Ter.

Your attention is respectfully invited to a resolution adopted by this Body on the 9th instant of which the following is a Copy

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to draft petitions to be forwarded by this Convention to the Governors of Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory, requesting their Excellencies to memorialize the President of the United States and the Senate, on behalf of their States and Territory, for a modification of the Burlingame Treaty, now existing between the Chinese Empire and the Republic of the United States of America."

This body entertains no doubt that the people of Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory are in full accord with the people of California in desiring to prevent the further immigration of the Chinese, and to compel the removal of those now domiciled upon the Pacific Coast. It believes that your Excellencies have recognized the evils which have resulted from the presence of the Chinese, and that your Excellencies will cheerfully unite with us in the expression of the existing universal sentiment of hostility to its continuance, to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the President and Senate of the United States, to the end that the Treaty now existing between the United States and the Empire of China

may be abrogated or so modified as to permit the prevention of further immigration of a vicious and non assimilating population.

You understand doubtless as we do, that these people have no respect or regard for our Government, either as to its form or administration that they govern themselves by a system of laws peculiar to themselves, and have their own tribunals for the administration of law.

That twenty five years experience has shown that they are incapable of assimilation either in sentiment, habits of life or religion; That they are rapidly absorbing all branches of mechanical and manual labor, and expelling from most ordinary pursuits the middle and poorer classes, "~~[illegible]~~", of our citizens. That the destitution thus caused is developing a race of American paupers, criminals, and tramps, instead of a race of industrious, virtuous and intelligent American citizens. That the existence of either an aristocratic or servile class is a perpetual menace of free institutions; and that both these deplorable results of Chinese immigration are imminent and have already manifested themselves.

That the habits of the Chinese, the absence of the family relation, of fixed homes, and of decent social life among them enable them to support themselves and accumulate

money upon wages which would starve an American Citizen; and that this accumulation are very rarely expended or invested in the Communities where they are domiciled but are transmitted to the Country of their nativity, and that they are therefore enabled to avoid taxation and any considerable share of the burdens of Government and to drain the circulating capital of the Coast; while their Criminal habits and utter immorality are filling our prisons, jails, almshouses and places of refuge for the destitute, and debasing by example and intercourse the rising generation. We believe that these considerations and others that may occur to your Excellencies should be pressed upon the attention of the President and the Congress of the United States,

This Body will take occasion to express the views indicated above to the President and Senate of the United States and respectfully request your Excellencies to officially address the Treaty making power of the Government and Congress to the same effect, to the end that they may understand the wishes, necessities and demands of the people of the Pacific Coast in reference to the question of Chinese immigration.

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