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Protest against the Establishment of a State-Religion.

To the Constitutional Convention at Sacramento;

Whereas propositions have been laid before your honorable body for adoption demanding:

The recognition of the Christian God and his so-called revelation as the source of all moral law as well as of all civil power;

The exemption of Church Property from taxation;

And the compulsory observance of the Christian Sabbath:

And whereas these and all similar propositions are simply efforts to create and establish a State religion and as such are hostile to the great principle of absolute religious liberty as guarranteed by the Constitution of the United States and solemnly affirmed by the declaration of our Government in the XI article of the Treaty with Tripoli of November 4th 1796. ~~George~~

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Washington, President, that "The Government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian Religion."

Therefore the San Francisco Turn Verein earnestly protests against all & every measure having a tendency to establish a State religion and prays your honorable body to uphold in its integrity the principle of religious liberty, the separation of Church and State, by rejecting all propositions looking to an abridgement of the Right of Conscience.

The San Francisco
Turn Verein.
August Otto President

Robert C. Hahn, Secretary

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Protest

Against Sunday Law

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The Independent German Congregation of San Francisco,
by Wm. Westerfeld President.
H. C. Reinhardt, Secretary.
San Francisco, November 2nd 1878.

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Referred to the Com. on Legislative Department

~~Petition~~

Protest ~~by~~ against the Establishing of a State System of Religion

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To the Constitutional convention

Whereas we have heard that an effort will be made to have the new constitution recognize God the bible and the christian religion. We therefore respectfully but earnestly protest against such partiality against many religions to favor one religion. Our State is not a church State and should be entirely seperated from all church matters, of gods, creeds, faiths, ordinances and finances; and should alike protect the worshipers of Jos, Jehover, Jupiter, Allah, Bramah and believers in no God and other gods

We also protest against the Legislature having a right to grant charters except general ones, or make donations of money or land, or any special prileges to any church, corporation, or society nor to make special laws for churches, societies companies, or individuals. We believe that all laws should be general, except that some laws well defined and carefully limited, should be optional by a vote of the people and not for the benefit of companies churches or individuals

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Dear friend

I send a vary few names against god in the constitution so few that it may not be best to present it to the convention present it or not as you think best. G Wright

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