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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President :

Your *Judiciary*

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would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that *it be*

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

T. J. HUMES, MAYOR

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Oct. 28, 1901.

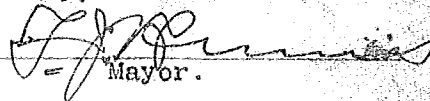
To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Seattle.

Gentlemen:--

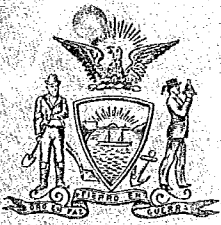
I enclose for your consideration the communication received by me, addressed to the Mayor and Council of the City of Seattle, from a special committee of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, asking that this city take action toward memorializing Congress in favor of the reenactment of the so-called Geary Exclusion Law, which expires by limitation in May, 1902.

It is my opinion that the re-enactment of this law would prove of great benefit to the people of this city and state, and that the same is desired by the people generally. Any action that you may take, therefore, apprising Congress of the will and desire of the people of this State in reference thereto will meet my most hearty approval.

Very respectfully,


Mayor.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Mayor's Office
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, October 21, 1901.

To the Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Seattle

Gentlemen:-

By the enclosures you will observe that the City of San Francisco has called a convention to memorialize Congress in favor of the re-enactment of the Geary Exclusion Law which expires by limitation in May, 1902. As the Pacific States are exposed to Chinese immigration, the gravity of the danger can be understood by the fact that powerful influences are at work to interrupt the established national policy of Chinese Exclusion. If Chinese coolies can freely come, it means the displacement of our white population.

I would respectfully suggest that your City--the leading one in your State--should take the initiative in memorializing Congress in some appropriate manner.

The plan we have adopted may appeal to you. Ten years ago such a convention was held in Sacramento City with excellent results. The business before us is to influence the members of Congress, through the pressure of public opinion, to save us from an inundation of coolies, which would inevitably follow the relaxation of the law.

Yours respectfully,

James D. Shelton
Chairman.

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A CALL TO ACTION



To the People of the State of California:

The Chinese exclusion act, after having been in existence for about ten years, will expire in May, 1902, and at the next session of Congress the question of its re-enactment shall have to be decided.

The Chinese Government, through its Ministers and Consuls, have already attempted to influence public opinion by appeals and petitions and other means known to diplomacy.

It is sufficient now to remind the American people that should the bars be let down an enormous immigration of Chinese coolies would inundate this country and overwhelm its free working population.

The standard of American civilization, our schools, churches, employment and family life, our greatness in peace and power in war are at issue.

We invite you to meet in convention in San Francisco, Thursday, November 21st, to discuss this question and to take appropriate action as voicing the sentiment of California, the State most exposed to the impending danger, by memorializing Congress.

The proceedings shall be reported and circulated for the enlightenment of the people of the United States.

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

by its Special Committee,

JAMES D. PHELAN, Chairman,

SAMUEL BRAUNHART,

JAMES P. BOOTH,

JOSEPH S. TOBIN,

L. J. DWYER,

CHARLES BOXTON, Honorary Secretary.

H. A. MASON, Acting Secretary.

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CALL FOR A STATE CONVENTION

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco did, on the 13th day of September, 1901, adopt the following resolutions, to-wit :

WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act, enacted in 1891, expires during the session of the next Congress ; and

WHEREAS, It is absolutely necessary that the same should be re-enacted.

Resolved, That this Board inaugurate a movement toward the calling of a State Convention, to be held in the City and County of San Francisco not later than December 2nd of this year, for the purpose of memorializing the President of the United States and Congress for the re-enactment of the law known as the "Geary Exclusion Act ;" and

Resolved, further, That said Convention shall consist of representatives of all County Boards of Supervisors, Boards of City Councils, Town Trustees, Boards of Trade, trades unions and other civic organizations.

Resolved, further, That a committee, consisting of his honor, the Mayor, and five Supervisors, to be appointed by the Mayor, be selected for the purpose of formulating a call and making such arrangements as are deemed necessary to hold said Convention.

The Mayor and the subscribed members of said Board of Supervisors were appointed as members of said committee, in pursuance with the terms of said resolution, and being authorized so to do, hereby issue

A Call for a Convention

to consider ways and means of securing an extension of the provisions of said Chinese exclusion act, and to memorialize Congress to act in the matter without unnecessary delay.

Said convention will be held at

Metropolitan Hall, San Francisco, beginning on Thursday, November 21st, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Such Convention will consist of representatives chosen by all public bodies, civic societies and labor organizations in the State of California and public officials.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Senators and Representatives in Congress.
2. The Governor and all State officials.
3. Members of the Legislature.
4. Members of Boards of Supervisors and the Mayors and legislative bodies of incorporated cities and towns.
5. Delegates to the number of five (5) from each County, to be chosen by the Board of Supervisors.
6. Delegates to the number of five (5) to be chosen by the legislative body of each incorporated city and town.
7. Delegates to the number of three (3) from each Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal League, Merchants' Association and Municipal Improvement Club or other civic organization in the State of California.
8. Delegates to the number of three (3) from each trade and labor union in the State of California.

JAMES D. PHELAN, Chairman
SAMUEL BRAUNHART

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