

TELEGRAM RECEIVED IN CIPHER.

From Tokio

Received December 26, 1906.

9:34 A. M.



Secretary of State,
Washington.

Referring to my telegram of fifteenth, I have had further interview with the Minister for Foreign Affairs. He expresses willingness to restrict emigration of coolies to Hawaii as indicated in my last, but says after further consideration can do no more without much embarrassment. He again stated that their passports were issued to Hawaii only. I explained that from there they could and did go to San Francisco and other Pacific ports in great numbers and that this was the principal cause of trouble. He replied that the Japanese Government could not be expected to control their subjects in our territory, but that we could prevent their leaving Hawaii. Would it not be possible to amend our Emigration Laws so as to provide that when foreign governments issue limited passports, our government should or might restrict emigrants accordingly. I see the difficulties in the way, but perhaps at the present time some unobjectionable amendment might be drawn which would largely relieve the situation.

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W. J. K.
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Treatment of Japanese in California.

Encl. 87. Nov. 23, 1906.

Justice Dept. (Devlin, U.S. Att'y.

Northern Dist. Cal.)

Letter, Nov. 23, 1906, from

Robt. T. Devlin, U.S. Att'y, to Jus-

tice Dept. stating that he thinks

there can be no question that if

the Supreme Court of California is

convinced that the statute of Cal.

providing for separate schools is

in conflict with the provisions of

the Treaty with Japan, or the proper

construction of the Treaty is broad

enough to cover the case, the statu-

te of California will be declared

unconstitutional. Calls attention

to the two questions involved in

the case, and asks if he shall pro-

ceed to present the matter to the

Supreme Court.

N. (Rec'd Dec. 13, 1906)

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