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Tokyo Chamber of Commerce,

Tokyo, Japan, June 29th, 1907.

To
The Chambers of Commerce of

Seattle, Washington, U. S. A.
San Francisco, California, U. S. A.
Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.
Washington, D. C., U. S. A.
New York, New York, U. S. A.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.
Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.
Saint Louis, Missouri, U. S. A.
Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. A.
Portland, Maine, U. S. A.
Tacoma, Washington, U. S. A.
Sacramento, California, U. S. A.
Los Angeles, California, U. S. A.

Sirs:-

It has always been a matter for profound satisfaction to every Japanese to witness the constant growth of cordial relations between our two countries, and of the community of our interests in the field of trade and commerce.

But since last year, the people of a section of your country have unfortunately acted to the prejudice of the legitimate rights of Japanese people who have frequently been subjected to unjust and abusive treatments at the hands of the lawless element prevailing there. The right of education was denied to them. Their houses have repeatedly been attacked and property destroyed without the least cause of provocation.

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Representatives of Japanese
Chambers of Commerce.

Transmit copy of a letter addressed by them to the principal Chambers of Commerce of the United States, looking to the amelioration of the situation in California in regard to the persons and property of Japanese.
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The result is that not only are the treaty rights of the Japanese in that section wantonly disregarded, but also their persons and property are exposed to serious danger. It is extremely regrettable that such unfortunate incidents should be allowed to repeatedly occur; and it is most seriously to be feared that unless they are speedily prevented, the ill-feeling which our countrymen are now constrained to harbour against the people of a single section may finally have an unhappy effect upon the development of commercial relations between the two nations. For while the United States is a good customer for our national products, Japan is also yearly increasing her demand for American goods and promises to become one of the most important markets for the products of your ever expanding and prosperous industries; and should the progress of the trade and commerce between the two nations be at any time obstructed as the result of the unwarrantable action of a small local population, the loss to be sustained by the two countries would be incalculable. For these reasons we, the undersigned representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, venture to address this letter to you to express our views on the situation, in a confident hope that these views will be shared by you, and that you will by considering the matter in the light of the principles of international intercourse and in view of the mutual advantages of our trade relations, make best efforts to speedily eliminate

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the present causes of discord and insure our common prosperity for the future.

We have the honour to be,

Sirs,

Your obedient servants,

B. Nakano,
President of Tokyo Chamber
of Commerce.

M. Doi,
President of Osaka Chamber
of Commerce.

J. Nishimura,
President of Kyoto Chamber
of Commerce.

K. Ono,
President of Yokohama Cham.
of Commerce.

T. Kishimoto,
President of Kobe Chamber
of Commerce.