

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.
Office of
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,
Northern District of California,

San Francisco, Feb. 25, 1908.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the correspondence between your office and this relative to certain injuries committed by mobs upon the property of Japanese residents in San Francisco, suits were commenced as you have been advised, to recover the amount of damages inflicted. At your request, I signed the complaint, and have rendered services as requested from time to time, and the other day was in receipt of a letter notifying me that the case would be set down for the middle of March, and requesting that I participate in the trial.

I took the matter up with the City and County Attorney of San Francisco who expresses himself as offering no objection to a settlement should it meet with the sanction of the Board of Supervisors, and I have this day written to the Mayor of San Francisco and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, and enclose herewith, copy of said letter for your information.

Respectfully,

ROBERT T. DEVLIN
United States Attorney.

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Settlement of the claims for indemnity of Japanese against the City of San Francisco.

Encls. 444-446. March 4, 1908.

Department of Justice.

Encloses letter, and its enclosure, from the U.S. Attorney at San Francisco, relative to the damage suits arising out of the assaults on the property of Japanese subjects, suggesting that the City of San Francisco close the matter by the payment of \$575. in way of indemnity. Asks that the papers be returned. (Rec'd Mar. 5, 1908.)

THIRD ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

March 11, 1908.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Secretary wrote this direction in my presence and I have no doubt that he means Secretary Metcalf.

The letter would better say:-

I transmit this correspondence in the hope that you may find it possible to lend your personal influence in the direction of the compromise of these suits, which from every point of view is so desirable.

Mark the letter confidential.

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