

San Francisco, Cal. March 2, 1908.

Hon. Robert T. Devlin,

United States Attorney,

Northern District of California.

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to acknowledge the receipt of your communication addressed to His Honor, Mayor Edward R. Taylor, of this city, and to Hon. Thomas Jennings, Chairman of said Finance Committee, recommending settlement of a claim for damages to premises of certain Japanese residents of San Francisco, which premises, consisting of a restaurant and bath houses, were destroyed by mob violence May 19, 1907.

In connection with this matter the Finance Committee directs me to request your presence, together with that of the At-

-torney for the

Attorney for the Japanese claimants, and the City Attorney of San Francisco at the next meeting of said Finance Committee to be held in this office, No. 70 Eddy Street, on Friday, March 6th, 1908, at the hour of 2 p.m., when an investigation will be had and endeavor to settle said damage claims to the mutual satisfaction of all parties concerned.

The Committee desires me to state further that it is in perfect accord and harmony with your suggestion that full justice shall be done to any Japanese resident of San Francisco who has been injured in any manner by unlawful actions of rioters or mobs.

I have the honor to remain,



Yours very truly,

John E. Beham,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco.
