

Mayor's Office March 16th 1880
To the Honorable Common Council of the City
of Pattana]

Gentlemen

I have been informed that certain Street Contractors have been violating their Contracts made with the City by employing Chinamen in quarrying and loading the Stone used by them in macadamizing the Streets. This is a violation of the Contract made by them with the City as well as a violation of the Law of the State which forbids the employment of Chinese on this class of public works.

I have notified all Contractors who are executing Streets Contracts that I will not sign the warrants on the City Treasurer for work done where their Contracts with the City have been violated in this respect. These contractors bid on the Contracts well knowing that the employment of Chinese on the public works of the City is prohibited and they are taking advantage of the City by afterwards employing them. If there is a profit to be derived from the employment of this class of labor on the public works of the City, the property owner who pays for such Contracts is entitled to the

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profit and not the Contractor who executes a contract with the City in which he expressly agrees not to employ Chinese and immediately ~~does~~ so violates his. It is hereby so -

Any Contractor who has Employees or who may employ Chinamen on City Contracts may expect to apply to the Courts for relief before his warrants will be signed -

Respectfully Submitted

J. P. Simpson

Mayor

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Auditor and Clerk