

[E-11-C]

To the Honorable Board Common Council  
of the City of Portland. Gentlemen  
I wish to call your attention to a nuisance  
existing on the South side of Washington  
Street between First and Second Street.  
The place is inhabited by Chinese Washermen  
& houses of Illfame. Pools of Stagnant  
water & filth are accumulated & the curbing  
of the street is too high for it to drain off.  
it is very necessary to the health of the  
Citizens in that vicinity, that the same  
should be attended to immediately.  
I ask for instruction in the matter, as  
the street is now being improved at  
& near that place.

Portland Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
1865

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Street Commissioner

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To the Honorable the Common Council I herewith return without  
my approval "An Ordinance to tax Chinese Wash-houses"

I do not think the Council has authority ~~in granting~~ to license  
or tax any trade or occupation in such manner as to discriminate against  
any particular class

Portland Sept 22 1865

Henry Fairbank  
Mayor

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Vito of Mayor

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