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Mayor's Office  
Portland Oreg. June 20. 1873.

W. F. Mulkey Esq  
City atty.

Please inform  
me whether the within Ordinance  
does not conflict with the Char.  
tar, and the laws and treaties  
of the United States?

(Sgd) Philip Wallace  
Mayor.

# Mayor's Office

Portland, Oregon, June 21 1873

To The Hon. The Common Council.

Gentlemen, I herewith return an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent Chinese being employed on City Contracts" without my approval for the reason that in my opinion the same conflicts with the laws and treaties of the United States.

By what is known as the "Civil Rights act" all persons are equal before the law - without regard to race or color - and by the treaties with the Chinese Empire, the Citizens of the United States visiting China are entitled to all the privileges and immunities awarded to the most favored nation, and reciprocally the Chinese are awarded the same rights in the United States as the subjects of any other nation except the privilege of Naturalization.

The power to act in this matter in  
my judgment lies solely with the  
Congress of the United States.

Philip Wasserman  
Mayor

Mayor's Message

Filed June 21, 1873.

W. D. Caldwell  
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# Mayor's Office

Portland, Oregon, June 25 1873

To the Hon. the Common Council

With reference to my communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant I desire to say that I addressed a note to the City Attorney (a copy of which is herewith transmitted) requesting to be informed whether the Ordinance referred to did not conflict with the Charter and the Laws and treaties of the United States, and have received no answer thereto

Philip Wasserman  
Mayor