

To The Honorable the Mayor and  
Common Council of the City of Portland,

We the undersigned Chinese merchants  
and residents of the City of Portland,  
respectfully show to your honors, and  
state - That the new year of the Chinese  
calendar for 1883, begins on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of February A.D. 1883. -

That from immemorial custom, and  
from religious obligations, the Chinese  
people are required to devote a period  
of ten days - to festivities and religious  
observances - and among other things to  
fire off firecrackers. -

Wherefore your petitioners, pray your  
Honors, that an ordinance, be passed, giving  
permission to the Chinese residents of  
the City of Portland, to fire off fire  
crackers from the hours of Five (5)  
o'clock to Seven (7) o'clock A.M. and from  
six (6) o'clock to Nine (9) o'clock P.M. of  
each day from the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) to the Fifteenth  
(15<sup>th</sup>) day of February A.D. 1883. inclusive -  
And your petitioners will ever pray.

Tong Duck Chung & Co  
No 121 & Co  
Loon Chung  
Quong Yik & Co

Sun Lee  
Book Binding

Chung Yuen  
Yee Yuen Chung & Co  
Lung Wah Yuen & Co  
On Chung & Co

Boon Cheong & Co  
Young Chung & Co  
Wing Chai Lung

Yuen Wee

Wing Nook Lung & Co  
See Lung & Co

Kwong Lam Kee & Co

Kwong Tai & Co

Petition of Chinese  
Merchants, for leave to  
fire off fire crackers during  
the Chinese New Year.

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M. F. Spencer  
Clerk of Court  
By R. B. King, Jr.

Granted