

## **CHINESE AND THE GEARY LAW.**

### **Collector Guffin Receives Instructions About Section Six.**

A circular letter signed by Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle has been received by the collector of customs which outlines the intended policy of the administration regarding the enforcement of the Geary law. The letter calls for a vigorous enforcement of all the sections of the law except section 6, which provides that all Chinese laborers who have neglected to register with the collector of revenue before May 5, 1893, shall be arrested, tried and deported. This practically leaves the operation of the law the same as it was before the United States supreme court decided the registration clause to be constitutional.

On May 4 the collector of internal revenue and the customs collector were instructed by the Secretary of the Treasury to refrain from making arrests under the Geary law until further notice. The last instruction of the Secretary leaves the Chinese residents who have not registered free to live in the country and pursue their callings without fear of molestation. The only change from the old condition of affairs is the demand by the Secretary that vigorous measures be taken to secure the arrest and prosecution of all Chinese laborers who are smuggled into the United States.

H. F. Devol, collector of internal revenue, a department which is directly connected with the law and its enforcement, says he has received no recent orders from Secretary Carlisle and knows nothing of the letter received by the collector of customs.

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