

## ***THE CHINESE MUST REGISTER.***

### **An Immediate Enforcement of the Law Ordered by Secretary Carlisle.**

Webster Withers, the collector of internal revenue for this district, received a notice from Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle to-day, ordering him to immediately enforce the law approved November 3, 1893, requiring all the Chinese residents of the district to be registered within six months from the date of the enactment of the law. Collector Withers notified all his deputies to serve notice on the Chinese that they must come forward and register between now and May 3, 1894, under penalty of being deported from the country.

The law was originally passed in May, 1892, but created much dissatisfaction among the Chinese in this country. It even threatened to rupture the diplomatic relations between the United States and China, and the latter country threatened to retaliate by expelling all American residents of China. On this account the clause of the law requiring registration was allowed to fall into innocuous desuetude until the last special session of congress, when the act was approved and the time for registration extended six months. The intent of the law is to have every Chinese resident of the country known to the Treasury department in order that the smuggling of additional Chinese into the country may be readily detected.

~~The Six companies at San Francisco fought the law, even going so far as to advise the Chinese to pay no attention to it. Its enforcement will undoubtedly be fought again and a clash seems inevitable. There are in Kansas City about 300 Chinamen who come under the provisions of the law. They will not register until advice is received from the Six companies, the organization which controls all the Chinese in this country.~~