

San Francisco Bay, 3/7

General, I presume you will have seen all the row and doings in Samoa - See close your extracts from recent news -

The consul S. S. Foster's name immediately suppressed!

He is about the A-dick scandal unhung and all this has come about from that miserable old Leake and Dick not having any back bone - If he had not been so frightened as to go down on his knees and swear that Sternberger had no friends in Washington all this would not have occurred.

It was on the strength of a letter from Dick to Foster saying he (S.) would not be protected by the mob - that he was in no way accredited, that produced the row - Foster said, this man has no

friends at Court I'll go for his
sculp - Had Mr. Dink exhibited
a decent regard for facts and
said Mr. Sturtevant altho not
officially accredited as an
Agent or Com of the Govt, is
nevertheless acting in sympathy
and harmony. Foster would not
have dared to do it -

The high handed outrage in
seizing also of his private papers,
and letters, should be noticed,
He has all of your letters, and is
showing them about. He showed
one letter to Capt Stevens of
the Maracotta where you say
"In a short time you will have the
Islands" -

The thing to do, is, to
get a man of War ordered to
go to Sumatra & arrest Foster
steal all of these documents

away from him - He intercepted
and appropriated all the letters
he could get hold of - previous
to this, but a charge could be
properly sustained against him
for seizing and selling the
little steam launch, which was
the property of the U.S. - had
never been relinquished and
stands today as abandoned
to Steinberg -

It is for the interest of all
concerned that immediate
steps be taken to restore
Steinberg & arrest Foster.

The natives will receive him
with open arms - and he
will become firmly fixed than
ever - I urge the President
two days service in my capacity
as ^{Special} Commercial Agent urging this

I proposed that if he would add
a man of war to let Stenberg
take passage to Surron. I would
get Steiny. to any point where
he could be picked up -

We want J M Lee appointed
Consul. He has formerly acted,
resides there - has been faithful
to Steiny all through and was
arrested & sent off by Foster as
a dangerous rival. He is now here
Can you not get him appointed
& send his Commission to my care
at once? A vessel sails in about
two weeks & there may be a
another in two months. Col
could get off on this vessel &
prepare things for Steiny's
arrival -

Yours
M. L. Ogden