

THE SIX COMPANIES' PLAN.

Their Method of Settling Existing Complications.

The CHRONICLE several weeks ago gave the substance of a letter sent by Col. Bee, the attorney for the Chinese Six Companies, through the medium of J. C. G. Kennedy, their agent in Washington, to Secretary Evarts, containing the plan of the Chinese merchants to settle the complications arising from the presence of their countrymen here. When the CHRONICLE containing it reached Washington, telegrams were sent back that it was false; that Secretary Evarts had received no such document. It eventually transpired that these denials in themselves were untrue, for the document itself turned up, and since then it has excited considerable discussion in Washington. Following is the letter in full:

Joseph C. G. Kennedy, Washington, D. C., to Wul am M. Exarta, Secretary of State, Washington—SIR: After a full and final conference with the representative Chinamen of California in reference to restricting the further emigration of their people, I am requested to convey to you the following suggestions, which, if carried out by this Government, will most advantageously meet their views, and quite effectually stop further emigration: First—That Congress enact a law imposing a capitation tax of \$100 upon each subject of China landing in the United States. Second—That the money so collected may be used to return their indigent countrymen to China, with such other restrictions as may seem best to the wisdom of the humane and disinterested representatives of this great Government. I am requested to say further to you that, in view of their treatment here, they request this action on the ground of humanity, that no more of their people may emigrate here. Also, that the treaty between the two Governments being reciprocal in all its vital parts, they are entitled to indemnity for past outrages, and those that are here full protection for their lives and property in the future. They desire to express to you that they are perfectly aware of their utter weakness to defend themselves, when other foreign residents boldly demand and receive protection from the authorities. Hence it was that they, after long suffering, asked that protection of the National Government a short time since which they supposed solemn treaty obligations entitled them to. And most particularly do they wish to convey to you the high respect they entertain now and will always cherish for the kindness they have invariably received at the hands of American-born citizens, with few exceptions. Hoping they commit no act of impropriety in addressing you this dispatch, and having no Ministerial representative at Washington, I cheerfully do so as their representative and friend.

F. A. BEE.

As regards Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Bee says he receives no salary for his services in protecting Chinese interests at Washington and no emoluments whatever, save actual expenses, such as carriage hire, etc., he being a gentleman of some means, and does the work solely from choice.