

THE CHINESE CHARGES

CONSUL TSANG WEETS UPON SEEING THEM.

Vice-Consul Bee Refers to the
Proclamation as the "Grum-
blings of Discontent."

The proclamations posted in China-
town charging the Consul-General,
Leong Hang Tsang, with all sorts of
crimes and misdemeanors have caused
a great sensation. The sentiment in
the Chinese quarter seems to be almost
unanimous in support of the charges,
a fact which shows that there has been
some change in public opinion during
the past ten days.

The Six Companies held a meeting
on the 26th ult. and discussed the
charges, which had been published that
morning exclusively in the CHRONICLE.
At first they decided to support the
Consul, and had some circulars printed
defending him, but before they could
be distributed public feeling began to
change so rapidly that they first de-
layed and then entirely countermanded
the order. Now only a few merchants,
who, it is claimed, have received spe-
cial privileges, still support the Consul.

Tsang refused to see any one yester-
day or to make any statement whatever
in regard to the proclamation. It was
learned that he was deeply affected by
it and especially by its publication in
the CHRONICLE. While in Chinese it
did little harm, as it could be ignored,
but now that it is in English it will of
course be clipped and published by the
prominent papers in China. It is said
that the Consul-General wept bitterly
on seeing the publication.

Vice-Consul Bee denounced these last
charges as mere slander. The first
batch, he said, was of international in-
terest, but the others were merely the
grumbings of a few discontented men.
There is no doubt, however, that the
discontent reaches further than Consul
Bee imagines.

The charges of immorality are said
by nearly every one to be well founded.