

TERRITORY OF IDAHO,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Authentic statements and information from sources I deem reliable, have been received at this department from different localities in Idaho that numerous organizations have been formed and are now forming for the purpose of expelling, by force and violence, the Chinese who may be found in those localities on and after the **FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1886**, it is hoped that none of our citizens will join in with such a movement, nor countenance in any way such violations of law. The life and property of our citizens, and those of the Chinese as well, who are engaged in our midst in peaceful occupations, are entitled to and must receive the equal protection of the laws of our Territory.

I do, therefore, admonish the people in every portion of Idaho to oppose in every lawful way the institution of such riotous proceedings and mob violence. And I warn those persons, organizations and committees having in view the forcible expulsion of the Chinese, or any other persons now pursuing their peaceful labor, against such acts of violence, with the assurance that the law will hold those who may engage in such deeds responsible, individually and collectively, for the results of their acts. And I particularly notify and call on the Sheriffs of the Counties and the Officers of the law to use every precaution to prevent all riotous demonstration for such objects, and if unable to maintain the peace and majesty of the law, to call on every male citizen to assist you, recording the name of every man who refuses you assistance, or who are riotors, for future prosecution. See Section 5519 Revised Statutes United States.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the Territory of Idaho to be affixed.

Done at Boise City, Idaho Territory, April 27,
A. D. 1886,

EDWARD A. STEVENSON,
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