

Lettergram from California Hop Growers to John E. Raker  
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CALIFORNIA HOP GROWERS EARNESTLY PROTEST AGAINST THREATENED ACTION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITING BREWING OF BEER AS NECESSARY WAR MEASURE HOPS ARE PERENIAL LIKE FRUIT ORCHARDS EXPENSIVE TRELLISES, KILNS, COOLERS AND YEARS SUPPLY MATERIALS CONTRACTED FOR WOULD BE TOTAL LOSS GROWERS ABSOLUTELY RUINED CANT CHANGE TO OTHER CROP THIS YEAR THOUSANDS OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN EMPLOYED IN HOP YARDS WOULD SUFFER CANT MARKET CROP ABROAD ENGLAND NOW BREWING TEN MILLION BARRELS BEER PER YEAR FOR PUBLIC AND ELEVEN AND HALF MILLION FOR ARMY AND NAVY

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CALIF HOP BREWERS ASSN,  
 GEO HEWLETT, PRESIDENT.

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