

## I The Chinese Experience in 19th Century America



CHINESE MANDARINS IN WASHINGTON



THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

### ● QUESTIONS

1. How do you think white Americans reacted to these illustrations when they were published? What fears do these illustrations play upon?
2. Do you think Americans still express a fear of particular groups gaining “too much” influence in politics? Explain your answer.

Illustrations from P. W. Dooner, *Last Days of the Republic*. San Francisco, 1880.

“He was eminently stupid in great things, and so quick and keen in small; so devoted to toil, and so averse to sentiment; so obedient, so cunning, so ignorant, so willing, so unassuming, and so servile, that the Southern land-owners once more imagine themselves the masters of a race of slaves, - but this time of willing slaves, - and a prospect of permanence to the institution. They had not learned to interpret the restless, anxious, observing glances; the interminable endeavor; the avarice, and the bland, significant courtesy, so common to the whole Mongolian race.”

P.W. Dooner, *The Last Days of the Republic*, (p. 131).