

Japan

PEACE AND AMITY

Treaty signed at Kanagawa March 31, 1854

Supplemented by agreements of June 17, 1854,¹ and June 23, 1854²

Senate advice and consent to ratification July 15, 1854

Ratified by the President of the United States August 7, 1854

Ratified by Japan in the "1st year of Ansei, Elder Brother, Tiger, 12th month" (January 18 to February 16, 1855)

Ratifications exchanged at Shimoda February 21, 1855

Entered into force February 21, 1855

Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 22, 1855

Modified by treaty of July 29, 1858³

Superseded July 17, 1899, by agreement of November 22, 1894⁴

11 Stat. 597; Treaty Series 183⁵

The United States of America, and the Empire of Japan, desiring to establish firm, lasting and sincere friendship between the two Nations, have resolved to fix in a manner clear and positive, by means of a Treaty or general convention of peace and Amity, the rules which shall in future be mutually observed in the intercourse of their respective Countries; for which most desirable object, the President of the United States has conferred full powers on his Commissioner, Matthew Calbraith Perry, Special Ambassador of the United States to Japan: And the August Sovereign of Japan, has given similar full powers to his Commissioners, Hayashi, Dai-gaku no-kami; Ido, Prince of Tsus-Sima; Izawa, Prince of Mima-saki; and Udonon, Member of the Board of Revenue. And the said Commissioners after having exchanged their said full powers, and duly considered the premises, have agreed to the following Articles.

¹ TS 183, *post*, p. 355.

² TS 183, *post*, p. 357.

³ TS 185, *post*, p. 362.

⁴ TS 192, *post*, p. 387.

⁵ For a detailed study of this treaty, see 6 Miller 439.