

AMITY AND COMMERCE

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Senate advice and consent to ratification December 15, 1858

Ratified by Japan March 19, 1859

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Ratified by the President of the United States April 12, 1860

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington May 22, 1860*¹

Proclaimed by the President of the United States May 23, 1860

*Amended by convention of June 25, 1866*²

*Modified by convention of July 25, 1878*³

*Superseded July 17, 1899, by treaty of November 22, 1894*⁴

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TREATY

The President of the United States of America and his Majesty the Ty-Coon of Japan, desiring to establish on firm and lasting foundations the relations of peace and friendship now happily existing between the two countries, and to secure the best interest of their respective citizens and subjects by encouraging, facilitating, and regulating their industry and trade, have resolved to conclude a treaty of amity and commerce for this purpose, and have, therefore, named as their plenipotentiaries, that is to say: The President of the United States, his excellency Townsend Harris, Consul General of the United States of America for the Empire of Japan, and his Majesty the Ty-Coon of Japan, their excellencies Jno-oo-ye, Prince of Sinano, and Iwasay, Prince of Hego, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, and found them to be in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I

There shall henceforward be perpetual peace and friendship between the United States of America and his Majesty the Ty-Coon of Japan and his successors.

¹ For convention of Mar. 19, 1859, postponing exchange of ratifications, see TS 185, *post*, p. 373.

² TS 188, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 18.

³ TS 189, *post*, p. 377.

⁴ TS 192, *post*, p. 387.

⁵ For a detailed study of this treaty, see 7 Miller 947.