

## REDUCTION OF IMPORT DUTIES

*Convention signed at Yedo January 28, 1864*

*Entered into force at Kanagawa February 8, 1864, and at Nagasaki and Hakodate March 9, 1864*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification February 21, 1866*

*Ratified by the President of the United States April 9, 1866*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 9, 1866*

*Superseded July 1, 1866, by convention of June 25, 1866<sup>1</sup>*

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### CONVENTION

For the purpose of encouraging and facilitating the Commerce of the Citizens of the United States in Japan and after due deliberation His Excellency Robert H. Pruyn, Minister Resident of the United States in Japan, and His Excellency Sibata Sadataro, Governor for Foreign Affairs, both having full powers from their respective Governments, have agreed on the following Articles, viz:

#### ARTICLE ONE

The following articles, used in the preparation and packing of tea, shall be free of duty:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Sheet lead       | Indigo                  |
| Soder            | Gypsum                  |
| Matting          | Firing pans and baskets |
| Rattan           |                         |
| Oil for painting |                         |

#### ARTICLE TWO

The following articles shall be admitted at the reduced duty of five percent:

Machines and machinery

Drugs and medicines

Note: The prohibition of the importation of opium, according to the existing Treaty, remains in full force.

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<sup>1</sup> TS 188, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 18.

Iron in pigs or bars, sheet iron and iron wire  
 Tin plates  
 White sugar in loaves or crushed  
 Glass and glassware  
 Clocks, watches, and watch chains  
 Wines malted and spirituous liquors

## ARTICLE THREE

The Citizens of the United States importing or exporting goods shall always pay the Duty fixed thereon, whether such goods are intended for their own use or not.

## ARTICLE FOUR

This Convention having been agreed upon a Year ago and its signature delayed through unavoidable circumstances, it is hereby agreed that the Same shall go into effect at Kanagawa on the 8th of February next, corresponding to the First day of the First month of the Fourth Japanese Year of Bunkin Ne—and at Nagasaki and Hakodate on the 9th day of March next corresponding to the first day of the Second month of the Fourth Japanese Year of Bunkin Ne.

Done in quadruplicate; each Copy being written in the English, Japanese and Dutch languages; all the versions having the same meaning but the Dutch version shall be considered as the original.

In Witness whereof the abovenamed Plenipotentiaries have hereunto set their hands and Seals at the City of Yedo the 28th day of January of the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty Eighth, corresponding to the twentieth day of the twelfth month of the Third Year of Bunkin Ye of the Japanese era.

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