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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, 1895.

Barring some opposition to the favored nation
clause of the proposed Japanese treaty, and to
the phraseology of a few other parts, the ratification of the convention by the Senate will be
accomplished without any serious difficulty.

The treaty came up for consideration in executive session this afternoon. About an hour was
devoted to the discussion of its provisions. It
becoming apparent from the opposition made by
Senator Frye and by several democratic Senators that an amendment to the favored nation
clause, would be necessary to secure ratification,
it was decided to postpone further action until
next Friday.

There was nothing in to-day's debate to indicate that the sensational reports about alleged
atrocties in Port Arthur would figure in the
slightest degree in the disposition of this convention. Indeed, the matter was not referred to
at all to-day.

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Strong Objection Made to the Favored-Nation Clause.

MR. FRYE STATES THE OPPOSITION

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Having Treaties with the United States.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Senate today devoted nearly two hours to a discussion of the Japanese treaty, and then postponed further consideration of the proposed
convention until next Friday. It is celleved
by Mr. Morgan and other leading Senators
that ratification will not be much longer
delayed, but there is an impression that
the treaty will be amended in some particulars.

The provision for the continuation in force
of the "favored-nation" clause for at least
ten years, and the giving of a year's notice
of its intended abrogation, making the term
practically eleven years, is objectionable to
Senators on both sides of the chamber, who
take the ground that the United States
might be placed in an embarrassing position
should the treaty in its present form be
adopted.

When the Senate this afternoon went into
exequitive session Mr. Morgan explained the
provisions of the proposed amendment between the two countries and its bearing
upon the treaties already existing between
the United States and other Governments.

Mr. Frye made the principal speech of the
day, his argument being devoted to "the
favored-nation" clause, which, he declared,
should not be permitted to give Japan an
undue advantage over this country. He was
unable to see why Japan should be allowed
to hold the United States to an eleven years'
observance of this clause when, in all treaties now existing between the United States
and foreign Governments, the right was reserved to abrogate the similar agreement
upon a year's notice. It would be the
height of folly, Mr. Frye contended, for the
United States to tie its han is in this manner.

"Suppose," said he, "the United States
should have a law placed on its statute
books imposing discriminating duties against
merchandise imported in vessels not flying
the American flag. With the treaty now
proposed in force, such a law would be absolutely a dead letter so far-as Japan is
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To this I reply that Congress can repeal the treaty or withdraw our consent to it, (perhaps,) if it is then found to have been improvident.

To my reply, it is insisted that such a law would, apparently, be tainted with bad faith and that it is better to have, now, a clear understanding with Japan on that point.

This objection seems to be rather impressive upon the minds of some Senators.

3. That a provision should be made for <u>habeas corpus</u>, and the right to give bail.

To this I reply that we have treaties with many powers where such privileges are not accorded to their own people and are not, therefore, provided for in treaties.

4. I have stated that negotiations for the security of patents and trade marks would be urged, pointing out the fact that their judicial system and ours, in Japan, are not

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adequate to the legal administration of such rights.

A Senator objects to treating with a power that is guilty of the cruelties at Port Arthur, that are alleged against Japan. This point is not of any real significance.

These are the points, so far, raised for discussion.

The purposes and advantages of the treaty, as a whole, seem to be conceded.

The treaty comes up for final action next Thursday at the close of the routine morning business.

The Senate was thin when the treaty was discussed and I did not think it best to have a vote under the circumstances; but will insist on disposing of it on Thursday.

Sincerely yours,

JNO. T. MORGAN.

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UNITED STATES SENATE,

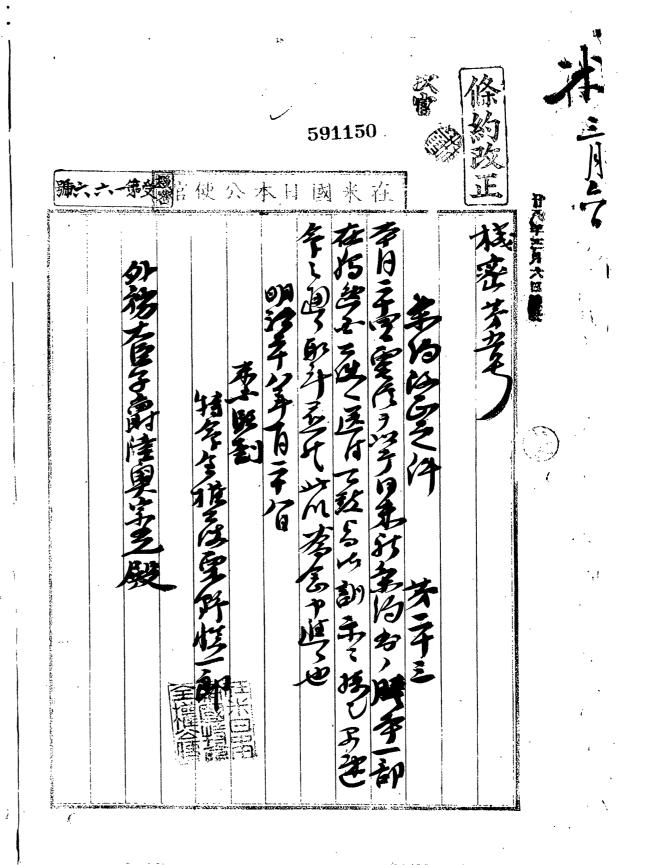
Washington, January 19, 189%.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I despair of finding time to have a satisfactory conference with you and will inform you, in this
way, of the points made against the Japanese treaty, in the
form of proposed amendments.

1. That we should reserve the right, to both parties, to make discriminative duties, by law, on imports in national vessels. This, as a starting point for like provisions in other, or all, commercial treaties. This is not likely to be adopted, but is vigorously urged. To this point I urge that if we are to inaugurate this as a national policy, we had better begin with some other nation. It is replied that, for more than 12 years, this treaty will hold us to our present policy under the favored nation clause in all our commercial treaties.

2. That there is no reservation of the right, if we should find it important, to terminate the Articles relating to extraterritoriality, before the treaty goes into full



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Department of Stace, Washington, January 81, 1895. I have the hourt to inform you that the Denate, in executive session yesterday, advised and consented to the ratification afthe Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the thried States and the Empire of Japan, signed November 22, 1894, with the following amendment: "Article XIX, clause 2, etrike "out all after the word 'time un line 6, down to and including the word operation in line 8, so that the clause will read; terhor Stigh Contracting Mr Shinichiro Kurino,

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Cease and determine.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration,

Agrical D. Q. Gresham.

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I Senate reconsidered and amended as follows: insert and thereafter" after the word "at any time", so that it reads "either High boutracting parties shall have the right at any time thereafter to give notice etc Palagraph one in the same article is retained. Thereafter is intended to mean after the Treaty goes into operation. The President is ready to ratify how ratifications wis be exchanged. Kurins

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striking out 14 words after at any time at 19 so as to make it terminable even in five years. Am trying to get its reconsideration in view of alteration that either party to give such notice any time after the treaty will refeet. Secretary of State dise appointed with the action of Senate. Ne will take no action until I shall have received your instructions regarding Senate amendment. Please send some amount of money entertainment expense Kurino.

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Accept, hu. hunister, the assurance of my highest consideration.
(Signed) W. Q. Grecham.

Department of State, Washington, February 6. 1898.

Sir:

Referring to my note to you of the 31st ultimo in regard to the ratification of the lately signed Treaty between the United States and Japan, I have now the honor to inform you that the Senate, having recalled its resolution for reconsideration, has, by a Resolution adopted yesterday, in portantly modified its previous amend: ment to the said Treaty so that it

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hours to acquaint you that Stir Imperial Majesty's Government are preferred to accept the amendment therein Ilacea.

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I. 17. The form of ratification is the same as breaty of Entradition. The President describes Senate amendment as follows: "And whereas the Senate of the United States by their resolution of February 5. 1895 (Two thirds of the Senators present concernating therein) shil advise and consent to the ratification of the said on the training with the following amend:

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Gashington, February 12, 1895.

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Hon Walter Q. Gresham, Secretary of Jeace.

anese treaty, but it consumed fully one-half the time in which the Senate doors were closed, Finsily the treaty was declared to be ratified, although there was no attempt made to take a formal vots.

The treaty does not in the officer until July 17, 1898, In the long interval there will be plenty of opportunity, the seriestant whether the codes and the judicial systems of Japan are suited to carry out the provisions of the treaty, and if the United States authorities conclude that this judicial system was not stifflosently well organized or effective, there would be plenty of time to denied further preparation. Those who have studied the provisions of the treaty express the opinion that his acceptance by both countries cannot fall to advance affection commercial interests in Japan through the liberal recognition of the rights of Japan by this country as regards the levying of customs

THE JAPANESE TREATY.

With the Amendment It May Be 'Rejected by Japan.

The belief is growing in diplomatic circles that the action of the Senate in attaching to the rew Japanese treaty a proviso that it may be terminated on one year's notice after it goes into effect will operate to defeat the treaty, and it can now be stated on good authority that in its present shape the entire treaty will be rejected by the Japanese government. It transpires that the Senate was influenced in this action, not by any fear that the interests or libertles of American critizens in Japan would suffer by making them subject to Japanese law and relinquishing the right to extraterritorial jurisdiction, for this clause does not go into effect until five years have elapsed. The actual reason was founded or tariff considerations. By the treaty the United States allowed Japan within thirty days after its ratification to fix her own tariff charges on imports from the United States instead of holding her to the old treaty, by the terms of which the United States itself fixed the rate at one figure—5 per cent ad valorem on all imports.

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In thus admitting Japan's right to fix her-own tariff schedules the United States went further than Great Britain or any other of the great powers. The Hapanese looked upon our action with deep gratitude as the first recognition of the fact that she was really on even terms with other great nations. The little amendment, which at first glance seems inconsequential, really means much to Japan for it is said to touch the foundation of her whole projected new tariff system. The draft of the laws necessary to put this into effect has been already prepared awaiting the ratification of the treaty, yet if Japan should accept the amendment she will be placed in a peculiar and dangerus condition. Having proceeded under the new tariff for a short time, and in the meantime having negotated trade treatles with other rations, Japan might be suddenly notified by the United States of the termination of the treaty in one year. The relations of the two countries would then revert to those prevailing under the present treaty, and that would immediately make all duties on United States imports into Japan only 5 per cent.

This in itself would scriously disarrange the Japanese revenues, but the sceondary effect would be worse, for immediately every other nations would claim the benefits of the favored nation clause, and secure the 5 per cent rate, thus completely destroying the Japanese revenue system. Inasmuch as it has been for many years the object of the most advancinet, like-nos-sibility of thus wrecking all their hongs by one slight amendment of the ration looked for help in leading other nation and only destroying the Japanese revenue system.

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THE TREATY IS MODIFIED

Action on the Japanese Convention

Reconsidered,

THE SENATE DISCOVERS A BLUNDER

A Correction Is Made Which Is Satisfactory—Powers Drops Into Poetry—Richardson Holds

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His Seat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Senate today wisely reconsidered its recent ratification of the Japanese treaty to the extent of
modifying the amendment which provided
that upon one year's notice by either party
the treaty could be terminated. In the interval following the adoption of this amendment the absurdity of making the treaty
revocable before it could become effective
was pointed out and the Senators who were
responsible for this apovision became convinced that they had gone too far in their
efforts to prevent the United States from being taken at a disadvantage, which they
thought would be the inevitable result if the
time originally specified for the notice were
permitted to stand. The stipulation that the
treaty should not take effect until 1809, in
itself a protection to the United States, did
not strike the Senate last week as it did
to-day.

Only about ten minutes were required in
which to modify the amendment so that in
one year after the treaty shall take effect
the United States may, if so disposed, bring
the convention to a termination. Mr. Morgan outlined the situation in a short speech,
and there was no opposition when he asked
for the service of the state of the secretary
of State and the Japanese Minister.

JAPAN TREATY RATIFIED Either Party May Abrogate It on Giving One Year's Notice.

NO OPPOSITION AFTER THIS CHANGE Republican Jenators Objected to Binding the United States to an Eleven Years Observatice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. The Senate has ratified the commercial treaty with Japan and with substantially no opposition, after

rathed the commercial treaty with Japan and with substantially no opposition, after the convention had been amended so as to permit its abrogation upon one year's notice by either party to it.

While it is gratifying to the friends of Japan that the report of cruelties committed by the Japanese army at Port Arthurlad the weight in the discussion, and absolutely flo influence in the vote, it is respectable that the convention has been so changed as possibly to give the impression in Japan that the American people, speaking through the Senate, were disposed to be distrustint, and that perhaps there was a pro-Chinese feeling animating the members who succeeded in converting the convention into one that can be dropped even before it becomes effective.

In many respects, the treaty is mitch more liberal than that secured by Japan with Great Britain. The British Government permits the treaty to run for tem years, and then allows a year for its demunciation. The treaty will not take effect until 1890, by its terms. Great Britain has agreed that it shall have a trial of at least six years. The United States Senate appears to have expressed a doubt whether the treaty ought to be allowed to become effective, and it is unwilling to foreso the opportunity to abrogate it, even before 1890.

This outcome must be disappointing to Japan, as uniquestionably it will not be helpful of the United States, which now enjoys the largest share of import trade with Japan, it the distrust shown is accepted by Japan as an inducation of lack of donfidence in her

the largest share of import trade with Jayan, if the distrust shown is accepted by Jayan as an indication of lack of confidence in her ability or disposition to fainh her obligations under the treaty.

It is possible that the effect of the modification of the freaty upon the Japanese was disregarded by the Senate, and that the members who secured the year's limit of time within which the treaty may be abrogated may be disposed to ask for a reconsideration of the vote by which it was raified, in order to restore the term of ten years stipulated in the treaty as submitted. years stipulated in the treaty as submitted. Great Britain has evinced some dissatisfaction because the terms of the treaty with the United States were more liberal than were the terms of the agreement signed by

Great Britain. The ungracious treatment of the convention by the Schate of the United States may do much to reconcile the British to

their own work, but the Japanese may feel as it repulsed by a nation they have come to regard as extremely friendly.

When the theaty was last under disconsion in the Senate, it became apparent that the opposition to the clause requiring the convention to remain in operation eleven years before notice could be given by either Japan or the United States of its intention to terminate it, was sufficiently strong to reduce the limit to one year. Mr. Frye was the chief opponent of the eleven year ferm. He argued that such a long term would give rispan as under some after would give rispan as under some the United States and foreign Governments, the limit resides now existing between the United States and foreign Governments, the right was reserved to abregate the similar agreement upon a year's nettee. Mr. Frye introduced an amendment providing that Japan shole be placed on the same basis with other treaty dountries. It that the treaty might he terminated at the expiration of one year.

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Mr. Lodge, Mr. Aldrich, and other Republican Senators supported Mr. Frye's contention in vigorous speeches, and sayeral Depaderatic Senators, Mr. Lindsay, in particular, expressed like ylews. Mr. Lindsay, in particular, expressed like ylews. Mr. Lindsay subsequently called for a mediacetion of Artigle II of the treaty, which covered the Frye amendment, and, in fact, all of the points made by those who desired to cut down the time for giving netice of an intention to terminate the treaty, and it was finally adopted.

Mr. White, and other Western Senators expressed opposition to the immigration clause, and Mr. White sought to secure the adoption of an amendment which he desimed accessary to the interests of the Pacific slope, but the Democratic members of the Foreign Affairs Committee managed to defeat it.

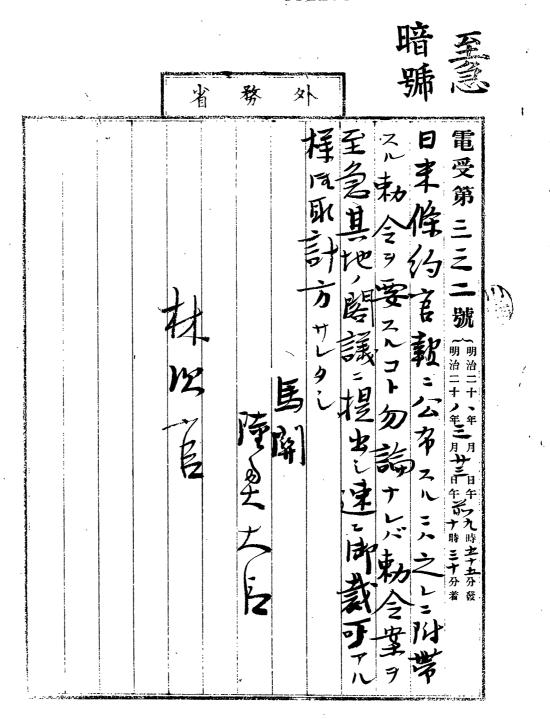
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that task a most agreeable duty.

Accept, Sii, the renewed

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Consideration,

(Digned.) D. Kurnis.

Legation of Japan, Washington, March 23, 1895.

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I have just received, by telegraph,
from Air Excellency Viscount Musser, And
Imperial Majesty's Minister for Foreign
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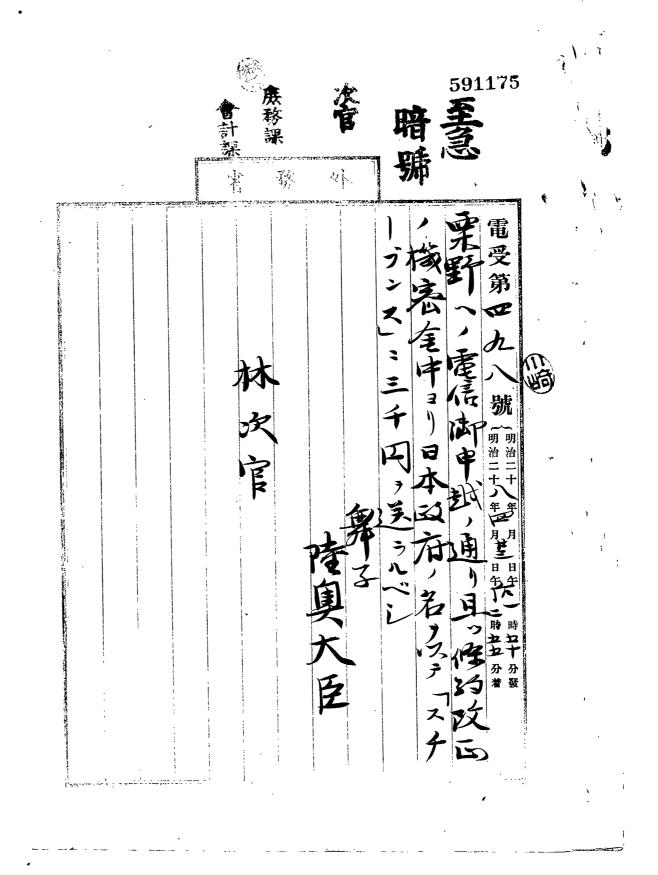
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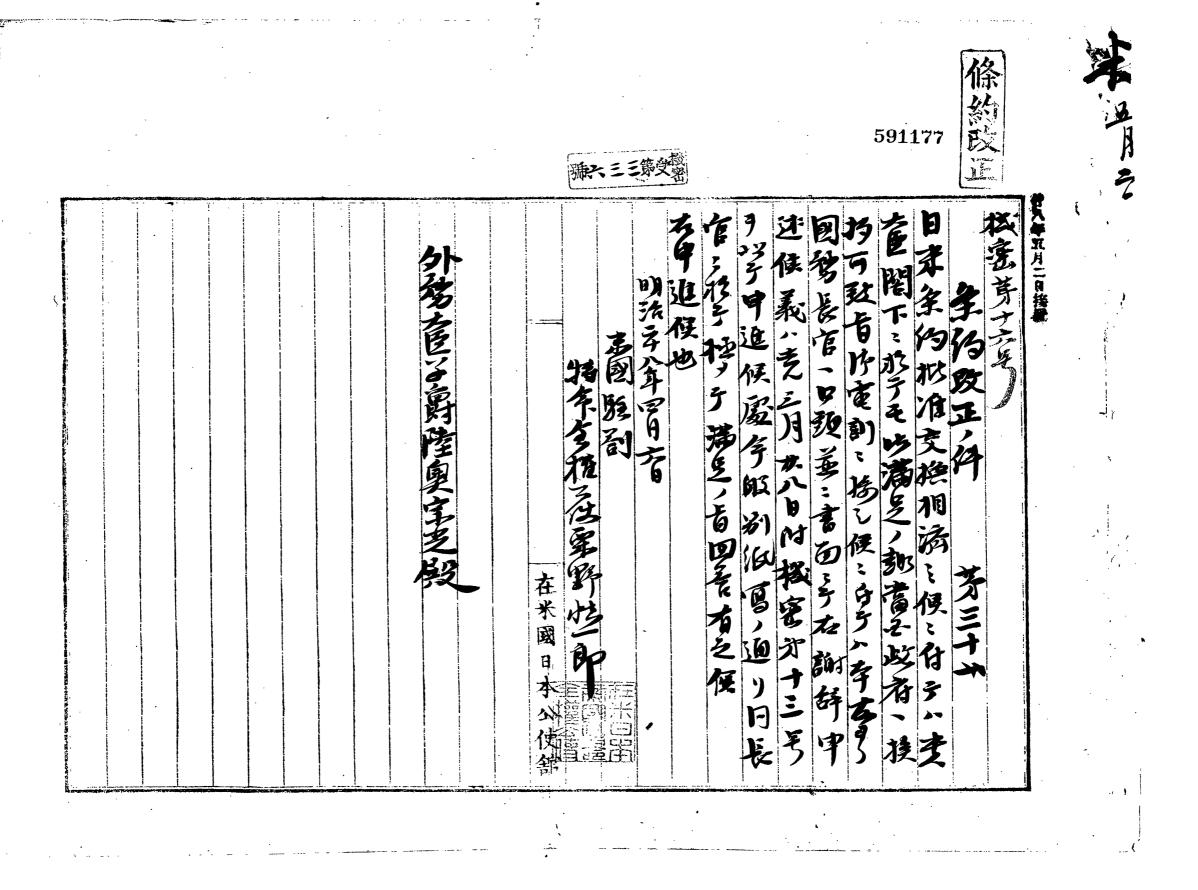
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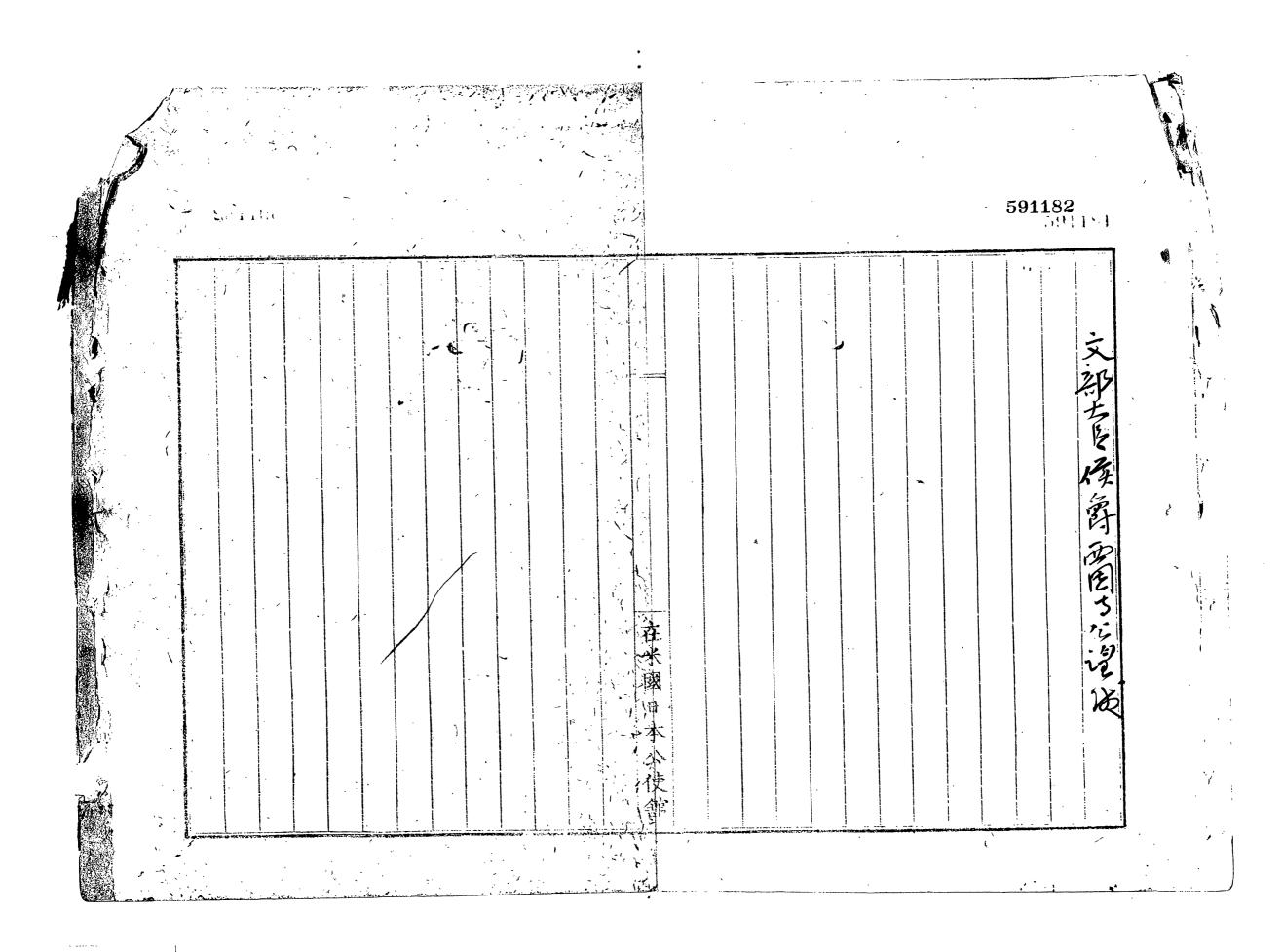
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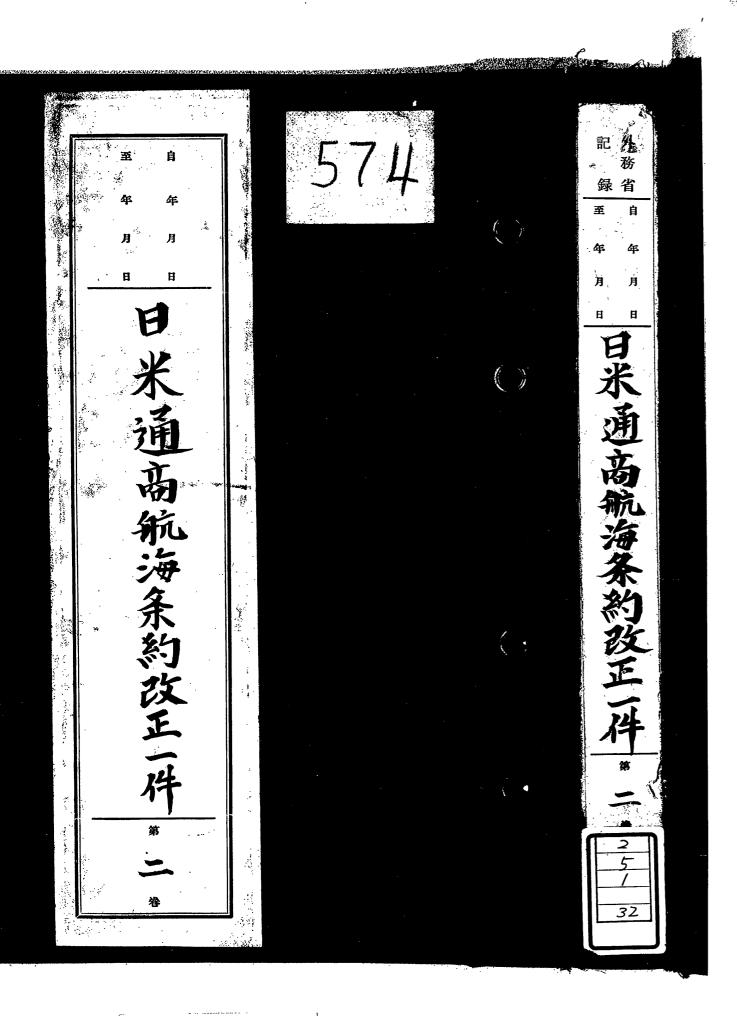
long controlled the relations
of the United States and
Japan and to embody them
in conventional engagements
which I am happy to believe
will prove advantageous
to both.

Accept, Mr. Minister, the
renewed assurance of my
highest consideration.

(signed) W. Q. Gresham

Department of State. Washington, March 27, 1895. I have the honor to acknowledge the receift of your note of the 23 d instant, bywhich you Convey time under instructions by telegraph from this Excellency Viscount Muten, an Expression of the high appreciation felt by your Government in view of the exchange of ratifications of the recently negotiated treaty between the two countries,





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