



Los Angeles Calif
6-3-1907.

The Honorable
Department of State,
Washington D.C.,

Sir; Much has appeared of late about
the relations between this country and
Japan; & the causes for it.

I have been so situated, for a year
or more, that I could see a little
closer into the feelings of the Japanese
residents of this State, than any casual
observer can. I have had, also, two
years of busy practice in Siam, where
one learns something of the oriental
peoples as a whole.

There is a very
marked feeling of scorn and contempt for
all western nations, in the minds of
the Japanese, since the Russian war.

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Treatment of Japanese in California.

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Japanese Embassy (Aoki) #35.

Advises that the contents of

Department's note #47, of the 5th

instant, and of accompanying papers

have been communicated to the

Japanese Government.

Expresses appreciation of the

Department's courtesy.

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2 All orientals of the servant class, in Asia, expect a heavy hand, and think a "Master" who is easy with them is simply weak.

A great many people gave expression to their pleasure at the victory of the Japanese; treated these California Japanese with the courtesy of equals; and the result is a contempt for all "whites", in the minds of this servant class.

Time and again have I seen them use their unfamiliar language to insult white men, and with a contempt that would have made dangerous trouble, had the Americans understood a word of it.

Almost to a man they use the missions and church schools as a mere convenience to learn English, and get positions, insulting the teachers the minute they can do so safely. A Chinaman has, and shows, some sincere gratitude for this same service; but the Japanese return hate and scorn for kindness.

3. He is trained differently, and can not understand our social ethics.

This attitude, coupled with their well known trickery, and unreliability in business affairs, is getting up a race antagonism that will make trouble until they, as a nation, are soundly whipped.

Then I tell you I am a Medical Missionary; home, invalided, from Siam's Presbyterian Mission work, you will understand I have no prejudice against them. Try to conciliate an Oriental of the lower classes and he will despise you. Hold him with a firm hand, and you get his respect and esteem.

I do not overlook the fact that the situation is complicated, by your having to deal with the noble, educated, classes about this servant class, which are as different as white and black.

The effect of

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an appeal for a high, generous, code of
ethics between our countries, will be
exactly opposite in the two cases.

You may be familiar with this
Oriental trait. I take this
liberty thinking it might, possibly
be new to you. Do not take
your time to reply to this letter, which
I offer in sincere respect.

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