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The Letter of Credence from the Emperor of Japan ,
presented by His Special Ambassador Marquis Ito , to the
Emperor of Korea .

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Between the time of my declaration of war against Russia,
a war fought for the preservation of my Empire and for the
maintainance of the peace of the Far East , and the signing of
the Treaty of Peace a period of twenty months elapsed . During
these hostilities Your Majesty and thar citizens and subjects
of Korea have been one in your sympathies, in your joy and your
sorrow with ~~musebi~~ and the citizens and subjects of Japan .:

I have therefore , especially dispatched to Your Majesty
Marquis Hirabumi Ito , President of the Privy Council , to
report to Your Majesty the glorious restoration of peace , and
to express to Your Majesty my sincere wish that both Korea and
Japan shall prosper and that the relations between the two
countries shall be more intimate and the bonds of friendship
more closely unite them .

It is with regret that I express to Your Majesty my
belief that it has been because your Empire has ~~had no~~
force sufficient for its self protection that the peace of the
Far East has been frequently disturbed . It is for this reason
that the Korean Japanese protocol was signed last year , placing
in the hands of my Government the responsibility for the
defence of Your Majesty's dominions . It is essential that the
friendly relations now existing between the two Empires should
be confirmed and I have instructed my Government to make
cartain arrangements with that idea in mind. I assure Your
Majesty that the safety of Your Majesty and of Your Majesty's
Imperial House will be safeguarded by my Government .

I hope that Your Majesty will , after considering the
situation in World politices and the welfare of your country
and your people accept my good advice .

I wish Your Mjesty and your Imperial Family good health .