

## Form for Proclamation of War.

His Imperial Majesty Mutsu-hito - by the grace of Heaven Emperor of Japan and one hundred and twenty fifth Sovereign of the Imperial line occupying the throne from time immemorial; being advised and counselled herein by the great Council of State (Daijō Kwan) and being moved thereto by regard for the honor and welfare of the Empire: doth make and publish this Proclamation:

Whereas-

(There should be inserted a recital of the occurrences which render the declaration necessary - to wit the origin of the present differences with China; the successive steps taken by the Government; and the wrongful acts, or refusal of justice on the part of China for which redress is sought.)

Now therefore in view of the circumstances set forth; appealing to Heaven for our rectitude of purpose; and relying upon the enlightened judgment of Mankind in support of the justice of our cause:

It is hereby declared: and deemed a State of War exist between this Empire and the Empire

of China:

Given under the Imperial hand and seal  
at Tokio the day of Month 7<sup>th</sup> 1859

(signature)