

Townsend Harris Quotes

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Open the doors to all. Let the children of the rich and the poor take their seats together and know of no distinction save that of industry, good conduct, and intellect.

~Townsend Harris

Japan and China are isolated and without intercourse with other countries; hence the President directed me to attend to or watch the state of affairs in China also.

~Townsend Harris

The expense of a war could be paid in time; but the expense of opium, when once the habit is formed, will only increase with time.

~Townsend Harris

We were sent to this country by the President, who desires to promote the welfare of Japan, and are quite different from the ambassadors of other countries.

~Townsend Harris

The President wishes the Japanese to be very prudent about the introduction of opium, and if a treaty is made, he wishes that opium may be strictly prohibited.

~Townsend Harris

The President of the United States thinks that for the Japanese opium is more dangerous than war.

~Townsend Harris

Any nation that refuses to hold intercourse with other nations must expect to be excluded from this family.

~Townsend Harris

In time of war steamships and improved arms are the most important things.

~Townsend Harris

If Japan had been near to either England or France, war would have broken out long ago.

~Townsend Harris

Two things are desired in order that intercourse may be had: First, that a minister or agent be allowed to reside at the capital. Second, that commerce between different countries be freely allowed.

~Townsend Harris

If war should break out between England and Japan, the latter would suffer much more than the former.

~Townsend Harris

It appears that the English think the Japanese... are fond of opium, and they want to bring it here also.

~Townsend Harris

Since the invention of steamships distant countries have become like those that are near at hand.

~Townsend Harris

The nations of the West hope that by means of steam communication all the world will become as one family.

~Townsend Harris

The United States have no possessions in the east and do not desire to have any, as other countries do.

~Townsend Harris

If you make a treaty first with the United States and settle the matter of the opium trade, England cannot change this, though she should desire to do so.

~Townsend Harris

By means of steam one can go from California to Japan in eighteen days.

~Townsend Harris

In case of war, a treaty would have to be made at the end of the war.

~Townsend Harris

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