

The History of Anglo-Japanese Relations Regarding the Korean Secret Mission to the Second Peace Conference at The Hague and the Third Japanese-Korean Treaty

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This paper analyzes the historical process of the Korean Secret Mission to the Second Peace Conference at the Hague and the Third Japanese-Korean Treaty by examining international history, especially Anglo-Japanese relations. Although there has been much previous academic research on the history of Japanese-Korean relations, there have been few international history studies.

The Korean Emperor dispatched three Korean secret commissioners to the Second Peace Conference at the Hague. But the participating nation's ambassador did not pay any attention to them. The three Koreans accused Japan of dominating Korea in the newspaper '*Courrier de la Conference*'. Although journalists expressed sympathy with Korea, they ended in failure.

Ito Hirobumi, resident general in Korea, was enraged at the three Korean secret commissioners to the Second Peace Conference at the Hague. He deposed the Korean Emperor, and the Third Japanese-Korean Treaty was concluded on the 24th of July. Although a riot broke out in Seoul, the UK supported Japanese and British Foreign Policy toward Korea.

The following two points present the main findings of this paper. First, this paper points out new aspects of British foreign policy toward Japan and Korea. Second, it shows that Japan and Britain doubted American sympathy with Korea.