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To

ALL THOSE IN EVERY LAND, AND  
ESPECIALLY IN AMERICA, WHO RECOGNISE THE ACTUAL  
AND THE POTENTIAL GREATNESS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE, AND  
THE DUTY OF THE MOST ENLIGHTENED WESTERN  
NATIONS TO PROMOTE THEIR WELFARE,  
THESE PAGES ARE INSCRIBED



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## DATES OF IMPORTANT EVENTS IN MODERN CHINESE HISTORY

A. D.

- 1275 Marco Polo Arrived at Court of Kublai Khan.
- 1516 Portuguese Arrived at Canton.
- 1575 Spanish Arrived at Canton.
- 1580 Father Roger and Matthew Ricci Entered Canton.
- 1622 Dutch Arrived in China.
- 1637 English Arrived at Canton.
- 1660 Tea First Carried to England.
- 1670 Beginning of Trade with the East India Company.
- 1719 Beginning of Commerce with Russia.
- 1784 First American Merchant Vessel Left New York for  
China.
- 1793 Earl Macartney Received by the Emperor.
- 1816 Lord Amherst's unsuccessful Embassy.
- 1834 Opium Dispute Begins.
- 1839 Beginning of War with Great Britain.
- 1842 Aug. 29, Treaty of Peace Signed at Nanking.
- 1844 July 3, First Treaty between the United States and  
China.
- 1859 Nov. 24, Commercial Treaty with the United States.
- 1860 Oct. 13, British and French Capture Peking.
- 1864 T'ai P'ing Rebellion Crushed.
- 1868 Burlingame Treaty Signed.
- 1870 June 21, Tientsin Massacre.
- 1873 June 29, Foreign Ministers Received in Audience by  
the Emperor.
- 1875 Death of Emperor T'ung Chih and Accession of Pres-  
ent Emperor.
- 1880 Nov. 17, New Treaty with the United States Signed.
- 1887 Feb., Assumption of Government by the Emperor Kuang  
Hsü.
- 1888 American Exclusion Acts against Chinese Passed.

## A. D.

- 1891 Anti-Foreign Riots in the Yang-tzu Valley.  
1894 War with Japan.  
1895 Treaty of Peace with Japan.  
1897 Nov., Seizure of Kiao Chou by Germany.  
1898 Mar., Russia Leases Port Arthur of China.  
Reform Edicts by the Emperor.  
Counter Edicts by the Empress Dowager and De-  
thronement of the Emperor.  
1899 Rise of the Boxer Movement.  
1900 June 17, Capture of Taku Forts by the Allies.  
June 20, Murder of the German Minister. Siege of the  
the Legations in Peking.  
Aug. 14, Relief of the Peking Legations by the Allies.  
Aug. 15, Flight of the Court to Si Ngan Fu.  
Sept. 9, Signing of the Peace Protocol.  
1902 Jan., Return of the Court to Peking.  
1904 Feb. 8, Beginning of the War between Japan and Russia.  
1905 Sept. 5, Treaty of Peace between Japan and Russia.  
Dec., Despatch of Two Imperial Commissions to America  
and Europe to Study Constitutional Government.