MISSION OF PEACE

Li Hung Chang Leaves Shanghai for Japan in Royal State.

CHINA WILLING TO TREAT, SURE.

The Place of Negotiations Changed in Order to Accommodate the Vice Roy.

Tien Tsin, March 16.—Viceroy Li Hung Chang, China's peace envoy to Japan, left Taku last evening for Japan.

It is reported here that the Japanese are rapidly repulsing the Chinese generals Sung and Ju.

OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—The Japanese legation has received a cable message confirming the press dispatches of the departure of Li Hung Chang from Tien Tsin for Japan to arrange terms of peace. The negotiations will be conducted at Shimonoseki instead of Hiroshima. The change has been made to accommodate Li Hung Chang. Shimonoseki is on the extreme southwestern coast of Japan.

It is stated at the legation that the assertion that the terms of peace have been arranged already is erroneous. No details, it is said, have been settled. Japan has been informed that Li Hung Chang has full power to arrange the terms and has been assured that China desires the war to be stopped by treaty agreement. Japan has reached certain conclusions, especially respecting the cession of territory, but no communication has been reached with China.

Minister Denby has cabled the state department confirming the report of the departure of Li Hung Chang from Shanghai for Japan. He says the viceroy sailed in royal state with the passes, embarked on two ships.

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