

From “Restoration” to “Revolution”

Restoration Leaders



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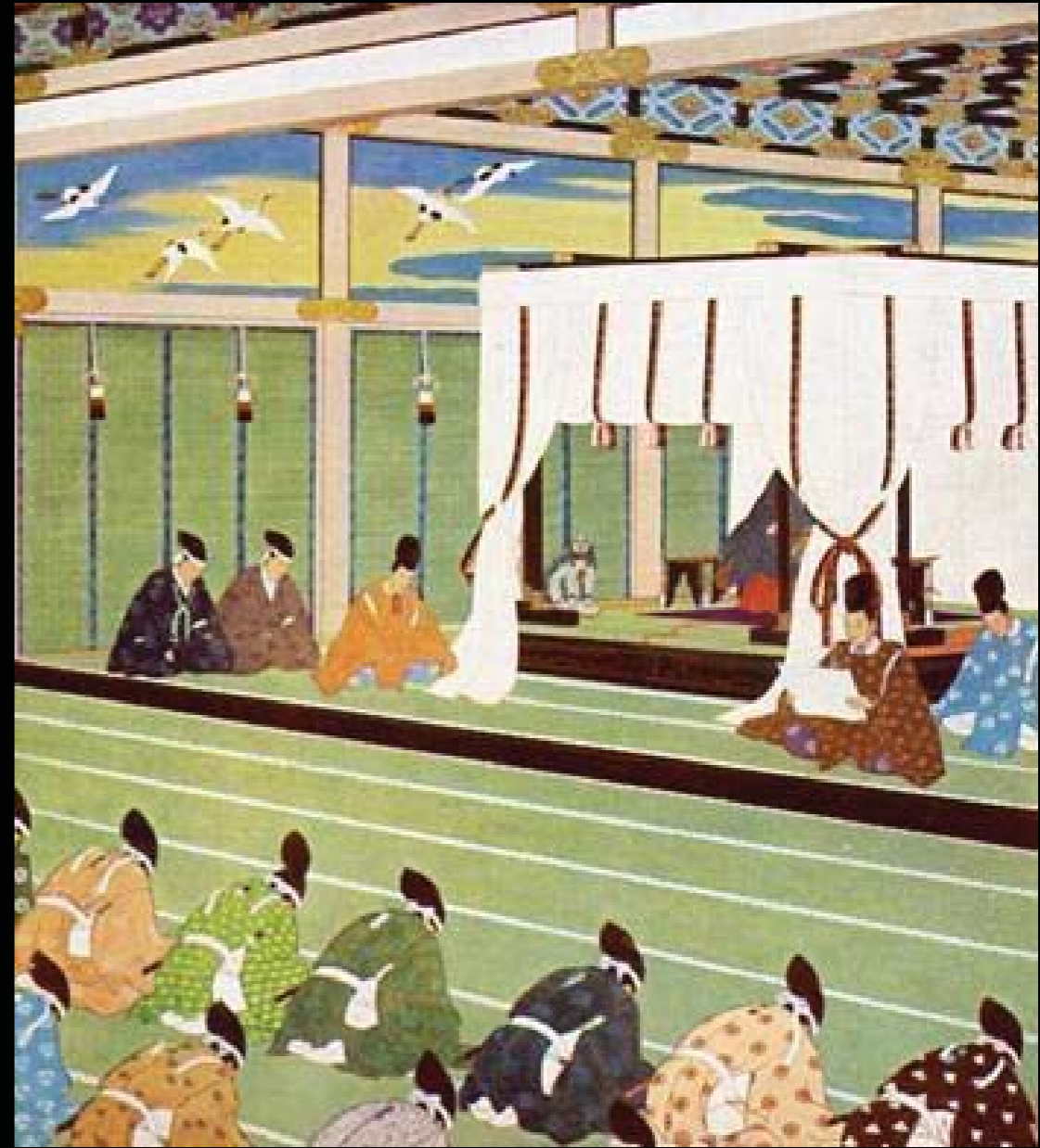
Saigō
Takamori
(Satsuma)

From Coup to Revolution

- Change in governance
- Dismantling the status system
- Reorientation towards foreign powers

Change in governance

- March 1869: 'voluntary' surrender of 4 key restoration domains (Chōshū, Satsuma, Tosa, and Hizen)
- Abolition of 280 domains and establishment of 72 prefectures (46 by 1890)
- Land survey and direct taxation



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Emperor Meiji (Mutsuhito) (1852-1912)

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A Modern Monarch



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Dismantling the Status System

- 1870, reclassification of “commoners”
- 1876, compulsory conversion of stipends to bonds; ban on swords



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