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16.4b question 2

The closed Country edict instituted by Tokugawa Iemitsu implied that overseas trade almost seemed unnecessary and secondary to preserving cultural purity. With such rigid restrictions, one can assume that the economy at the time was stable and prospering and there was no indication of the imminent need for the outsourcing of goods. It seemed he placed precedence on limiting the influence of the foreign cultural changes fearing that it would lead to division within the delicate political settlement established also a threat to his ruling.