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Superintendent of Immigration,

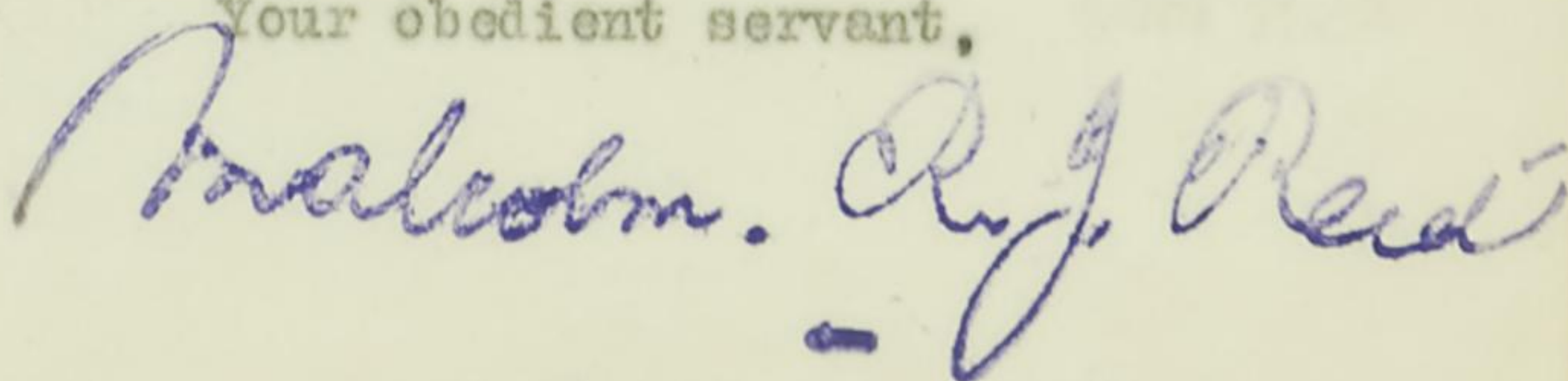
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm my night lettergram of the 11th instant, as follows:-

"Boards of Enquiry on medically rejected commenced yesterday and continued today. J. Edward Bird contesting every case. Another food shortage yesterday and previous day; but local Hindu committee today forwarded substantial amount provisions. Will take every care not to furnish any rations unless imperative in view of fact local committee have deposited marked cheque eleven thousand dollars with Agents Gardner Johnson. McCrossan acting. Take the stand should supply provisions also, when they have such funds at disposal. Steamer tickets all have clause on "meals provided." Therefore Gurdit Singh primarily responsible. Agents received cable yesterday in reply to effect charter money deposited. Cable begins "Eight thousand yen to pay charter expenses and coal hire. If not paid by eleventh come Hong Kong direct. Is it necessary carry wireless? Signed Owner." ends. Further cable from Kobe this morning. Cable begins, "You will receive full instructions tomorrow." ends. Hassam Raheim tried arrange take over charter from Gurdit Singh. Local Hindus to bear expenses. Gardner Johnson opposed and have notified owners. Will report developments tomorrow. Collector Customs Bowell informed me received instructions from Naval Service Department not to permit vessel clearance unless wireless installed. Suggest that you immediately ask that Department wire Bowell through myself. Waive installation not to delay vessel should opportunity arise, commence voyage. But in event further delay suggest compel installation, an expensive proceeding adding further financial embarrassment to Hindu committee. Board of Enquiry adjourned this evening until Monday nine am owing to obstructive tactics on behalf of Hindus and Counsel. Such postponement necessary to permit staff carry on regular office work, and further definite arrangements will then be made as to departure or otherwise of vessel."

Your obedient servant,



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