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MACNEILL BIRD MACDONALD & DARLING.

Vancouver, B. C.,

July 9th, 1914.

M. R. J. Reid, Esq.,

Immigration Inspector,
City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Pratt of my office has called me up asking me to see you and Mr. Ladner, one of your Counsel, in connection with the serious condition on board ship, owing to the starvation of passengers on Board the Komagata Maru. There are numbers of men on board this ship, that are now there under Deportation Order, and all have done what they could to put themselves in your control for deportation. I would respectfully point out that these men are in effect, and some of them are actually under arrest and held in detention for deportation, and they are only bound to put up \$20.00 apiece to provide food for themselves in case they are appealing to the Minister. This implies that you are to feed them while you are holding them for deportation, and you will fail in this at your peril.

Yours truly,

"J. Edward Bird"

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