

might should be prevented, if at all possible. If there is any way in which the dignity of the Dominion of Canada can be sustained and the objects which the Dominion authorities have in view be carried out without further difficulty, all efforts should be made to carry out these objects.

We, therefore, submit for your consideration the following:

As the matter now stands, we think that the assignees of the charter of the Komogata Maru are entitled as of right: (1), to land the cargo now on board the steamship; (2), to load here a return cargo for the steamship; (3), place on board any local passengers who may desire to so return to India; (4), payment of the loss they have sustained by payments necessary to extend the charter during the time the immigration department have taken to hold their boards of enquiry under the Immigration Act.

Bearing those circumstances in view, and with the sincere desire of avoiding difficulty and ill feeling, we submit the following alternative propositions for your consideration:

1. The government may send back all of the deported Hindus by any other steamship, and then permit the assignees of the charter to unload the cargo and load a cargo and take on passengers for Hongkong or India, and pay the sums which the assignees have been compelled to pay for charter money while the vessel has been detained in port.

2. The government to pay the assignees of the charter passage money from Vancouver to Calcutta for the deported Hindus at the rate of \$100 apiece, and the assignees will pay for provisioning the passengers and will waive all other claims.

3. The government to pay the assignees of the charter the sum of \$25,000 for passage money for the deported Hindus Vancouver to Hongkong, and the assignees will pay for provisioning these passengers and will waive all other claims.

We trust that some one of the foregoing alternative suggestions will meet with your favorable consideration.

Should you desire a personal interview on the subject of these suggestions, the writer will be pleased to meet you.

We are further instructed that the deported Hindus on the Komagata

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