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The Editor, the Daily News Advertiser.

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Having heard from the Captain of S. S. Komagata Maru who this day saw Mr. Reid who declared him that yesterday, the Hindus tried to keep him as prisoner, but he took hardly chance to get launch for shore from them; we the representatives of the passengers draw the attention of the public, that it did not occur at all on the ship. This saying of Mr. Reid is totally wrong.

The fact is, that yesterday when the Board of Enquiry came on board with the representative of our lawyer Mr. Bird for enquiry, we laid the whole fact before them, that we all are starving from 3 days. We had written 3 letters to Mr. Reid, but in vain; one to Mr. Bird for water & food, was separately written.

We are now in great disappointed & miserable conditions. There are five children & two women on board, who are quite unable to move for want of water & food.

We did not agree to the Board of Enq. who came here for the purpose of playing with us - the sufferers; as we know already that the decision of the court is quite against us, though we have sufficient proves of our landing; which we could not able to produce on account of keeping us shut as prisoners.

Immigration Department did not give us a single chance our lawyer to come on board to see us & take our thoughts to plead our cause. For this the Immigration dept. is held responsible & we are quite blameless & have come here by al rights to land.

Immigration dept. held us prisoners & gave us all kinds of troubles, in its power.

We were not allowed to see our friends even.

Up to this we have taken each step according to the law & will go on in the same state, unless we get compensation of our loss from either of Hong Kong Government, who sent us here after 7 days' delay, our ship in Hong-Kong to get information from Canada Government or London or from Indian Government.

We again say that we have come here under laws.

Yesterday we asked Mr. Reid to supply us with water & food. He replied that he was thinking the matter, on this we requested him, "How long will take for consideration?" and what would be the use of that, when are going to starve.

We set example before him, stating that if you are kept in this wretched condition for a day, you will of course come to know, "What the real hunger".

These are words we spoke to Mr. Reid & added, that if he will not arrange very soon, we shall be compelled to take boats to get ashore when starving.

But there is a proverb "Might is right". Who hears us in our such a condition?

We are at least men & feel hunger and thirst; but on requesting properly, Mr. Reid says that we were going to shoot him. We never did such kind of foolish act. We request to the authorities to provide us with necessities.

Our last expression is to the public that we have come here by all rights of landing; if the Government does not want its British subjects here, we want to be sent back to Calcutta, where we will plead our cause.

We can't blame Mr. Gurdit Singh, the Charterer & the owners; as we know that Mr. Gurdit Singh was never allowed to go ashore to arrange about & his detention in the ship is a cause of his losing the ship from his power & of heavy loss of \$150,000 in gold money. Besides this we whole the nation

suffered a heavy loss, as we had determined to start this Company on "Sriguru Nanak's name" our Propriet at firm feet. This act of Government will perplex all India, that why the Government has stopped our new running business.

This cruel & bad treatment with us in our trade by the Government will lead Mr. Gurdit Singh to before Board of Trade for his heavy loss to sue a case.

Now lastly we inform & notice the Canadian Government that had done our great loss of money, not to dare take our lives for not supplying us with rations, it would be difficult for the Government to pay our lives' cost.

We suggest to the Government that if it does not want to provide us, it may allow to land us, so that, we can take it from our Indian Brethren until our crops ripen, which we will do by landing. They do not provide us thinking that we are going to be deported; from where they will get, otherwise they are ready to help us.

Owners have nothing to do with our provisions & Mr. Gurdit Singh refuses on the above mentioned grounds.

If Government is on right point, Mr. Gurdit Singh may be given any chance to go in court for his statement to prove his truth.

Yours truly,

Representatives of Passengers,

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