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66 Necessary to complete proceedings Board of Enquiry at earliest possible moment. Led Board go on ship with manifest of Hindus. Have each one called and sought for an answer part of the vessel and summoned to come forward and answer questions covering their possession of two hundred dollars, whether they come by direct journey, whether they are artisans, or labourers skilled or unskilled, and announcement made that refusal to come forward and answer will be held a failure on their part to establish ~~their~~ right to enter Canada. After such opportunity has been given each one, it would be well that a general call to anyone who claims right to enter Canada to come forward and establish it, should be made in such a manner as to be audible to the whole gathering. Under these circumstances, failure to ~~comply~~ answer will certainly justify decision of the Board that each and every one of these men has failed to establish right to enter Canada especially in respect of possession of money, direct journey and quality of artisan or labourer. Circumstances moreover, justify finding that they are likely to become public charges. These names should be given in order of deportation. That the proceedings ~~above~~ enumerated have been had should be established in writing in the decision. Board of Enquiry should act carefully and under advice being

accompanied by Counsel. All summons
to appear or announcements must of course
be in languages understood by Indians.
Department order should set forth
conditions with requirements already
mentioned particularly that the parties were
called upon to answer questions as to
matter specified and refused consequently
failed to establish right to enter
as above. Regarding food, notifying
Captain and Agents for themselves
and as representing owner and
charter and all concerned that they
will be held ~~responsibly~~ responsible for
any supplies furnished. 91