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Ottawa, Ont.

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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your rush wire of the 10th instant, as follows:-

"Necessary to complete proceedings board of enquiry at earliest possible moment. Let board go on ship with manifest of Hindus. Have each one called and sought for in every part of vessel and summoned come forward and answer questions covering especially their possession of two hundred dollars whether they came 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 as failure on their part to establish 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 manner as to be audible to the whole gathering. Under these circumstances failure to answer will certainly justify decision of 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 labourers circumstances. Moreover justify findings that they are likely to become public charges. These reasons should be given in order of deportation. That the proceedings have 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 language understood by Hindus deportation order should set forth compliance with requirements above mentioned particularly that the parties were called upon to answer questions as to matters specified and refused and consequently failed to establish right to enter as above. Regarding food notify Captain and Agents for themselves and as representing owners and charterers and all concerned that they will be held responsible for any supplies furnished."



In this connection would state that yesterday morning the following communication was forwarded to the Captain at 10 o'clock:-

"I beg to quote below copy of a telegram received from the Department at Ottawa:-,

'Inform Captain Komogata Maru that he as representative of owners of vessel is responsible for maintaining sanitary conditions and supplying proper food to all on board; owners liable heavy penalty for bringing prohibited immigrants; Department however has no intention of prosecuting providing owners bear all costs taking care of immigrants while in Canada and returning them to Hong Kong.'

And I further enclose Bill for provisions sent aboard your vessel last night. The bill will ~~serve as~~ ^{require} an answer as H.W.Malkin & Co., are pressing for prompt payment, and in accordance with telegram quoted herewith we urge upon you to meet this bill by prompt payment."

I also sent him the original of the ~~enclosed~~ bill of goods furnished the s.s. KOMOGATA MARU. He immediately left for Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper's office and stated he would notify me later of their stand in the matter. At the time of writing I have not yet secured a reply.

I would further state that counsel accompanied us on board the vessel and the matter had been adjust^{ed} practically exactly along the lines you have now suggested, and it was at that time the demonstration was made against myself to hold me on board the vessel.

I also beg to confirm my night lettergram as follows:-

"Your wire - Proceedings already taken under Counsel's advice exactly in accordance with your telegram of today. Deportation orders are being made out accordingly and will be served tomorrow. Captain and agents already notified that they will be held responsible for supplying food, etc. Minutes of Board show evidence given by examining officer showing status as admitted in preliminary examination and refusal on demand of applicant to give any evidence before board. "

A further night lettergram was also forwarded you, in code, which translated reads as follows:-

"Following wire forwarded to G.J.Desbarats today from Howell begins Your telegram June third. Komogata Maru Japanese steamer with Hindus liable to ask for clearance at any time. Dominion Immigration authorities wish me to be in a position to grant same at a moment's notice. Wireless not installed. please answer immediately."

W.D.S. 3.

From information received this morning, it is stated
Hindus in Victoria are experimenting in making bombs, and
also an endeavor was made to purchase twenty-five automatic
pistols from a hardware store there, but without success; but
an endeavor will be made to purchase some in Port Angeles,
Washington.

Enc. Also the local committee here are endeavoring to
hire some I.W.W. to destroy Hopkinson and myself. I enclose
copy of conversation in this connection.

Enc. I further enclose copy of a communication received
from Dr. Raghunath Singh, in which you will note he states
his life is endangered on the ship, and there is a proposition
on foot to throw coal-oil on the coal and set it afire in
the hope that the passengers will be able to land surreptitious-
ly.

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm A. J. Reid

DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT & INSPECTOR.

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