

Letter from H. W. Gwyther, Interpreter, to Malcolm R. J. Reid re Gwyther's visit to the Komagata Maru

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Banar, 30, July 1914.

Dear Sirs—

As referred by you, I went to the Komagata Maru and mentioned Mr. Daljit Singh with regard to his complaint and he informed me that the passengers were not at all for waiting a hour of delay was that because but all valued the right to see. He told me that while attempting to come to the gangway he spoke to the police but, he has been forcibly caught back and returned to his cabin. Also that his money, which he had with him, had been confiscated by them. He told me he thought were the regulations in this matter he informed me that they were the same people as usual.

I then called them and asked them and asked him what the trouble was about. He informed me that the Doctor had been paid by Daljit Singh for his return passage, second-class, to India, as the expense of return, and that he had recently heard that the Doctor had been asked to have a hour of delay regarding his being allowed to land in this country, and therefore considered that this money should be returned to the Daljit Singh. I asked him why it was that the passengers were against the Doctor, and he also told me that it was because the Doctor claimed a hour of delay, whereas each of them had waived the right.

Daljit Singh then came from the gangway and took out a rough draft of a letter regarding this case that had been paid to the Doctor for his return passage, in which it stated that after this money being returned to Daljit Singh, Dr. Komagata Singh would be allowed leave.

I do not think that the Doctor is in any immediate danger, but he is at present locked up in his cabin without food and no means of obtaining any.

Yours very truly,
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Interpreter.

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