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For R.M.S. "Empress of Japan"

Vancouver, B. C., 27th May, 1914

Messrs. Y. Sato & Co.
Ship Brokers,
Kobe, Japan.

Dear Sirs:

Referring again to your esteemed favour of 4th inst, for which thank you, but which it is only fair to ask you tell you may bring about exceptional and extraordinary costs.

We take this special opportunity of writing you by R. M. S. "Empress of Japan", which should arrive in Kobe on 12th June next - an important date in your Contracte attached to your Charter Party - and placing before you facts and conditions as they exist here just now. If the writer adds to this letter up to date of writing you will understand that it is because conditions are changing hourly. The question in short being - Will the Canadian Government allow your immigrants to land. At this writing, May 27th, they will not.

If they will not, and have not by 12th June, we ask you to cable setting forth your wishes, i. e. are we to delay decision in your part, and wait a possible chance of their being permitted to land, or are we, the Captain and ourselves as your Agents, to despatch the steamer for Hongkong, whether the Passengers and/or cargo remain on board or not (see Contract).

Present Position. - As already reported to you, the steamer is safely anchored in the stream, but with the exception of the Captain, Chief Engineer and Chief Steward, whom the writer obtained passports for, no one is allowed to come ashore. The Immigration Department have full control and charge of the vessel, with the Medical Health Officer

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