

[Komagata Maru passengers committee to the Editor, the Daily News Advertiser, Vancouver]

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THE EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS ADVERTISER.

Dear Sir:-

Having heard from the Board of the Komagata Maru who this day saw Dr. Reid who informed him that yesterday, the British tried to keep him as prisoner, but he was nearly choked to get launch for shore from them: we the representatives of the passengers drew the attention of the public, that it had not been at all on the ship. This saying of Mr. Reid is totally wrong.

The fact is, that yesterday when the Board of Inquiry were on board with the representatives of our lawyer Mr. Reid for enquiry, we laid the whole fact before them, that we all are starving from 8 days. We had written 2 letters to Mr. Reid, but in vain: one to Mr. Reid for water & food, and repeatedly written.

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

We did not agree to the Board of Inquiry and some here for the purpose of playing with us - the sufferers; as we knew already that the decision of the court is quite against us, though we have sufficient proof of our loyalty; what we could not able to produce on account of keeping us that as prisoners.

Immigration Department did not give us a single chance and longer to come on board to see us & take our belongings to place our cases. For this the Immigration Dept. is held responsible & we are quite hopeless & have come here to all rights to land.

Immigration Dept. held us prisoners & gave us all kind of trouble, in the power.

We were not allowed to see our friends even.

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