

**[William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to William W. Cory, Deputy
Minister of the Interior. Copy]**

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Sir,

(Copy for the information of W.D. Keith Esq., Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa.)

In continuation of my letter of the 2nd inst., I beg to advise you that I submitted a statement on the 5th instant from David Singh - the husband of the woman named to whom we have alluded in connection with the ship. I was at first told that he was not the husband of the woman named but by the time I had taken to the ship a week after a long search Singh was a member of the crew of the ship.

David Singh advised me that all the women on board had refrained from taking from the ship anything and that they were in a sorry plight. He requested me to ask the authorities to send provisions to the boat as they had no food. He also stated, that in going on this "foreign vessel", he was called upon, he was under the impression that some of the people of Canada would have notice of the situation and that the Government would send him some food and that the authorities would intervene the ship's crew and send him to Canada and provisions. He was surprised that the people of this country were so cruelly quite unconcerned as to their condition, and were not dealing fairly with them, both from a humanitarian point of view, and that of British subjects.

He stated the fact that if we agreed all rules of law and procedure, not to permit him to be removed or sent anywhere from his countrymen's shores. That now, though he was here with these men, in consequence of his regulations, he was not to be permitted to go with all respect and let him know if they could be permitted to land at Vancouver, or as an alternative, give them a chance to appeal to the courts by which decision may be willing to abide.

I referred David Singh and his company, that because as David Singh has entered the boat, he was responsible for the

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