

Vancouver, July 18th.,

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Dear Sir:-

In continuation of my letter of even date with reference to Komagata Maru, a conference was duly held at 11 A.M. this morning-

PRESENT CONSUL HORI,
CAPTAIN YAMAMOTO,
C. GARDNER JOHNSON,
MR. KITTO of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's
Office, solicitors for the agents and Owners- MR. W.H.D.
LADNER- Department's Counsel and myself.

The Captain at the time of writing still maintains he cannot leave without the consent of the Charterers. It has been pointed out to him that one of the Charterers Bhag Singh is at present held by the United States Immigration Authorities. It is further pointed out to him that Mr. H. Rahim, the other charterer is purely and simply a renegade who is wanted by the Government of Japan. The Consul has gone aboard together with the Captain to make a final appeal to Gurdit Singh.

I have stated absolutely our position that as an act of courtesy and by private personal arrangement between Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Premier Borden I have been authorized by the Immigration authorities to load enough provisions, when the vessel is without the three mile limit, to take her to Hongkong. The water is now aboard and all arrangements made for placing aboard

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the provisions. The Tug will carry an armed guard of thirty-five men. If the Captain is unable to get up steam the Police are willing at his request to go on board. I have pointed out that the initiative in this matter must be taken by himself as I see no reason why the Immigration Department should take the responsibility of enforcing discipline on his own ship. Our Guard will go aboard immediately behind the Police so that when the vessel leaves she will in a few minutes be out of Police Jurisdiction- our guard will then take control, the Police being taken ashore outside of the three mile limit. Provisions will then be placed aboard, the guard withdrawn and the ship watched out to sea for 12 hours. We have now given Hori and the Captain the final word in this matter, and have fully explained that the Department's special and personal arrangement with Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is now null and void, unless complied with by 12 Noon.

Your obedient servant,

DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT AND INSPECTOR

W.D. Scott, Esq.,
Supt. of Immigration,
Ottawa.