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My Dear Sir Robert,

I am sure, in view of the happy result that followed from my telegraphing you as I did on the night before last, that you will overlook what might otherwise appear as an unwarranted interference with affairs of one of the Government's Departments.

It was very fortunate indeed that the Honourable Mr. Burrell was in British Columbia, and arrived on the scene at the critical moment. I can assure you that were it not for Mr. Burrell's presence here, no settlement could possibly have been arrived at. The attitude of the local Immigration people and local politicians was such as not to admit of any negotiations or settlement on any terms. Mr. Burrell was in a position to, and did deal with the matter on a broad basis and I feel assured that the people at large will be gratified to know that this troublesome matter was disposed of by the slight concessions which Mr. Burrell authorized.

I think that an investigation will disclose that there never was any occasion for the night attack made by the Immigration people on the Komagata Maru. The whole matter could have been very readily avoided by the exercise of some slight



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degree of diplomacy and consideration  
for the people who lived on board, as  
well as their friends on shore,  
with kindest regards for your health  
and prosperity.

I am

Yours truly

A. H. Bell