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W. D. SCOTT, ESQ.,

Superintendent of Immigration,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith copies of correspondence relating to the case of the s.s. KOMOGATA MARU, and further beg to confirm my night lettergram of yesterday's date, as follows:-

"Your wire received. contents carefully noted. Have arranged discussion with ship's agents tomorrow and promise cable will be sent Japan acquainting owners present condition. Committee of passengers forwarded communication stating food and water gone, asking Government either to supply or compel Gurdit Singh to furnish them with same. I have intimated to them to apply to the Mayor stating that they have no food or water. They have written me asking me to forward the petition to His Worship but Mayor Baxter refuses to supply anything. Following message sent Governor General tonight:-

"Kindly allow landing following condition being British subjects we beg tract of land in Alberta to cultivate if anyone found not cultivating, Government may deport him. Hoping proposal will do good both sides. (Signed) Passengers Komogate Maru."

Boats coming near vessel offered five pounds a man to take off Hindu passengers consequently have strengthened guard. Every vigilance being displayed here."

You will note the latest proposition is to allow these people to land in Alberta.

The last letter I received on the 6th instant, No. 63, from Gurdit Singh, the alleged charterer, was more of a personal nature, in which he states:-

"You are not acting according to law, neither you have the sense which ought to be for a man of your

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"position; nor have sufficient experience of the world, nor fear of God, but you are strong enough in obstinacy."

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm R. J. Reed

DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT & INSPECTOR.