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W. D. SCOTT, ESQ.,

Superintendent of Immigration,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm my night lettergrams of the 25th
instant, as follows:

"Medical examination made to date covers eye diseases only and will reject about fifteen percent for this cause. Medical Officer proposes to make detailed examination with each immigrant stripped in order to eliminate others on account of diseases only discoverable by detailed special examination. This examination cannot properly be made on board ship on account of absolute lack of proper facilities and it is proposed to take immigrants off ship under guard in batches of ten and after examination to return them on board. Do you wish to have those not rejected on account of other diseases examined for hookworm? If so will require extra medical assistance of specialists to make microscopic examination."

and:-

"Have secured four special officers for night patrol and day service. Have I your authority continue this procedure? In view of Dr. Munroe's detailed request as given in separate lettergram necessary to secure two other special guards escorting batches to and from ship. Essential utmost vigilance be displayed as police here and in North Vancouver state Hindus endeavoring to hire all local launches available. Would be serious matter if allowed our guards to be over-powered and permit Hindus to get ashore. Gurdit Singh charterer of ship anxious to come ashore but has manifested himself as a Merchant and wishes to enter Canada and remain. Threatens me damage suit if I refuse. He has fifteen hundred tons of coal which he claims he must sell in order to pay his bills. There is special clause in charter which gives right to ship's agents to return ship to Hong Kong if balance money approximating fifteen thousand dollars is not paid by June eleventh. Suggest he be refused permission come ashore. By this means he cannot raise balance money and also prevents agitation amongst local Hindus. Can take stand he will suffer actual bodily harm as considerable feeling existing here."

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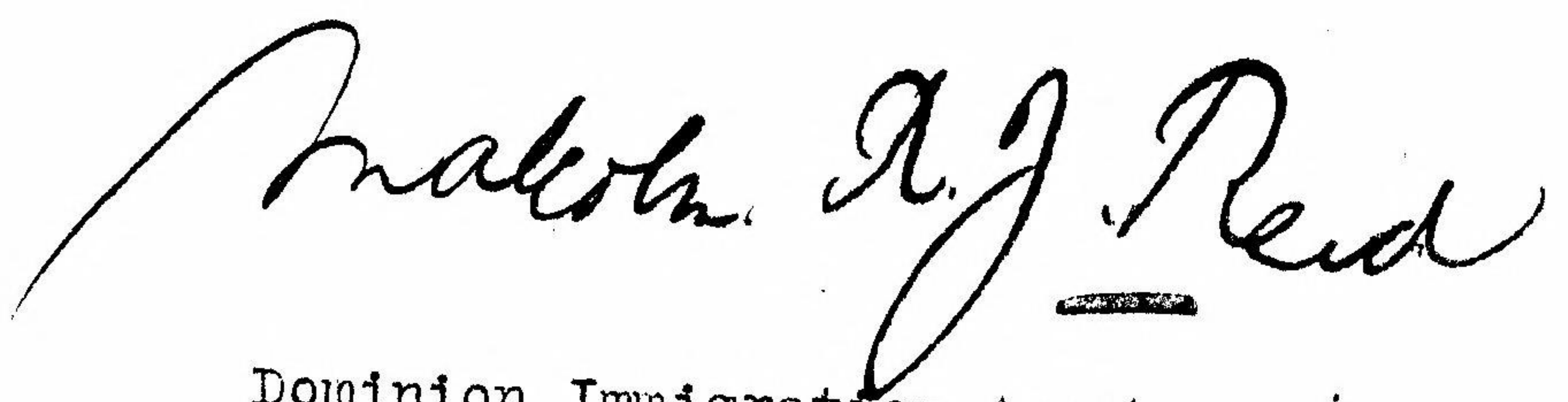
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I further enclose for your information, copies of charter contract. You will note that "the fifth and sixth months' charter hire shall be remitted to Y. Sato & Co., Kobe, Agents of the steamer, on or after arrival at Vancouver on or before the 4th of June 1914. If absolutely necessary, the remittance may be postponed until the 11th of June 1914, failing which the Captain and /or Owners Agents shall have liberty to despatch the steamer for Hong Kong whether the passengers and/or cargoes remain on board or not."

This is the clause referred to in my night letter-gram, as having some important bearing on the subject.

As a matter of fact, I understand the sum of \$15,000. is now due and if that is not forthcoming by that date the boat will be returned. This is one reason why we are proceeding somewhat slowly with the medical examination, and is a further reason why I strongly object to Gurdit Singh coming ashore, as so long as he aboard the ship he cannot negotiate with local Hindus to raise the money; nor can he do business with the Banks.

Your obedient servant,



Dominion Immigration Agent.

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It is this day mutually agreed between the Owners of the steamship "Komakata Maru" and the Charterers of the same said steamer that the fifth and sixth months' charter hire shall be remitted to Y.Sato & Co., Kobe, Agents of the steamer, on or after arrival at Vancouver on or before the 4th of June 1914, if absolutely necessary the remittance may be postponed until the 11th of June 1914, failing which the Captain and/or Owners Agents shall have liberty to despatch the steamer for Hongkong whether the passengers and/or cargoes remain on board or not. This agreement does not influence the commencement of the charter and other clauses of the Charter Party. Mr.A.Bune, Agent in Hongkong, has nothing to complain or claim by the alteration of this Charter as above agreed.

Kobe, 30th April 1914.

Witness to the signature of

Sgd. "BHAR SINGH"

Sgd. "GURDIT SINGH"

Witness to the signature of

Sgd. "Y.TAKEDA"

"Y.SATO & CO."
Agents for Captain & Owners,
S.S."Komakata Maru"

It is this day further agreed that Y.Sato & Co. will make themselves responsible for all the claims by Mr.A.Bune on account of this further agreement as above.

Sgd. "Y.SATO & CO."

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Moji, 27th April 1914.

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A. Nagata Esq., Moji

Dear Sir:-

Yen 2,500.00 ----- to be advanced to the Charterer against the coal bearing 5% interest on this sum of 2500 shipped on board the "Komagata Maru" yen only.

Yen 5,500.00 balance of account of coal to be supplied by Furu-

kawa & Co., Koji, and the payment of which sum Mr.

A. Nagata guaranteed to the supplier of coal.

Yen 8,000.00 total

The total sum of yen Eight thousand (Y8,000.00) should be remitted to the Okazaki S.S.Co., Kobe, by T.T. within one week after the arrival of the steamer at its first port in Canada.

In case the Charterer fails to pay the above sum as specified above, the Captain of the steamer may dispose of the whole lot of cargo and also the remainder of bunker coal, according to the Japanese Law.

The remittance fees and insurance premium should be defrayed by the Charterer and all other charges pertaining to this matter should be borne by the undersigned.

Sgd. "GUNDIT SINGH".



It is this day agreed between Mr.Gurdit Singh, the Charterer of the s.s."Komakata Maru" and Mr.T.Yamamoto, in the capacity of Captain of the s.s."Komakata Maru" and also representing Mr.Nagata, the guarantor of the payment of the cost of coals on board the steamer, that it is this day further agreed that when a contract of sale of coals on board the s.s. "Komakata Maru" is closed by the Charterer, he shall give an immediate notice to Captain Yamamoto and the Buyer shall give Capt.Yamamoto a written promise that he shall pay Eight thousand Yen (Y8,000 Japanese Currancy) or its equivalent direct to Capt.Yamototo.

Yokohama, 2nd May 1914.

Witness to the signature of

Sgd. "BHAR SINGH".

Sgd. "GURDIT SINGH".

Witness to the signature of

Sgd. "Y.SATO"

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"T.YAMOTOTO",
Master, s.s."Komakata
Maru"

Sgd. "AKIRA NAGATA".