

LOCAL HINDUS OFFER THE MONEY

But they Want Transfer of Charter to Vancouver Man.

Gurdit Singh, It is Said, is Not Agreeable to This Proposal.

The skein of legal threads around the good ship Komagata Maru seems to get more tangled every day and the cable offices are doing good business carrying messages from Mr. C. Gardiner Johnson, the ship's agent here, to the Japanese owners. Last night Captain Yamamoto received a cable from his owners instruction him to leave port tomorrow unless the \$15,000, which is outstanding on the charter and other items, was paid.

Mr. Johnson conveyed this intelligence to Gurdit Singh, the charterer, this morning and then awaited results.

Results came in the form of an offer by Vancouver Hindus to pay the money on the condition that the charter and responsibility was transferred to Rahim Singh, a Hindu who lives here.

To close this fresh deal it was necessary to get the consent of Gurdit Singh, but Captain Yamamoto, who came ashore at noon, stated that Gurdit would have none of it, preferring to fight along on his own.

Mr. Johnson has sent a messenger out to the ship to find out what Gurdit Singh's ideas are. When he gets an answer he will communicate with the owners. If Gurdit Singh still refuses to avail himself of the kind offices of his brethren ashore, Captain Yamamoto will have to carry out his owners' orders and sail as soon as possible after June 11.

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