

THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO., (NORTH CHINA) LTD.
SHANGHAI.

22nd February 1922.

Sir E.D. Fraser, K.C.M.G.,
H.B.M. Consul-General,
SHANGHAI.

BENZINE (PETROL) STORAGE
AT SHANGHAI.

Sir,

With reference to our letter of January the 27th and to previous correspondence on this subject, we beg to

inform you that the Commissioner of Customs are being taken into consideration of the Commission to restriction to a single local petrol could store it is to put the case assistance in this matter.

By our previous letters you have been advised of the growing necessity that more up-to-date methods of storing petrol in Shanghai should be permitted, and also of the fact that the reply of the Customs to our requests that we should be permitted to store petrol in bulk was that, in the first place, they could not give us permission to store at our present wharves and, secondly, that they could not indicate any other site where we could store petrol in bulk until they had received the findings of the/

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H.B.M. CONSULATE GENERAL,
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15th March, 1922.

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Sir,
 I have the honour to enclose copy of a
 despatch I have today addressed to the Dean of
 the Diplomatic Body on the question of the
 extension of the International Settlement at
 Shanghai.

With reference to the statement made in the
 last paragraph of that despatch that the local
 Chinese are showing a strong disposition to
 take up again the question of the rendition of
 the Mixed Court, I understand that meetings
 have been held in the Chinese General Chamber
 of Commerce to discuss this question, and that
 the Chairman of that Chamber has also discussed
 it informally with the British Assessor, Mr.
 Blackburn. I shall probably have occasion to
 address you at greater length on this subject
 in the near future.

The last occasion on which the question of
 Mixed Court rendition was raised was, it would
 appear from my archives, in 1918, when Sir John
 Jordan informed me (No. 188 Confidential of May,
 1918) that His Majesty's Government was prepared
 to agree to rendition on the terms negotiated
 in 1915 provided the agreement for Settlement

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Frederick F. Alston, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
 His Majesty's Minister,
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Extension was carried out at the same time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

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Consul-General.

IN SIR E. FRASER
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IN SIR E. FRASER'S DESPATCH NO.63 OF 15 MARCH 1922 TO PEKING.
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March 15th, 1922.

February 16th, 1916, the Dean forwarded to the Senior
Consul copy of his note of February 19th addressed to
Your Excellency, pressing for the early enforcement

With reference to Paragraph 9 of the
Minutes of the Third Consular Body Meeting, enclosed
in my despatch No.151-I of today's date, I have the
honour to enclose copy of a letter which I have re-
ceived from the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal
Council inquiring whether any progress has been made
by the Diplomatic Body in securing ratification by
the Chinese Government of the draft agreement for
Settlement Extension which was presented to the Con-
sular Body by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs
and approved by the Ratepayers in 1915.

I may remind Your Excellency that the
draft agreement was transmitted by the Senior Consul
to the Dean of the Diplomatic Body on April 1st, 1915,
(No.180-XIV). On August 4th, 1915, the Senior Consul
informed the Dean that as the result of an interview
with the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs he was able
to say "that the thirteen articles of the Extension
Agreement had been approved by the Chinese and Consu-
lar Authorities in Shanghai". On December 31st, 1915,
the Dean transmitted to the Senior Consul copy of his
note of November 23rd addressed to the Wai Chiao Pu
signifying the Diplomatic Body's acceptance of the
agreement for Settlement Extension and also (with some
modification) of the subsidiary agreement regarding
the treatment of Chinese political refugees etc. On

February

His Excellency
Y. Obata,

Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Body.

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Council Room,
Shanghai.

February 16th, 1916, the Dean forwarded to the Senior Consul copy of his note of February 15th addressed to the Wai Chiao Pu pressing for the early enforcement of these agreements. The answer, if any was received, to this note was not communicated to the Consular Body and the matter has remained in abeyance ever since.

In view of the Council's desire to reopen the question now, I have the honour to inquire whether, in the opinion of the Diplomatic Body, it is advisable to bring up the question again at the present time. It should be mentioned that local Chinese are showing a strong disposition to take up again the question of the rendition of the Mixed Court, which was under discussion concurrently with the question of Settlement Extension and was to some extent made dependent on it.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's most obedient
servant,

(Sd) A. Brooke-Smith,
Chairman.

(Sd) E.H. Fraser
H.B.M. Consul General
& Senior Consul.

Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G.,

H.M. Consul General & Senior Consul.

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Council Room,

Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

Your despatch February 25, 1922.

concerning the storage of opium in Shanghai Harbour. Before approaching the J.S. (who is

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Resolution VI passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in 1915, approving an extension of this Settlement upon the conditions set forth in the draft Agreement presented to the Consular Body by Mr. Yang Cheng, Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs and published in the Municipal Gazette of March 4 of that year, and to enquire whether any progress has been made by the Diplomatic Body in Peking in securing ratification by the Chinese Government, of such draft agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) A. Brooke-Smith,

Chairman.

Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G.,

H.M. Consul General & Senior Consul.