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Because of continued neglect of duty and insubordination, Master of S.S. Furnifold M. Simmons has demoted clerk B. Keyhan to messman. Although I can find no legal authority for this action, I consider Master justified in taking this step on the basis of Keyhan's past record as shown in log entries attached to my despatch no. 183 of September 18 as well as later loggings.

Part Review
An investigation of Keyhan's certification as clerk is requested by Master. Keyhan has requested the Consulate to give in writing its view concerning authority of Master to take such step.

46 USC 713
Crew side with Keyhan against Master. To prevent morale of vessel from being adversely affected, is important that situation is clarified immediately.

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Since Master desires this matter and other crew matters to be investigated thoroughly when the vessel reaches the United States, he does not wish to discharge Keyhan; nor has Keyhan requested it.

Instructions requested.

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RS 4438a
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46 USC 243