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To W. D. Scott,
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Hindus ex tartan landed Victoria now in Vancouver about six hundred out of work not a single suitable building for rent in Vancouver. Hindus camped last week in bush exposed to cold and wet. Civic authorities on Saturday ordered Hindus to leave all buildings now occupied by them account of unsanitary conditions. Hindus erected large tent holds one hundred and equipped it with sanitary arrangements. Tents poor shelter and useless to erect any more. I rented large Cannery at Eberne six miles from here, holds five hundred will cost five hundred dollars at least to make it habitable besides equipment for cooking and heating. Rent fifty dollars per month. Have two hundred hindus in it now and expect by Wednesday to have all unprovided for under shelter. Expect about five hundred will get work within a month on railway construction near Vancouver. Contractors have promised it. Whole trouble due to absolute lack of housing accomodation. If further immigration continues imperative that suitable shelter be arranged for at once. Private parties offer to erect large buildings if assured of continued immigration, but could not have it ready sooner than two months. General opinion that Federal Govt. should assist to solve present shelter problem.

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