

207. Andrew Bonar Law

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Colonial Secretary, to H.R. the Duke
of Connaught, Governor General



Paraphrase of cypher telegram

from Mr Bonar Law to the Governor General.

Date... 6 July 1915...
REFERRED TO
The Minister of the
Interior
Done 6 July 1915

LONDON,

London, 1st July 1915.,

With reference to your confidential despatch of
May 25th.

Secretary of State for India concurs in view of
Deputy Minister as to probable effect of repatriating
Indians who have shown disposition to serve Government.
Secretary of State for India observes that charge against
Bela Singh appears to rest upon untrustworthy evidence.
He realises local difficulties caused by feuds in Sikh
community and he does not suggest that any proved mis-
conduct on the part of Bela Singh faction should be
condoned. He is however impressed by fact that murderer
of Hopkinson is eulogised in seditious publications issued
in the United States by persons with whom Bela Singh's
enemies are known to have been in close touch.

(Signed) BONAR LAW