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From Governor of Hong Kong to Governor General

23 July, 1914

"It is reported that Canada proposes to deport Indian immigrants on board Komagata Maru to Hong Kong. It is certain there will be no employment for large majority of these men here. Master, owner, or agent of steamer by which they are brought back would be held liable for all charges incurred by Government of Hong Kong in connection with their support & if they consent repatriation destitutes. Agent Komagata Maru and of C.P.R. Steamers have been warned accordingly. Government of Hong Kong has no power to deport them compulsorily. May I suggest that if deported from Canada they may be sent back to India without calling at Hong Kong."