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Private telegram from the Viceroy to Lord Curzon
dated 20 July 1914

Reuter reports the Canadian Government
are about to use military force to
indian on board the Komagata Maru
I am afraid that this if true will have
very bad effect in India. It is outside
my position to advise but I feel that
use of force would greatly weaken strength
of position of Canadian Government and
it should be avoided if in any way
possible. If for instance it is a question
of provisions, it would be well worth
while to supply them