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THE SUPERINTENDENT OF IMMIGRATION

OTTAWA.

No. 879545 Imm.

Ottawa, 2nd July, 1914.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favour of the 26th ultimo, No. 2392, regarding the items appearing in the Press re the Hindu situation. A close investigation reveals the fact that at least one despatch has been sent from here which was manufactured by the reporter out of whole cloth. On the date on which there appeared in the Vancouver and Victoria papers an item regarding the likelihood of the Hindus being placed on board the "Empress of India", which item purported to be a press despatch from Ottawa, there appeared in the Ottawa papers an item to the same effect purporting to be a despatch from Vancouver. There has certainly been no leakage in the Department here, and I do not think it is likely that any of the Cabinet Ministers who had a knowledge of your wishes as to placing the Hindus on the "Empress of India" would be likely to make the same known to the press. As more people in Vancouver than in Ottawa must necessarily be aware of any contemplated action, I think any leakage which has taken place more likely occurred at Vancouver than here.

Your obedient servant,

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