

Vancouver, B. C. Aug. 10th, 1914.

Sir,

I beg to confirm my rush message of even
date as follows:-

"About forty Hindus from Vancouver, others from
Victoria and B. C. generally intend leaving immediately by
Japanese boats to stir up trouble India. Expenses and fare
paid local Hindu Committee. Think these men should not be
permitted register out. Manifesto issued Seattle advising
Hindus make trouble. Sanction non registration. Rush answer."

I enclose herewith newspaper cuttings which have
a bearing on this subject.

Your obedient servant,

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VEILED THREAT IS MADE BY HINDUS

Insinuated at Seattle that Eng-
land May Regret Permitting
Deportation.

Echo of the Komagata Maru
Case May Sound Round
World.

Seattle, Aug. 8.—A veiled insinuation that England, in her present crisis, may regret having allowed Canada to deport the 352 Hindus who attempted to land from the Japanese steamer Komagata Maru at Vancouver a few weeks ago, is made in a printed pamphlet entitled "An Open Letter to the British Public by the Hindustanis of North America," which is signed by nine prominent Hindu business men and educators on the Pacific, including Nabhi Ram Joshi of Seattle and Surendra Nath Karr, a student at the University of Washington.

"It may be that before another two weeks His Majesty's war office may have to issue orders that the Hindustani soldiers should bear the same burden as they did during the Boxer troubles, Tibetan expedition, Afghan war, Crimean war, Egyptian war and Boer war," the pamphlet says.

"But just about this time, if these 352 Hindustanis returning to Hong-kong can succeed in inducing at least the same number of their friends and relations who are now serving in the artillery, infantry and police force, to desert their posts, what will be the moral effect of such an act?"

"Our demands are so simple and reasonable—unless it is the express wish of the British Government to completely ignore the interest of Hindustanis—that we are confident the outcome would be favorable. But our whole strength lies in the fact that the Hindustanis who have any self-respect will join us in our struggle to enforce our just demands in acquiring ordinary human rights."

"Province"
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