

1362. W. Holderness, India Office to  
Under Secretary, Colonial Office

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Whitehall, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1913.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential letter of 14<sup>th</sup> July, No. 23765, and previous correspondence on the subject of British Indian agitators on the Pacific coast, I am directed to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, that the <sup>Marquess</sup> Marquess of Crewe has consulted the Government of India as to the desirability of ensuring a close watch on the proceedings of Indian extremists in America, and particularly in the United States. The reports furnished from time to time by Mr. W.C. Hopkinson have contained much valuable information, and Lord Crewe greatly appreciates the trouble which Mr. Hopkinson has taken in the matter and the assistance rendered by the Dominion Government in placing the information at the disposal of the Government of India. The

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Colonial Office.

reports

reports on the investigations in and near San Francisco in January last have been specially helpful, and Lord Crewe is of opinion that it would be of great advantage if it could be arranged, with the consent of the Dominion Government, that Mr. Stopkison should visit that city regularly <sup>during</sup> the winter months for a sufficiently long period to enable him to conduct his inquiries with greater thoroughness. It would also be convenient if, while continuing to transmit his reports through the Canadian Ministry of the Interior as at present, he could be authorised to send an advance copy of each of them direct to an agent of the Government of India in London, who would keep him <sup>supplied</sup> with such information regarding individual extremists as might help him to trace their movements in America.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made in these two respects, Lord Crewe would be glad, if the Dominion Government <sup>concur</sup> in the proposal, to grant to Mr. Stopkison from Indian revenues a

<sup>personal</sup> personal allowance of £60 (sixty pounds) a year, and the same amount annually to be spent on acquiring information. The arrangement would, of course, be a secret one, and the amount to be allowed to Mr. Hopkinson would be subject to <sup>revision</sup> revision in the light of experience, if he should find it desirable to employ an Indian agent or agents in the United States as a source of information.

I am to add that, if the Dominion Government agree to the proposal, Lord Crewe would suggest that the allowance of £60 a year, and the grant of £60 for acquiring information, should be issued to Mr. Hopkinson with effect from the date of his visit to San Francisco in January last. The payments would be made direct from Indian revenues, and it should be understood by the Dominion Government that Lord Crewe does not desire in any way to interfere with the employment of Mr. Hopkinson by that Government. But His Lordship understands that his ordinary work is not only not incompatible with, but <sup>frequently</sup> frequently entails, visits to the United States.

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in original

I am to take this opportunity of forwarding, for transmission to

to the Dominion Government, a translation of the newspaper -  
"Lancet" for November 1912, referred to in the enclosure to the  
Governor-General's Confidential Despatch of 8th January last.

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I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. Holburness