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General to Lewis Harcourt, Colonial Secretary

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA.

CANADA.

O'Hawa, 22 July, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your cypher telegram of the 20th instant, and my replies thereto of the 21st instant and to-day, on the subject of the deportation of the Hindus now on board the S.S. "Komagata Maru", I have the honour to inform you that since I got back here from Newfoundland yesterday morning, I have been in constant communication, both by letters and interviews, with Sir Robert Borden on the subject.

I have been much impressed with Sir Robert's determination to settle the question in a way that will least embarrass both the Imperial and Indian Governments, but it must be remembered that the feeling in British Columbia is very bitter, and this fact has had to be constantly borne in mind.

I enclose three letters from Sir Robert as marked in the margin, which give all the latest particulars of the situation created by the refusal of the Hindus to submit to the enforcement of the law and allow the "Komagata Maru" to take them back to Hong Kong.

The Right Hon.

Lewis V. Harcourt, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Colonial Office,

LONDON.

- A. Conf. 21st July, 1914.
- B. 21st July, 1914.  
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I would beg to draw your special attention to the last paragraph of Sir Robert Borden's confidential letter of the 17th instant, to Hon. George Perley, enclosed in Sir Robert Borden's confidential letter to me of the 21st instant, (Marked "A").

After Hon. Martin Burrell's (Minister of Agriculture) arrival at Vancouver yesterday morning, matters seem to have changed for the better. Without further information I can only attribute this to his presence and tact, for it seems that the Hindus are now accepting only what was offered to them some days ago, as reported to you in the Administrator's cypher telegram of the 17th instant.

I availed myself of the opportunity to strongly impress on Sir Robert the importance of having some Naval force available on the Pacific Coast, and found that, after what has occurred, he fully appreciated this aspect of the situation.

I have the honour to be, *etc*

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Arthur*