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Vancouver

161 Statement made by Bela Singh at the Immigration Office, in the presence of: - Detective Crewe, Dominion Immigration Agent Reid, Inspector Hopkinson and Assist. Imm. Agent, Howard, - on the 18th day of June, A.D. 1914, at the hour of 4.15 o'clock in the afternoon:-

18 June, 1914 (4:15 pm)

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"I saw the man near the Post Office at 1 o'clock today; the man's name is Mewa Singh. Mr. Reid also saw the man several times; Mewa Singh says: "Better for you and Babu Singh leave the Immigration Department. If you want some money, I can give you real estate; if you do not want that I will give you a ticket to go to India and will also give you \$500.00. Otherwise if you do not leave there, the Hindus will shoot you and shoot the whole Immigration Department because all the Hindus are very mad since Bhagwan Singh was deported." He also said, "Do you get any money from the Department?" and I told him I had not got anything. He said, "If you do not get any money, why do you go there?" I told him I went there for my own business, and when he asked me what my business was I told him, "That is nothing to you."

He said, "You have good respect in this country for five or six years, but you will lose your respect. Since Bhagwan Singh was deported you have lost money and your respect; you will never get respect from the British Government. If you will come to the Temple and tell to the Hindus, 'I will never go to the Immigration Office,' all the Hindus will be glad. I give you this notice because you were a good friend before to me. All the Hindus are very mad. They are sure they will fight. You will see what they are going to do in the future."

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He also said they would hold a big meeting in the Dominion Hall next Sunday. He said, "If you come there and tell all the Hindus, all the Hindus will give you good help."

All the Hindus are trying to buy revolvers secretly.

He asked if I knew anything about the letter sent by the temple men by the Captain to Gurdit Singh. I said I did not know anything about that letter. The Captain said the letter was given to the Immigration man.

He asked, "Did you ^{read} ~~writes~~ that letter?" I said I did not read it at all. He asked, "Who reads the letters?" but I said I did not know.

I do not know where they are buying the revolvers, but they are trying to buy them secretly. They certainly said they were going to fight the immigration in the future."

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2. (Statement made by Babu Singh: ✓

18 June, 1914

I saw Mewa Singh today at noon. He was speaking to Bela Singh at the corner of Howe and Hastings Streets this afternoon about half past two. I came up to Bela Singh whilst another Hindu was talking to him. The other Hindu was Mewa Singh. Mewa Singh said if these people try to send the boat back, they would stop it. They would not let the Japanese officers move the boat. He said he would turn over real estate in his ^(Bela Singh's) name if he would stop coming to the Immigration office. He said he would turn over the property to another name. He was a friend of Bela Singh before.

He would make over the real estate because he claimed Bela Singh and I came down to the Immigration Office and gave information. He said he would go with us if we would go to a private meeting of Belwant Singh and Bhag~~wan~~ Singh. He mentioned those two names to come up to the meeting and we said we would not go.