

[J. H. MacGill, Immigration Agent, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, re meeting of leaders of the Vancouver Hindu community, threatening Inspector Hopkinson]

J.H. MacGill Immigration Agent, Vancouver, to W.D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration

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Sir,

The day following the holding of our Board of Enquiry in the case of Harman Singh, I received information regarding a meeting of the Leaders of the Hindoo community here at which G.D. Kumar, Uday Ram and others attended.

At this meeting I am told it was decided to affect the removal of Inspector Hopkinson from our service by bringing charges of some sort or other against him. You will remember that in connection with the proposal to remove these people some two or three years ago to British Honduras similar charges were made and given some notariety in the local press. A like instance has recently occurred in the U.S. service here. Before going on his vacation U.S. Inspector Jelly, who is their Hindoo Interpreter, being sent to Seattle to assist in the inspection of some 30 Hindoos arriving a few weeks ago, was, so soon as the inspection was over, a victim of serious charges made against him, to the intent that he had approached one of the Hindoo Leaders offering to arrange for the admission of the whole of the 30 of their fellow countrymen on being paid at the rate of \$25.00 per man. Inspector Jelly has since taken his annual vacation and his absence from the office has led these people to consider that through their charge he has been driven out of the service.

I have no doubt that they are quite equal to bringing similar charges against our own Inspector, but I may say from his work during the past two years with myself I shall certainly expect them to be without foundation.

Hindoo evidence however can probably be procured for anything and should any charge be laid against Hopkinson, I have no doubt but that there will be an abundance of evidence forthcoming.

Your obedient servant
J.H. MacGill

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