

[Sir Arthur Percy Sherwood, Chief Commissioner of Dominion Police, to the
Comptroller, The Royal North West Mounted Police. Copy]

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OTTAWA, June 18th, 1917.
The Comptroller,
The Royal North West Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.
Sir,
The British Government in co-operation with the Government of
the United States in certain proceedings in connection with con-
spirators in that country, Canada and India, looking to the creation
of a rebellion in the latter, and in this connection about ten wit-
nesses are to be brought from India to give evidence at Toronto and
the President. A Police Officer, from India, will arrive quite soon
in British Columbia, who has complete knowledge of the facts, in com-
plete arrangements for their protection. The witnesses, accompanied by
another Police Officer, are about to leave, and will probably reach
Vancouver within a month. The necessary arrangements for their entry
to this country have been made with the immigration authorities. The
British authorities desire that when the witnesses reach Vancouver,
they should be taken care of, at once, and held some place quietly where
they could not be approached by anybody with a view to impairing
their usefulness at the trials, particularly are they to be well-
guarded from interviews with other South Indians. The bulk of the wit-
nesses are suspected criminals, the others are charged with crime, so
that they can be treated as prisoners. An Officer of the Indian Police
will be with them, and after consultation, it has been decided that
perhaps Regina would be the best point to take them to, where they would
be accessible to the officials of the United States who are conducting
the proceedings. An Immigration Inspector will be with them all the
time they are in the country, so that they may not claim that they had
been permitted to land in Canada. You may arrange with the Commissioner
to send an agent to Vancouver to meet the ship on arrival there, and
conduct them to Regina, subsequently proceeding at Ottawa each of the
witnesses as are required there, and then those required at San
Francisco, and at the conclusion of the trials are that they are safely

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