

[William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to William W. Cory, Deputy
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[Copy for the information of W.C. Hopkinson, Esq., Dept. of Immigration, Ottawa.]

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Department of the Interior
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W.C. Hopkinson,

Sir,

On the 19th inst., before leaving Vancouver, I sent you the following wire:-

"As in receipt of letter from Sydney in Victoria advising a serious situation in regard to the subject I sent him on, and will try and leave for Victoria to-day. See my wire of 18th inst. re subject Singh of Village Jambhata, Victoria B.C. It is suggested that this man is in possession of at least one or two internal passports. Will advise you from Victoria further developments."

I arrived in Victoria at 7 p.m., where Mr. Hopkinson my assistant met me and gave me a verbal account of what he had been able to ascertain. He also made over to me a copy of the deposition of witnesses who testified at the preliminary hearing given David Singh and Philip Singh.

These two last Indians were charged with unlawfully and knowingly being in their possession an iron apparatus in the form of a hatchet for an unlawful purpose.

I enclose herewith the copy of the deposition marked "A".

I then visited the City Police Office, and from the Inspector of Detectives, J.P. Pender, secured a copy of a photograph of the material seized by the police in the back-house of David Singh on Monday the 7th inst. This photograph I enclose herewith marked "B".

From enquiries made by me at this evening, I was able to learn that the detectives of the City of Victoria on the 24th instant, saw David Singh and Philip Singh enter a Chinese grocery store at the corner of Government & Herald Street - David Singh was carrying something in his hand at the time - they followed the Indians into the store, where David Singh put on the floor what he had in his hand - Just as the detectives entered the store, Philip started making out, and he was detained. In Philip

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