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Mr. Harcourt to the Governor General.



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*Mr. W.P. ...  
Please advise ...*

November 4th. The Secretary of State for India thinks that on account of Hopkinson having been murdered the Immigration Department may have been left for the moment without the services of an official who is conversant with the Indian vernacular language. He further states that he understands that there are certain officers retired from the Indian army who are at present living in British Columbia, and suggests that if the Canadian Government should see fit to make use of the services of such an officer relative to Indian immigration matters it would have a good effect upon Sikhs who are ex-soldiers of the Indian Army in that Province, as a military officer would be able to guide Sikhs of this class to a greater extent, knowing their language and being familiar with their customs, than a civilian. The Secretary of State for India thinks that it would not be possible to employ such an officer with advantage in exactly the same duties as Hopkinson, and that any important questions arising from political propaganda on the Coast should be regarded as distinct from the normal work of the Immigration Department from now on. Therefore, if the Department should employ such an officer, it would be understood that matters secretly investigated should not be included in his duties. If this suggestion would be favourably received by your Ministers the Secretary of State for India to the best of his ability would be glad to answer any questions as to any officer's previous record and qualifications.

(SD) HARCOURT.

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