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LETTERS OF SYMPATHY SENT BY DIFFERENT ENGLISH
AND INDIAN FRIENDS EXPRESSING THEIR SENTIMENTS
ABOUT THE MEETING AT CAXTON HALL, LONDON, FROM
THE RECORD OF THE LONDON CANADIAN-INDIAN IMMI-
GRATION COMMITTEE, LONDON.

1. From Lord Roberts, Field Marshall of England

Englemere
Ascot, Berks.
11 May 1913.

Dear Sir M. M. Bhownagree,

I am very sorry I am unable to be present at the meeting at which you are to preside on Wednesday next, the 14th.

I quite appreciate the hardships of British Indian residents in Canada, but the whole question is a very difficult one to advise upon, as it is not possible for the British Govt. to dictate to the Dominions in such matters.

I hope to call upon you in the early part of June.

Believe me,
Yours truly,

Sgd. Roberts.

Sir. M. M. Bhownagree, K.C.I.E.

2. Dear Sir:

I ~~am~~ deeply regret that a previous engagement will prevent me attending the meeting tonight. I am in hearty sympathy with the objects of the meeting and trust that the colour bar will be entirely removed from Indians in Canada and other parts of the British Empire.

Yours truly,

Sgd. H. Rutturford, M.P.

3. Telegraphic Message.
Nand Singh Ji, Earl's Court.

Fully sympathise with object meeting. Regret inability attend owing doctor's orders. Glad Sir Memcherjie presiding. Wish deputation every success.

Sgd. Gokhale

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4. Dear Sir M. Bhowmagree:

I regret very much that I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the London Canadian-Indian Immigration Committee, to be held this evening. But you have my best sympathy and I hope you will be able to obtain some amelioration of the condition of the British Indian residents in Canada.

Yours very truly,
Sgd. Amir Ali

5. To: Sec. tonight's Indian meeting, Caxton Hall, London.

Edinburgh Indian Association Committee express heartfelt sympathy and wish every success for movements.

6. Indian Union, Glasgow.

The Hon. Sec.

The London Canadian Indian Immigration Committee.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your kind communications to us about the meeting to be held in London at the Caxton Hall on the 14th inst. to discuss about the disabilities and ill-treatment of the Indians in Canada.

A special meeting of the Indian Union was held at the University Union here today and a resolution was unanimously carried expressing our full sympathy with movement you are going to start.

Sincerely wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
S. F. Ahmed,
Hon. Sec.

7. "That this House wishes to record its indignation and protest at the treatment of Indians by the Canadian Govt. and holds that measures like the "Continuous Journey Clause" and the Privy Council Order 926 are totally at variance with all principles of justice and equity, and that it is impossible for Indians to accept halfway terms or any compromises whatever where the question of complete equality within the Empire is at issue."

Resolution passed at the Indian Majlis (11-5-1913) and sent on to you at request of Mr. M. A. Caudeth.

Sgd. Pakare
Sec. Indian Majlis.

To: Sec. London Canadian-Indian Immigration Committee.

8. Dear Sir:

I regret very much that owing to an engagement to speak at the Cambridge here by-election, I shall not be able to be present at the public meeting on the Canadian Indian Immigration question on May 14th.

Yours faithfully,
Sgd. A. McCallum Scott, M.P.

9. Lord Sydenham regrets that he is unable to attend the meeting at Caxton Hall today, 14th May 1913.

10.

3 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London
May 13th, 1913

Mr. Ramsay McDonald regrets very much that as he is leaving town tomorrow he will not be able to be present at the Caxton Hall.

11.

India Office
9th May 1913

Dear Sir:

With reference to this invitation issued by the London Canadian Indian Immigration Committee for Wednesday May 14th, I have to inform you that the Marquis of Crew will not be in town during next week.

Yours faithfully,
Sgd. S. K. Brown

12.

Milton Earnest Hall
Bedford
10th May 1913

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that Lord Amphthill is abroad at the present time and will, therefore, be unable to attend your meeting on the 14th instant. I will, however, draw his attention to your invitation on his return in order that he may know what has taken place.

I am,

Yours faithfully
Sgd. M. Arnold

13.

Pall Mall East
London, S.W.
13th May 1913

Lord Krimard regrets an engagement will prevent his attending the meeting at Caxton Hall on May 14th.

14.

10th May 1913
26 Milton Crescent
London

Lord Lamington presents his compliments and regrets that a previous engagement prevents his attendance at the London Canadian-Indian Immigration meeting on the 14th instant.

15.

17 Montagn Street
Portman Square

Lord George Hamilton much regrets his inability to attend the meeting which was held on the 14th instant during his absence from London. He would be glad to be furnished with any particulars relating to the hardships inflicted upon British Indian residents in Canada, as he will always be glad to take part in any measures which will tend to place such immigrants in a position of equality with the inhabitants of the country to which they have emigrated.

Dtd. May 16th 1913.

I certify that the above is the true copy of the letters sent to the London-Canadian-Indian Immigration Committee.

Sgd. Nand Singh Sihra

Actual letters may be found with the secretary. I was not provided with any of those at the time nor up till now.

Sgd. N.S.

TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER SENT TO SIR THOS. HOLDERNERS, PERMANENT UNDER-
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN REPLY TO HIS OF THE 23rd MAY 1913

Friday 23rd May 1913
60 Sinclair Road
Kensington West
London

Sir:

I am desired by my colleagues -- the other delegates deputed by the Khalsa Diwan Society and the United India League of Canada -- to submit on their behalf that as your interpretation of their resolutions and credentials entrusted to us -- their duly elected and accredited delegates -- is not compatible with the abovementioned credentials; therefore, the delegates are not in a position to carry out their programme on such conditions. They fail to understand as to why I shall not be reckoned as a delegate when they expect and properly too, that they could be received by any of the high and responsible officials even when they would be accompanied by other notables of a place or country if they so request him to do.

Therefore, Sir, I humbly submit on my behalf that your letter being against the spirit of our credentials, I am not in a position to submit to such a change unless I be authorised to that effect by the bodies that have sent the delegation.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

Sgd. Nand Singh Sihra

Letter from H. H. the Lt. Governor of Punjab.

Private Secretary's Office

Barnes Court

Swila *Simla*

~~SANILA~~ 17th Sept. 1913

Sir:

His Honor will be pleased to see you and the other delegates at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday the 20th instant.

Yours faithfully
Sgd. Edw. C. Bayley
Private Secretary

Private Secretary's Office

Viceregal Lodge
Swila **SIMLA**
27th Sept. 1913

Dear Sir:

I really regret that I have not been able to send an answer before this regarding your desire to have a private interview with His Excellency. As you have been informed, the Viceroy was exceedingly pressed with public business, and it was only yesterday that I was able to obtain his orders. He understands that the Hon. Mr. Clark, in whose department questions relating to Indian immigration into Canada are dealt with, has offered to receive informally the deputation from the Indian Community in Vancouver, and the Viceroy would prefer to await the upshot of that conversation before he accords an interview himself.

You will doubtless let me hear further from you after His Excellency's arrival in Delhi at the beginning of December.

Yours truly,
Sgd. J. Dublouley

Calcutta,
Nov. 21st 1916

To:
Sir James Du Boulay K.C.I.E.
Priv. Sec. to H.E. the Viceroy
Viceregal Camp.

Sir:

SIMLA
As per your assurance while in Swila that you will be pleased to arrange an interview with H.E. the Viceroy for this deputation early in the month of December 1913. Now as the time pointed out by you, then, is quite near, I, therefore, on behalf of the delegation respectfully request you to give a time for the interview which might be convenient to H.E. at Delhi.

Please also note that the delegation has to present a representation entrusted to them by their brethern in Canada. It is addressed to His Excellency the Viceroy and is very extensively signed by His Majesty's Indian subjects in the Dominions. The delegation is also instructed to present it to His Excellency the Viceroy personally, for His Excellency's kind consideration.

I have a firm conviction, and a strong hope that you will be kind enough to arrange with His Excellency this interview which is so important for the amicable and peaceful settlement of this so vital a question.

I on behalf of the delegation and myself thank you and

His Excellency for the deep interest and keen sympathy both of you are taking.

Hoping to be favored with an early reply, for the time is too short,

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient servant
Sgd. Nand Singh Sihra

Phillaur, Punjab
Dec. 22nd 1913

The Private Sec. to
H. E. the Viceroy
Delhi

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly submit the enclosed on behalf of the Sikh delegation to His Excellency, the Viceroy explaining that it was caused only through the oversight and for which I beg to be excused. This is a representation which was submitted to the Govt. of Ottawa in the year 1911 by the then delegation appointed by the Indians there, to do the same on their behalf and without which the already submitted memorial is practically incomplete.

Thanking you and His Excellency for the kind reception for the delegation the other day, and pray for His Excellency's good health.

Truly yours,
Sgd. Nand Singh Sihra

Reply to the above

Private Secretary's Office

Viceregal Lodge
Delhi

Dear Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of representations made to the Ottawa Govt. by the delegates of the United India League and the Khalsa Diwan Society, Vancouver, in the year 1911, which you have forwarded with your letter of the 22nd December 1913.

Yours faithfully
Sgd. Scott
For Private Sec. to
the Viceroy

Private Secretary's Office.

Viceroy's Camp
India
1st Dec. 1913.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 12th Nov. complaining of the treatment you received from the Police. I venture to point out that the proper course, if you have any complaint to make, is to address yourself to the head of the local authorities or the Local Govt. and perhaps you have done this already.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Sgd. J. Don Bouley

P.S. The issue of this letter has been delayed, as your address was not known. J.D.B.

Telegram to
Private Secretary
to H.E. the Viceroy
Viceroy's Camp, India

and copy to
Private Sec.
H.H. the Lt. Govr.
Punjab

Referring to ordered deportation of 39 Hindustanies, reported by Reuter from Victoria, Canada, on behalf of Canadian Indian Delegation, most respectfully pray His Excellency to intervene on behalf of His Majesty's law-abiding subjects and obtain them landing, for in absence of any direct steamship service they have only failed to comply with an impossibility.

Signed: Nand Singh Sihra
Canadian Indian Delegate
Phillaur

dated 28th Oct. 1913.

From: A.A.L. Parsons, Esq., I.C.S.
Under Sec. to Govt. Punjab
Financial Dept.

To: Mr. Nand Singh Sihra
Canadian Indian Delegate
Phillaur

Commerce & Industry of Lahore, the 5th of Nov. 1913.

Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram dated 28th October 1913 praying for the intervention of Govt. on behalf of 39 Indians reported to have been refused admission into Canada, and to say that a copy of the telegram has been forwarded to the Govt. of India for consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Sgd. A.A.L. Parsons, Under Sec., Fin. Dept.

Telegrams from the Viceroy's P.S.V.
From Delhi.

December 15th, 1913¹/₂

TO: Nand Singh Sihra
Sikh Delegate, c/o Postmaster
G.P.O. Lahore

Please wire your present address.

signed P.S.V.

Delhi

15th December 1913

TO: Nand Singh Sihra
Sikh Delegate
Pandhera Street
Phillaur

Please wire your present address.

signed P. S. V.

15th Dec. 1913
11 p.m. (Night)
URGENT TELEGRAM

TO: P.S.V.

My present address is Pandhera Street, Phillaur.

Sgd. Nand Singh Sihra

Delhi

Dec. 17th, 1913

TO: Nand Singh Sihra
Sikh Delegation
Pandhera Street, Phillaur

Regret unavoidable delay in replying to your letter of November 21st. Viceroy has agreed to receive you and the other ten Sikh delegates at ten a.m. on Saturday twentieth.

signed P.S.V.

Reply

TO: P.S.V., Delhi

Dec. 18th, 1913

You wired receiving ten Sikh delegates. Pray His Excellency this not communal question. Please receive mixed delegation of all communities. Number ten alright. Wire reply.

signed Nand Singh Sihra
c/o Sundar Singh Majithia
Magithia House
Aritsar
AMRITSAR

Delhi
State Clear line

Dec. 18th 1913

Nand Singh Sihra
c/o Sundar Singh
Majithia
Majithia House, Awritsar
AMRITSAR

Narain Singh
Regret your telegram of date not understood stop In your letter of November 21st you asked for an interview for yourself Balwant Singh and Narant Singh in order to present a memorial from Indians in Canada to the Viceroy stop The Viceroy has agreed to receive you three only for this purpose and not ten as now suggested on Saturday next stop He is not prepared to receive a deputation of an entirely different character stop If you now desire to withdraw your request you will doubtless let me know by wire.

Sgd. P.S.V.

The answer to the above was sent as agreeing to wait upon H.E. the Viceroy as desired by him to P.S.V.

Sgd. Nand Singh

TO: The Private Secretary
His Excellency the Viceroy
Delhi

Sir:

In reply to the representations which I and my colleagues had the honour to make to His Excellency the Viceroy on the 20th of December 1913, His Excellency was pleased to say that he could not let the Delegation definitely know what shape the things in future would assume, but that the memorial presented would give more strength to the case.

Now I beg most respectfully ask, on behalf of the Delegation whether we should wait in India as to the ultimate result of the negotiations now taking place between His Excellency's Govt. and the Indies office or should we return back to Canada, when His Excellency's Govt. after settlement will communicate the result to the Khalsa Diwan Society and the United India League at Vancouver, B.C.

I hope His Excellency will be pleased to let me know what course to follow regarding this matter. Awaiting for the favor of an early reply,

I beg to remain, Sir
Your most obedient servant
Sgd. Nand Singh Sihra

Pandhera Street
Phillaur
dated 5th January 1914

Reply to the above.

Govt. of India
Delhi dtd. 21st Jan. 1914

From: H.A.F. Lindsay, Esq. I.C.S.
Under Sec. to the Govt. of India

To: Nand Singh Sihra
Pandhera Street, Phillaur

Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th January 1914 to the address of the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy in which, with reference to His Excellency's reply to the Indian Delegation from Canada, you enquire whether the Delegates should return to the Dominion or whether they should wait in India for the final reply communicating the result of the admission to Canada of the wives and children of Indians in the Dominion.

The Govt. of India regret that they are unable to give the delegates any directions in the matter. The whole question is the subject of communication between His Majesty's Govt. and the Govt. of Canada, and the Govt. of India cannot say when a decision is likely to be arrived at. I am to add that, should any changes be effected by the Canadian Govt. in deference to the representations which have been made by the Govt. of India, they will no doubt be abounded through the usual official channels.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant
signed H.A.F. Lindsay