

9 Queens Road,

HONG KONG.

24th March 1914.

Gurdit Singh, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

Referring to your interview with us this afternoon when you enquired whether there were any restrictions upon Indians who wish to travel to Vancouver so far as this Colony was concerned, we have to advise you that in our opinion there are no restrictions upon the emigration by Indians from the Colony unless they are under contract of service. No emigrants under contract of service can leave the Colony by any ship carrying from Honkong more than 20 passengers who are natives of Asia without complying with certain provisions in the Chinese Emigration Ordinance. Provided however that the passengers are not under contract of service there are no provisions which they need comply with, since they cannot under any circumstances come within the definition of assisted emigrants unless they are Chinese.

We are therefore of opinion that provided their tickets are properly obtained from a passage broker, any Indians can leave the Colony for any destination unless they are bound under contract of service.

Yours faithfully,

"Wilkinson & Grist"