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Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that SUREN M. BOSE is at present in the city. After having been turned back from the White Rock point he returned again about a couple of hours after on another incoming train, hoping that by that time Rahim had been successful in his application for a writ of Habeas Corpus and the officer at White Rock served with the papers. Bose was again sent back by the next train to Seattle. Rahim had in the meantime through his solicitors, Messrs McCrossan & Harper, been able to secure a writ against Mr. MacGill, but as he did not nor ever had Bose in his custody, he was unable to produce him before the Court on Monday the day fixed for the hearing.

Bose on his return to Seattle evidently went to the U.S. Immigration Office and there secured a letter of identification and the night following managed to board the steamer for Vancouver. Mr. Reid, our officer in Seattle, who checks the boat at that point had unfortunately not received the rejection card sent out from White Rock, and as the boat on arrival here is not checked up, he secured a landing on Saturday the 1st inst.

The Habeas Corpus application was adjourned to Wednesday pending the examination of Mr. MacGill & myself on our affidavits.

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In every matter that comes among the Hindus in this City I am afraid Rahim and Kumar are going to make themselves busy with the object of fighting the Government at every turn. I have had several Hindus within the last two days ask me if Kumar has brought a case against me in the Court, as it appears that he has given it out among the community that he has done so and in a short time he would have me out of my appointment. He has gone even so far as to ask many of them to promise to give evidence against me should necessity arise, but up to the present not one of them is willing to help him.

With reference to Kumar, Rahim and Sunder Singh, I beg leave to ask if anything can be done under the following circumstances, more in particular to Kumar.

On Saturday last I ~~have~~ had a man named UMROW SINGH give me information to the following effect. - That he has known Kumar for a couple of years or more, and during that time assisted him in the writing of his paper "Swadesh Sevak". That he is aware of the fact Kumar, Rahim and Sunder Singh belong to a secret Society with headquarters in Seattle. That these members and others are sworn to secrecy and the object is to help the agitation in India against the British Government. That he known to his

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own personal knowledge that Kumar is in correspondence with Shyemji Krishnvarma of Paris, and Madam Kama of Geneva, Switzerland and other prominent Indian agitators in other parts of the world. That he also has seen Kumar receive through the post copies of the Indian Sociologist, Bande Mataram, Amrita Bazar Patrika, Free Hindustan and other newspapers from India, Japan, the United States and several other places. That Kumar has in his possession at his residence, correspondence and other papers relating to this society and its propoganda.

The above is a condensed form of the information I received from Urow Singh and he fears for his life and his family if it should ever leak out. I have not been able to get him promise to make this statement on oath before a Magistrate although I have hopes that he will do so on the undertaking that his name will never be divulged..

With reference to Bose's stay here, I do not know whether Mr. MacGill contemplates taking any action, as the ruling in the recent case of Mrs Margarette Murphy is in favour of Bose and there is no doubt but what Bose's lawyers would lose their arrangements on the same grounds.

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On Sunday last Bose lectured at the Sikh Temple here but before he could do so, the management of the Temple gave him to understand that they would not permit him to make any statements detrimental to the British Rule in India as they did not want to have any more of this kind of lecturing in the precincts of the Temple. I am enclosing a cutting from the "Daily News Advertiser" of this City of to-day's issue regarding his lecture. I was expecting this man to visit this city as I had read of him in the Seattle papers.

With regard to Bose landing in Vancouver I am very sorry that he ever got through, and I can only say that the delay in the rejection card reaching Mr. Reid through the mails was the accident by which he managed to come in.

Yours obediently,

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