

196 Extract from E Blake Robertson, Assistant
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His signed statement notwithstanding, I do not believe that Meewa Singh on his own initiative decided to murder Hopkinson. At the time of Meewa's arrest at Sumas for smuggling in firearms, Hopkinson befriended him and to a certain extent aided in ~~his~~ his release. For this action Meewa Singh at the time seemed deeply grateful and ~~expressed~~ expressed his thanks not only to Hopkinson personally but to others. There is also good reason to believe that after that occurred Meewa supplied Hopkinson with information regarding Hendus whose ~~certain~~ action Hopkinson was investigating.

In my opinion Meewa is a weak minded man of a class of intellect who would take his view upon any matter from a stronger minded person with whom he was at the moment associating. If when, with Hopkinson he could be induced to

Betray his countrymen it is not unreasonable to suppose then that ~~there~~ when with agitators he could be induced to take Hopkinson's life. Having carried out the work, he considers himself a martyr and accepts full responsibility for his action. With reference to reasons which would induce agitators to desire Hopkinson's death at that particular time, it may be stated that the trial of the 'Victoria bombs' manufacturers was just completed, and there were rumours that Hopkinson had evidence connecting Vancouver Hindus with the manufacture of these bombs.