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W. W. Cory, Esq., C.M.G.

Vancouver, 6 June 1916

Deputy Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Bela Singh, son of Sunder Singh, of the Village of Jian, in the Pincinet and District of Hoshiarpore, India, sailed from this port for Calcutta on the 1st. instant, per C.F.O.S. Steamer MONTICULE, and he was furnished with a letter of identification as per copy enclosed herewith.

As you are, of course, aware, Bela Singh was more or less associated with the late Inspector Hopkinson in his investigation work and was for a time in the services of this Department.

I beg to quote below from a report furnished me by Hindu Interpreter H.W. Gwyther of this staff, regarding a request made by Bela Singh prior to leaving Canada:

"I beg to advise you that Bela Singh informs me that Mr. Malcolm R.J. Reid has written to Messrs Cory and Wallinger and Col. Sherwood, asking them to use their influence to get Ganga Ram some sort of Government position in India, and also assist him in other ways such as to get him immunity as far as possible from certain restrictions that are imposed upon Hindoos returning from the Pacific Coast to their homes in India.

"Bela Singh states he does not think it is fair that Ganga Ram should get such help and he himself should merely get a letter which will hardly more than get him to his home without trouble, considering the

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"fact that it was Bela Singh on whom the late Mr. Hopkinson always depended for information in his confidential work for the Indian Government. As a rule it was only when delegated by Bela Singh that Ganga Ram and any of the others gave any assistance.

"In other words Bela organized among his friends and relations a party, the object of which was to help the Government against certain seditious Hindoo societies which were formed along the Coast, by ascertaining as far as possible the movements of suspected persons, being present at their meetings and reporting to Mr. Hopkinson, etc.

"Bela Singh therefore asks that the Government write a letter informing the Indian Government of his services to Mr. Hopkinson and recommending some reward as a recompense for his work and also as a reimbursement for the many thousands of dollars he has had to spend in fighting lawsuits etc. brought against him and other members of his party by other Hindoos at the instigation and expense of the seditious party."

Bela Singh has expressed the opinion that unless the Police at Hong Kong and Calcutta are advised as to his loyalty, he may very possibly have trouble in getting to his home, and has requested that the Superintendents of Police in the Cities mentioned above be notified with regard to the services he has rendered.

I enclose herewith three photographs of Bela Singh.

The above information is furnished for any action you may see fit to take in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. L. JOLLY

Dominion Immigration Agent.

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