

OFFICE OF
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA B

17480

Ottawa, 7th April 1914.

Dear Mr. Borden,

The first telegram from the Governor of Hong Kong respecting 150 Sikhs, was received by me on the afternoon of the 31st March last, and sent over, by hand, the same afternoon, to the Deputy Minister of the Interior. The second telegram, dated the 2nd April, from the Governor of Hong Kong, was received by me at ten minutes past five on the afternoon of the 2nd April. I at once tried to get the Deputy Minister of the Interior on the telephone, but his office apparently was closed, so I had the reference made out and sent to him by letter, so that he would get it the first thing next morning. This letter I made sure was posted the evening on which it was written. On Monday morning (April 6th) I telephoned again, and was informed by Mr. Cory that the matter was before the Minister of the Interior and that he would endeavour to get the reply as soon as possible. The answer came over shortly afterwards, and I sent it to the Governor General's Secretary's office without delay. I felt all along that there might be some trouble over this, so I took particular pains to note the date, and in some cases the exact hour and minute, at which the papers were received here.

Yours very truly,

The Right Honourable
R. L. Borden, M. P.,
First Minister,
Ottawa.

W. L. Borden

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17481

Ottawa, 7th April 1914.

Dear Mr. Borden,

In my hurry in writing you this afternoon about the 150 Sikhs, I omitted to enclose copy of the letter which I addressed to Mr. Cery, enclosing the second urgent telegram from the Governor of Hong Kong. I now send it herewith.

Yours very truly,

The Right Honourable

R. L. Borden, M. P.,

First Minister,

Ottawa.

Joseph A. Borden

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C O P Y.

Ottawa, 2nd April 1914.

Dear Mr. Cory,

I enclose an urgent telegram from the Governor of Hong Kong to His Royal Highness the Governor General, dated 2nd April 1914, respecting the 150 Indian Sikhs who propose to leave Hong Kong for British Columbia and who are not on through tickets from India.

The telegram from the Governor of Hong Kong dated 31st March was referred to you by me on that day.

Would you kindly furnish me with the views of your Department on this subject with as little delay as possible, as you see the matter is most urgent.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Pope.

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

Deputy Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa.