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Deputy Minister of the Interior. Copy]

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Sir,

A Hindu named Khier Singh who has been of great assistance to me re information concerning Hindu matters, has just returned from a month's visit to California. In the course of his stay in that State, he visited several cities with both large and small populations.

In San Francisco he met Mr. Taraknath Dass and a man named Dera (a contributor to a magazine printed in Allahabad U.P. India from material largely gathered in the United States and Canada). It appears that shortly after Dera's arrival in that City, about two months ago, he became aware that Taraknath Dass had collected a sum of money about \$600.00, from recent arrivals from India also from the local Colony. This sum of money became a point in dispute between Dera and Dass, the former accusing Dass of treachery to his countrymen in not forwarding the amount home to India to help the good cause (for which purpose it had been collected) but converting the same to his own use. Shortly after this dispute, it appears, that Dera was waylaid one night in a dark street in San Francisco and beaten unmercifully. The result of this assault is a charge of assault brought in the Police Court by Dera which is pending.

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