

[Arthur Tilton Steele, San Francisco, to William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector]

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Arthur Tilton Steele to W.C. Hopkinson
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W. C. Hopkinson, Esq.,
Immigration, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegram to you at the subject of the Chinese Mission
which is India, in which I mean you of the business of the Indian in the
Pacific coast to transfer a Chinese Mission to take her service to India, in
order to participate in the great business, I will submit to you the same
which I received this information.

A few days ago, at about the time my son returned from India
which had been, I met a number of them residing in the city of San Francisco
via Chinese affairs, there were five of them, they were talking about their
plans in the Chinese language, and I gathered from their conversation that
something very serious was impending. I inquired of them as to the one who seemed
to be the leader of the party, and in conversation, which did not be longer of
the situation, he was taken about as follows: one seemed surprised, and did not
understand by similar and to finally, but when I inquired of him, I was an excellent
person, interested in India with his country, and had been for a number of
years a resident in India, he stated that - He first returned to India to go to India
and - he said the whole matter would come to up in India, but the matter
relatives - in fact almost the entire matter was now ready to finish, and was only
waiting for good a suitable opportunity to take, when the British would send all
their Chinese resources to India and would not be able to cope with a general
outbreak in India.

I asked the most concerned one as to the matter and a statement. He
stated to me, I said, that the matter would be very difficult to get up a revolt
when they had so little, he stated however, that every strategic point in
India was in the hands and possession of British troops.

He laughed at that. He said "Don't you know that the power of
England has been and continues to be, and as for the British
and some factories in India, the entire thing will soon be done, and get
possession of every part and stronghold before the British troops will be able to
enter from stage to distant land."

and he said "Don't you know that the number of British and other
policy private will be in the hands of the same as a general matter among the
entire thing will be done? That everything had been planned to take out - and
all that was waiting for the job was an opportunity to take advantage of
to get the thing started in India."

I told him that I could not believe it, and he would have to give
me some proof before I could believe him. I then asked him by business card,
and what was the name of the man by which he was known, he said that the name
was told me his name was George Smith, but that he was called "Jack" for short.

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