

[Joseph Pope to Borden, with related letters from Pope to Borden and Pope to Cory]

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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  
Sir L. Borden, M.P.,  
First Minister,  
Ottawa.

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