

[Malcolm R. J. Reid, Special Immigration Officer for Western Canada, to William W. Cory, Deputy Minister of the Interior. Original]

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Sir:-

The Commissioner of Immigration here has reported the arrival of a Hindu, an "Empress of Russia" July 19th, Chanda Singh, son of Dal Singh, a prior resident who was duly re-admitted.

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In this connection I enclose herewith copy of affidavit which I will refer to later. In order to properly understand the significance of this case, it is necessary to refer you to the time when I was Immigration Agent and Inspector at the port of Vancouver.

Incidentally you remember the anti-protestants, several in number the anti-protestants among the British Colonies, which urged preparation for war and freedom of India by expelling the British. The following are several quotations from those papers:

"This is the time to prepare ourselves for war, while the war is raging in Europe."  
"Mahatma Ghandi's mission is to lead us the road to India. He--Death; Peace--(shortened) WAR--Liberty; Field of Battle--India."  
"Get up and look your eyes, sacrifice your lives to obtain liberty."  
"They have raised the flag of India--India, India and Mohammeds all have joined-----let us go to our meeting and fight. This is our final order."

However, it is not necessary for me to quote further on this, as doubt, have a recollection of this matter. This afternoon and the evening of the 15th and 16th after the return of Mr. I received a very urgent message from the Department to the effect that the Imperial authorities were alarmed at the words of that Indian from the British Colonies who apparently was active in the movement of starting a revolution in India, and suggesting I do my utmost to prevent these people leaving. The words I had were as follows: "First, I refused on behalf of the Department to any such Indian movement, and informed any who persisted in leaving that the Department would not be responsible for any such movement. Second, the same proceed-

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