

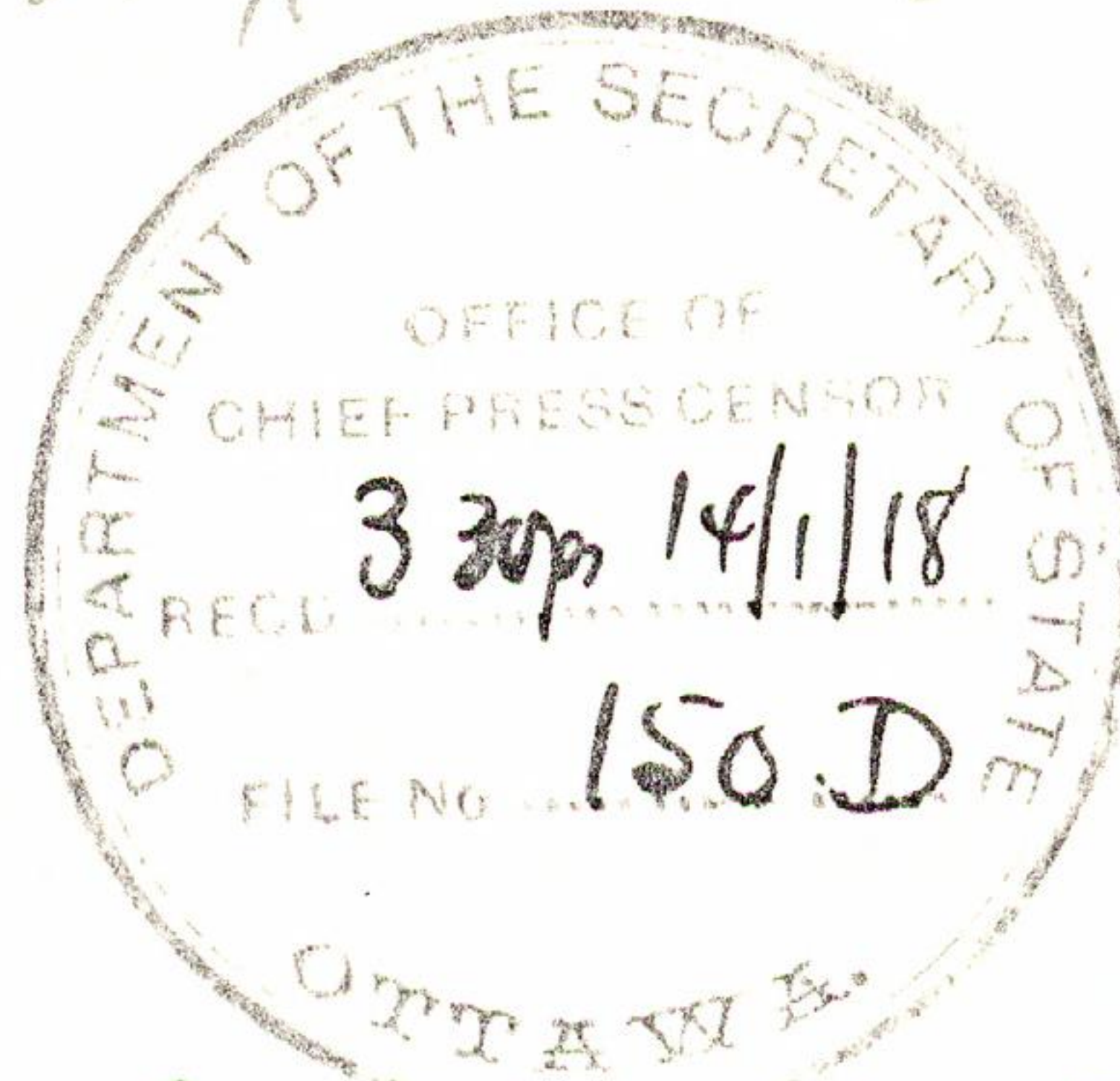
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Press Comm for Canada

Department of Immigration

MRJR/AEG.

Vancouver, B.C., January 9th., 1918

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Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith copy of a interesting Hindu clipping from the Vancouver Province dated December 28th, headed

"HINDU CAUSE OF TROUBLE HERE ON TRIAL"

again re-calling the murder of the late Inspector Hopkinson.

Recently when in San Francisco I called attention to this matter to Mr. Marr who was acting in the absence of a mutual friend, and the opinion was expressed that it was unwise for the newspapers here to publish such articles harping on the local Hindu troubles. There are several reasons why these matters should be allowed to die out, the principal one being that it jeopardizes the safety of those engaged in the work in thus keeping the Hindus reminded of these matters, and thus making it very difficult for us to retain the services of local Hindu informants, etc. It has been suggested, therefore, if you can conveniently do so, to send a circular to the Coast newspapers asking them to refrain, as far as possible, mentioning these matters at Coast points, and in fact probably it would be better, as many press despatches are coming through, that such articles should be submitted to this office for approval before being published. I might further state that I am personally firmly convinced that the article referred to above was an "inspired" one.

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm R. J. Reid

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