

Letters of sympathy sent by different
English and Indian friends expressing their sentiments
about ~~the~~ the meeting at Caxton Hall London.
From the Record of the London Canadian-Indian
Immigration Committee — London.

1. From Lord Roberts
Field Marshall of England
Euglenere
Ascot. Berks.

11 May 1913.

Dear Sir Mm. Bhownagare,

I am very sorry I am unable to be
present at the ~~wednesday~~ meeting at which
you are to preside on wednesday next the 14th.

I quite appreciate the hardships of
British Indian residents in Canada, but the
whole question is very difficult one to
advise upon, as it is not possible for the
British Govt. to dictate to the Dominions in
such matters.

I hope to call upon you in the early
part of June.

Believe me

Yours Truly

Edw Roberts

Sir Mm. Bhownagare K.C.I.E.

2. Dear Sir,

I ~~am~~ deeply regret that a previous
engagement will prevent me attending the
meeting tonight. I am in hearty sympathy
with the objects of the meeting and trust that
the Colour bar will be entirely removed from
Indians in Canada and other parts.

2. British Empire

yours truly

Sir H. Rutherford M.P.

3. Telegraphic message.

Kand Singhji

Earl's Court.

Fully sympathise with object meeting.
Regret inability attend owing doctor's
orders. Glad Sir Mancharjee presiding.
wish deputation every success.

Sd/ Gokhale

4. Dear Sir M. Bhownagree,

I regret very much that I shall not
be able to attend the meeting of the London
Canadian-Indian Immigration Committee
held this evening. But you have
my best sympathy and I hope you will be
able to obtain some amelioration of the
condition of the British Indian residents
in Canada.

yours very truly

Sd/ Aniruddh.

5. To Sec. to night's Indian meeting
Caxton Hall - London.

Edinburgh Indian Association Committee
express heartfelt sympathy & wishes
every success for movement.

6. Indian Union Glasgow

The Hon. Sec.

The London Canadian Indian
Immigration Committee.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your kind

Communication to us about the meeting to be held in London at the Carlton Hall on the 14th inst. to discuss about the disabilities and ill-treatment of the Indians in Canada.

A special meeting of the Indian Union was held at the University Union here to day and a resolution was unanimously carried expressing our full sympathy with movement you are going to start.

Sincerely wishing you every success.

I remain yours faithfully

S. F. Ahmed

Hon. Sec.

7.

"That this House wishes to record its indignation and protest at the treatment of Indians by the Canadian Govt. and holds that measures like ~~the~~ the "Continuous Journey Clause" and the Privy Council order 926 are totally at variance with all principles of justice and equity, and that it is impossible for Indians to accept when the question of to accept half way terms or any compromise whatever when the question of complete equality within the Empire is at issue."

Resolution passed at the Indian Majlis (11.5.1913) and sent on to you at request of Mr. M. A. Candell.

Sd/ Pakare

Sec. Indian Majlis.

To Sec. London Canadian-Indian Immigration Committee.

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8. Dear Sir

I regret very much that owing to an engagement to speak at the Cambridge here by-election. I shall not be able to be present at the Public meeting on the Canadian Indian Immigration question on May 14th.

Yours faithfully

Sd/ A. McCallum Secy H.M.P.

9. Lord Sydenham regrets that he is unable to attend the meeting at Caxton Hall today. 14th May 1913.

10.

3 Lincoln's Inn Fields

London.

May 13th 1913.

Mr. Ramsay McDonald regrets very much that as he is leaving town tomorrow he will not be able to be present at the Caxton Hall.

11.

India Office

9th May 1913.

Dear Sir

With reference to the invitation issued by the London Canadian Indian Immigration Committee for Wednesday May 14th I have to inform you that the Marquess of Crewe will not be in town during next week.

Yours faithfully

Sd/ S.K. Brown.

12.

Milton Earnest Hall

Bedford

10th May 1913.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that the

Lord Ampthill is abroad at the present time and will, therefore, be unable to attend your meeting on the 14th instant. I will, however, draw his attention to your invitation on his return in order that he may know what has taken place.

I am yours faithfully
Edw Arnold.

Ball Mall East
London SW.

13th May 1913.

Lord Kinnaird regrets an engagement will prevent his attending the meeting at Caxton Hall on May 14th.

14.

10th May 1913.

26 Milton Crescent
London.

Lord Lamington presents his Compliments and regrets that a previous engagement prevents his attendance at the London Canadian-Indian Immigration Meeting on the 14th instant.

15.

17 Montagu Street
Portman Square,

Lord George Hamilton much regrets his inability to attend the meeting which was held on the 14th instant during his absence from London. He would be glad to be furnished with any particulars relating to the hardships inflicted upon British Indian residents in Canada, as he will always be glad to take part in

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any measures which will tend to place
such emigrants in a position of equality
with the inhabitants of the Country to which
they have emigrated.

of May 16th 1913.

I Certify that the above is the
true Copy of the letters sent to the
London Canadian Indian Immigration
Committee.

James Hugh Simé

Actual letters may be found with
the Secretary. I was not provided
with any of those at the time nor afterwards.
J.S.

True Copy of the letter sent to Sir Thos. Holderness
 permanent under secretary of State for India
 in reply to his of the 23rd May 1913.

Friday 20th May 1913

60 Emslie Road
 Kensington West. London.

Sir,

I am ~~directed~~ desired by my Colleagues
 the other delegates deputed by the Khatri Diwan
 Society & the United India League of Canada
 to submit on their behalf that as your
 interpretation of their resolutions and Credentials
 entrusted to us - their duly elected and accredited
 delegates - is not compatible with the alone
 mentioned Credentials, therefore, the delegates
 are not in a position to carry out their
 programme on such conditions. They fail
 to understand as to why I shall not be
 reckoned as a delegate when they expect
 & properly to that they could be received by
 any of the high and responsible officials even
 when they would be accompanied by other
 notables of a place or country if they so
 request him to do.

Therefore, Sir, I humbly submit on
 my behalf that your letter being against the
 spirit of our Credentials, I am not in a
 position to submit to such a change unless
 I am authorised to that effect ~~from~~ by
 the bodies that have sent an delegation.

I am Sir

Yours Faithfully

Sd Pand Singh Sihra

Letter from H. H. the ~~Govt.~~ Governor of Punjab

Private Secretary's Office

Barnes Court
Simla.

17th Sept 1913.

Sir, His Honour will be pleased to see you and the other delegates at 3-15 P.m. on Saturday the 20th instant

Yours faithfully
Sd/ Edw. C. Bayley
Private Secretary.

Private Secretary's
Office.

Viceregal Lodge
Simla

27th Sept. 1913.

Dear Sir,

I greatly regret that I have not been able to send an answer before this regarding your desire to have a private interview with His Excellency. As you have been informed, the Viceroy was exceedingly pressed with public business and it was only yesterday that I was able to obtain his orders. He understands that the Honble Mr. Clark, in whose department questions relating to Indian immigration into Canada are dealt with, has offered to receive informally the deputation from the Indian Community in Vancouver, and the Viceroy would prefer to await the upshot of that conversation before

he accords an interview himself.

You will doubtless let me ~~hear~~ hear further from you after His Excellency's arrival in Delhi at the beginning of December.

Yours Truly

Sd/ J Duboulay

Calcutta
Nov. 21st 1916.

To

Sir James Du Bonlay K.C.S.I.

Priv. Sec. to H.E.

The Viceroy

Viceroyal Camp.

Sir,

As per your assurance while in Simla that you will be pleased to arrange an interview with H.E. the Viceroy for this deputation early in the month of December 1913. Now as the time pointed out by you, then, is quite near, I, therefore, on behalf of the delegation respectfully request you to give a time for the interview which might be convenient to H.E. at Delhi.

Please also note that the delegation has to present a representation entrusted to them by their brethren in Canada. It is addressed to His Excellency the Viceroy and is very extensively signed by His Majesty's Indian Subjects in the Dominions. The delegation is also instructed to present it to His Excellency the Viceroy personally, for His Excellency's kind

Consideration.

I have a firm conviction and a strong hope that you will be kind enough to arrange with His Excellency this interview which is so important for the amicable and peaceful settlement of this so vital a question.

I on behalf, of the delegation and myself thank you and His Excellency for the deep interest ~~you and His Excellency~~ and keen sympathy, both of you, are taking.

Hoping to be favored with an early reply, for the time is too short.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Sd/ Nand Singh Sikha

The Private Sec. to

H.E. The Viceroy

Delhi

Phillaur - Punjab

Dec. 22nd 1913.

Dear Sir,

will you kindly submit the enclosed, on behalf of the Sikh Delegation to His Excellency the Viceroy explaining that it was caused only through the oversight and for which I beg to be excused. This is a representation which was submitted to the Govt. of Ottawa in the year 1911 by the then delegation appointed by the Indians, there

to do the same on their behalf and without which the already submitted Memorial is practically incomplete.

Thanking you and His Excellency for the kind reception for the delegation the other day, and pray for His Excellency's good health.

Truly yours

Sd/ Nand Singh Sirma

Reply to the above.

Private Secretary's Office

Viceroy's Lodge
Delhi

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of representations made to the Ottawa Govt. by the delegates of the United India League and the Khalsa Duran Society, Vancouver, in the year 1911, which you have forwarded with your letter of the 22nd December 1913.

Yours faithfully
Sd/ Scott.

For Private Sec. to
the Viceroy

ARJAN SINGH
CHAND

Private Secretary's
Office.

Viceroy's Camp
India.

1st Dec. 1913,

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 12th Nov. Complaining of the treatment you received from the Police. I venture to point out that the proper course, if you have any complaint to make, is to address yourself to the Local Govt. head of the local authorities or the Local Govt. and perhaps you have done this already.

I am dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Sd/ J. Don Bouley

P.S. The issue of this letter has been delayed, as your address was not known,

J. Don B.

Telegram to

Private Secretary
to H. H. the Viceroy

Viceroy's Camp India.

} and copy to
Private Sec.
H. H. the Lt. Govr.
Punjab

Referring to ordered deportation of 39 Hindustanis, reported by Reuter from Victoria, Canada, on behalf of Canadian Indian Delegation, most respectfully pray His Excellency to intervene on behalf of His Majesty's law-abiding subjects and obtain them landing, for in absence of any direct steamship service they have only failed to comply with an impossibility.

Sd/ Nand Singh Sihra

Canadian-Indian Delegate

Phillaur.

D/ 28th Oct. 1913

From

A.A. & Parsons Esq J.C.S.
 Under Sec. to Govt. Punjab
 Financial Dept.

To

Mr. Nand Singh Sihra,
 Canadian-Indian delegate
 Philanthropist
 Commerce & Industry.

at Lahore, the 5th of Nov. 1913.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
 of your telegram dated 28th October 1913
 praying for the intervention of Govt. on behalf
 of 39 Indians reported to have been refused
 admission into Canada, and to say that
 a copy of the telegram has been forwarded
 to the Govt of India for consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Sd/ A.A. & Parsons
 Under Secretary, Financial Dept.

Telegrams. From the Viceroy's P.S.V.
 From Delhi, Dec. 15th 1913,

To Nand Singh Sihra
 Sikh delegate of Postmaster
 G.P.O. Lahore

Please wire your present address,

Sd/P.S.V.

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15th Dec. 1913.

Delhi

To Rand Singh Sirra
Sikh Delegation Pandhara Street
Phillaur.

Please wire your present address,
Sd/P.S.V.

15th Dec. 1913

11 P.m. (Night)

Urgent Telegram.

To

P.S.V.

my present address is Pandhara Street
Phillaur

Rand Singh Sirra

Delhi

Dec. 17th 1913.

To

Rand Singh Sirra

Sikh Delegation

Pandhara Street Phillaur.

Regret unavoidable delay in replying
to your letter of November 21st. Viceroy has
agreed to receive you and the other ~~ten~~
Sikh delegates at ten A.M. on Saturday
twentieth.

Sd/P.S.V.

Reply:

To P.S.V. Delhi Dec. 18th 1913

You wired receiving ten Sikh
delegates. Pray His Excellency this
not communal question. Please
receive mixed delegation of all
communities, number ten alright.
wire reply.

Rand Singh Sirra
C/o

S. Sundar Singh Majithia.

Majitha House

Ambala.

Delhi

Dec. 18th 1913.

State Clearing.

Nand Singh Sirra C/o Sunder Singh
Majithia, Majithia House
Amritsar.

Regret your telegram of date not understood stop ⁱⁿ your letter of November 21st you asked for an interview for yourself Balwant Singh and Narain Singh in order to present a memorial from Indians in Canada to the Viceroy stop The Viceroy has agreed to receive you three only for this purpose and not ten as now suggested on Saturday next stop He is not prepared to receive a deputation of an entirely different character stop If you now desire to withdraw your request you will doubtless let me know by wire

Sd/ P.S.V.

The answer to the above was sent as agreeing to wait upon H.E. the Viceroy as desired by him to P.S.V.
Sd/ Nand Singh

To

The Private Secretary

to
His Excellency the Viceroy
Delhi

Sir,

In reply to the representations which I and my colleagues had the honour to make to His Excellency the Viceroy on the 20th of December 1913, His Excellency ^{was} pleased to say that he could not let the delegation

definitely know what shape the things in future would assume, but that the Memorial presented would give more strength to the Case.

Now I beg most respectfully ask, on behalf of the Delegation whether we should wait in India as to the ultimate result of the negotiations now taking place between His Excellency's Govt. and the Indian Office or should we return back to Canada, when His Excellency's Govt. after settlement will communicate the result to the Akhbariwan Society & the United India League at Vancouver B.C.

I hope His Excellency will be pleased to let me know what course to follow regarding this matter. Awaiting for the favour of an early reply.

I beg to remain

Your most obedient Servant.

Sd/ Nand Singh Sikra

Reply to the above.

Govt. of India.

Delhi Dt. 21st Jan. 1914.

From H.A.F. Lindsay Esq. I.C.S.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To Mr. Nand Singh Sikra

Panthera street Phillaur.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th January 1914 to the address of the Private Secretary to His Excellency

Panthera street
Phillaur
5th January 1914.

the Viceroy in which, with reference to His Excellency's reply to the Indian Delegation from Canada, you enquire whether the delegates should return to the Dominion or whether they should wait in India for the final reply communicating the result of the admission to Canada of the wives & children of Indians in the Dominion.

2. The Govt. of India regret that they are unable to give the delegates any directions in the matter. The whole question is the subject of communication between His Majesty's Govt. and the Govt. of Canada, and the Govt. of India can not say when a decision is likely to be arrived at. I am to add that, should any changes be effected by the Canadian Govt. in deference to the representations which have been made by the Govt. of India, they will no doubt be announced through the usual official channels.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Sd/ H. A. F. Lindsay