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W D Scott Esq,

Superintendent of Immigration,

Ottawa.

Sir,

I reported to you that there were four Hindus arrested for vagrancy by the police, here. There had been several attempts to get them to work but it seemed impossible they persisted in begging from house to house, I asked the police to not convict these as I would have them deported or taken care of, I did issue deportation papers but asked the C.P.R. to find some employment for them and give them a trial and would defer the deportation I almost regretted being so lenient as I learned afterwards that the C.P.R. was going to try the case in court under Habeas Corpus, they contended that as the Hindus had money and were not vagrants and on this plea would test the case, Dr Munro writes me he has some of the same class in Vancouver and is considering what to do with them and desires to know under what section of the Act he should proceed. In such cases Clause 28 & 71. I consider to be the clauses which should govern such cases I hope you will be prepared to sustain our hands if such resistant action is taken by the C.P.R. as they

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will try every means to get out of the responsibility of taking these immigrants back to the place from whence they came, I did not withdraw my action on account of any bluff made by the C.P.R. but because I considered the matter from an Imperial sense as well as giving the C.P.R. an opportunity to do something if possible for these people.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. L. Milne
Medical Inspector and Immigration Agent.