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152 H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Gouern General,
to Lewis Harcourt, Colonial Secretary

Government House,

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, in my opinion, the question of the surveillance of the East Indians resident in the United States of America is one that deserves further consideration.

2. At the present moment, this duty is in the hands of Mr. Hopkinson, an energetic and excellent official who has rendered valuable reports on the subject. It is, however, highly undesirable that this work should be dependent on the exertions of a single individual. In the first place, Mr. Hopkinson has to cover the entire country from San Francisco to New York and from the Canadian to the Mexican frontier. In the second place, the entire system - if system it can be called - is dependent on one man. If anything happened to Mr. Hopkinson, the work would automatically collapse.

It is, therefore, suggested that a conference should be arranged between Mr. Hopkinson and some India Office officials either in Canada or in London, in order that the question of a more satisfactory organisation may be considered.

3. This work is of Imperial rather than of

Canadian

The Right Honourable

Lewis V. Harcourt, M.P.,

Secretary of State

for the Colonies.

Canadian interest. Some proportion of Mr. Hopkinson's salary is indeed paid by the India Office, but the majority of expenditure connected with the work is defrayed by my Government. The charges are heavy, Mr. Hopkinson's last visits to San Francisco and New York having cost \$1100 and \$350, respectively.

Should these charges become known to members of the House of Commons, an agitation might well be roused that would render it difficult to continue these payments and such publicity would be given to Mr. Hopkinson that his work might be seriously prejudiced.

The question is, therefore, worthy of consideration whether my Government should not be approached with a view to their transferring Mr. Hopkinson permanently to the service of the Government of India.

I have the honour to request that a copy of this despatch may be forwarded to the India Office for consideration, as I look on Mr. Hopkinson's work as of very considerable importance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

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