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LETTER FROM BABOO & BELA SINGH

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of July 12th., re certain instructions issued from the Minister's Office in dealing with Hindu matters.

I beg to notify you that I have received the following communication sent by Baboo Singh and Bela Singh both of whom are now serving sentences in the Burnaby prison farm, Baboo serving twelve months for forgery, and Bela twelve months for assault!

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July 20th., 1915.

"Mr. Malcolm R.J. Reid, Esq.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 12th., at hand. We are sorry that you are not feeling good and can't come down to see us.

We received one letter to-day from Kelowna, B.C. translation of which reads this:-

"Dear Friend:-

There are 25 hindoos living here. They hold a meeting every Sunday. Everyone of these men gets Har Dyal Muntiny paper and echo of Mutiny from Calif. All of them read this paper and lecture against the British rule in India. They all prey the work of Hor Dyol and talk bad about you, and swear at you, that you have done so much dangerous work against this revolution movement, by helping the authorities. About 3 weeks ago when they were lecturing rather swearing on you fellows, I got up and said that they should not swear and call Bela Singh & friends by such bad names. At this they beat me up. I have heard that sometime ago that one Policeman and one Interpreter for Immigration office came into Revelstoke, and try to arrest Bawa and Gina, the two men who escaped from Victoria detention shed in November 1913. Now both

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of these men are staying here. Two other men who are the leaders of revolution Party walked over from Calif. and are staying here now. If you have them arrested let me know I will help all I can."

The above two men are mentioned in this letter are the men who escaped from Victoria detention shed 1913. There were four men altogether but you remember when we have one Thakar Singh arrested and deported so that leaves three men. We know that about three months ago Mr. Gwyther went to Revelstoke but these men escaped because Gwyther was not smart enough for them. Now we receive this letter and we thought to inform you at once. You may act as you may please, but if you are going to take any action we would like to give you a letter. The letter you will be able to show to our friend from whom we have received this information, and then he will point you the said man.

Regarding our case we only heard that the appeal of Bela Singh and others is dismissed but we don't know anything else, so kindly see Mr. Maitland and let Bela Singh know what he is doing, and also let us know whether you have done anything in all our cases including Baboo Singh case to get us out. We don't mean to say that you have done nothing but what we mean to say is that when you will get us out. Hoping a verrygood health, we are,

Yours truly,

Baboo Singh & Bela Singh

P.S.

We like to tell something else personally. "

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm R. J. Reid
Dominion Immigration Inspector For B.C.

W.D. Scott, Esq.,

Superintendent Of Immigration,

Ottawa, Ont.