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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

19th August 1916.

SECRET.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of July 8, 1916, on the subject of the Indian revolutionary movement in the United States of America.

2. I have discussed the subject with my Commissioner of Police and enclose copy of a note which he has prepared at my request, which shows the extent of our knowledge of the Society in question, and the steps which are being taken here to prevent the diffusion of seditious literature. The proceedings of the Society are being carefully watched, and I consider it improbable that it could initiate any movement of importance without the cognisance of my Officers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

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GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

A. BONAR LAW, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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SECRET.

No.C.I.D.28/1/A.

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Office of the Commissioner of Police,
Nairobi,

18th August 1916.

Re the Siri Guru Singh Saba Society.

Sir,

With reference to the Colonial Office Secret despatch of July 8th., 1916, I have the honour to inform you that SIRI GURU SINGH SABA is the name of a Sikh Society which has branches at Kilindini, Nairobi, and Kisumu.

2. Enquiries will be made as to the existence of a branch of the Society at "Kismayu", it is however improbable that one exists, and I am of opinion that "Kismayu" in the correspondence should be "Kisumu".

3. The whole Sikh population of East Africa are members of this Society, the avowed objects of which are :-

- (1) To encourage social reforms, more particularly in respect of the caste system and the status of women.
- (2) To encourage physical culture.
- (3) To inculcate the principles of loyalty to the Crown.
- (4) To purify their religion.

4. Early in 1914 copies of the "Ghadr" newspaper began to circulate in this Protectorate, and orders were issued by His Excellency under Section 26 of the Post Office Act that all copies of this publication should be seized; this is done through the Post Office, and lists are submitted periodically from this office to His Excellency and orders are

are issued for the destruction of the paper, many thousands of copies of which have been destroyed. Some 200 to 250 copies of each weekly issue arrive in the Protectorate through the Post; it can however be stated with safety that few, if any, reach the addressees, amongst whom are numbered the Secretaries of the Siri Guru Singh Saba Society at Kilindini and Kisumu.

5. In May of this year the publisher of the paper addressed a letter from San Francisco, to a number of the persons to whom copies of the paper are addressed each week, stating that no news had been received from East Africa for a very considerable time, and that he would be glad to hear whether the paper was being received regularly; these letters were discovered through the medium of the Military Censorship, and it is improbable that any reached their destination.

6. As far as it has been possible to ascertain, it seems probable that no regular subscriptions are made to the Ghadr, although voluntary subscriptions are no doubt made and forwarded, and it is undoubtedly addressed to a number of persons who would not support a seditious paper but whose names appear to have been supplied to the publisher as persons of influence and standing in East Africa; it is more than probable that these lists were compiled and forwarded by Mehr Chand Puri, who was deported in March, 1915.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. K. NOTLEY,

The Private Secretary

Commissioner,

to H. E. the Governor,

E. A. Police.

Nairobi.

reply please quote the
following number:—

129845/W.I.S.G.S.

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WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.

5th October, 1918.

Dear Mr. Beckett,

We have received a copy of the despatch of the 19th August from the Governor of British East Africa to the Colonial Office, with which we forwarded a report regarding the SIRI GURU SINGH SABA SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the despatch the Governor acknowledges the receipt of a secret despatch of the 8th July on the subject of the Indian revolutionary movement in the United States. We have no copy of this secret despatch. If there is no objection, may we have a copy?

Yours sincerely,

Anders

For Lieut. Col. V. G. W. Kell.

Beckett, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

Downing Street,

31st October, 1916.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter 129845/M.O.S.G.S of October 28th to Mr Beckett, I enclose a copy of a despatch to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate referred to in his despatch regarding the Siri Guru Singh Saba Society. You will see that it was merely a despatch forwarding to him, for his observations, a copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Consul General at San Francisco.

Yours very truly,

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