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Last previous Paper.

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Canada

Circulation of Seditious Newspapers.

Prof B. Stomley

The papers have been seized and destroyed. The Govt does not state whether he has any info with regard to the circulation of the papers in Eld. in reply to the question at the end of our telegram. We may presume, I think, that he has none.

? to Dir. Dept. for Africa

Mr. Full
to Dir. Dept.

W. L. Lumbard W.F.D. 2.6.14

I think we can fully?

W.L. 2.6.14

This is very satisfactory:
a reply to it from Fiji, where they have seized the stuff and are awaiting orders. We should know like Canada what has happened in the various Colonies, but this could be done on some Canada papers?

Next subsequent Paper.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

5th May 1914.

SECRET.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your cypher telegram, dated March 19th, conveying information received from the Governor General of Canada that copies of a seditious Indian newspaper, known as Ghudar, had been despatched by post to a certain address in Nairobi.

2. The five packets mentioned in your telegram, which were addressed to the Secretary of the Arya Samaj, Nairobi, were seized on arrival of the mails at Mombasa, together with two additional packets, addressed to the Sikh Temple, Nairobi, which obviously emanated from the same source as the other packets and which proved to contain similar papers.

3. No claimant appears to have applied to the Post Office authorities for the delivery of any of these papers, and it is therefore possible that their arrival was not expected. For this reason I did not consider it expedient to have any translation made and so take the risk of leakage through the translator of any undesirable information.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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4. All the papers have been destroyed, and a certificate of their destruction is attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. Conway B. Esq.

GOVERNOR.

ENCLOSURE

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In Dispatch No. *sent of 5 May 1914*

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by fire seven packets containing alleged seditious literature, five of which were addressed to The Secretary, Arya Samaj, Nairobi, Uganda Railway, and two to The Sikh Temple, Nairobi, all of which were seized by the Post Office authorities acting on instructions issued by H.E. the Governor.

These packets arrived at Mombasa on March 20th in the mails from Europe via the ss Tabora, German East African Line.

J. N. Brett

Private Secretary

to His Excellency the Governor.

Government House,
Nairobi.

1st May, 1914.

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J. M. Brett

PRIVATE SECRETARY

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Government House,
Nairobi,

1st May 1914.