

REPORT OF EXECUTION OF DEPARTMENT DECISION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

15237/14-3

Port of San Francisco, California,

August 5, 1916

COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with Department decision No.* 54072/81

of July 17, 1916, the alien Bishen Singh

~~was~~ } departed via S. S. "Anjo Maru"

sailing July 30, 1916, and the alien

was } duly admitted

Respectfully,

(Name) _____

(Title) Commissioner.

LED.

Remarks: _____

* The above advice must cover but ONE CASE as originally submitted to the Department.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

July 22, 1916.

Mr. Joseph P. Fallon,
Attorney-at-law,
Hearst Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to the case of Bishen Singh, denied admission at this Port by a Board of Special Inquiry, I have to advise you, as attorney for this alien, that the Acting Secretary of Labor at Washington D.C. has affirmed the excluding decision of the Board and directed his deportation.

Respectfully,


Acting Commissioner.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
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July 17, 1916.



Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, California.

The Bureau acknowledges the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo , No.15287/14-3 , transmitting record on appeal in the case of Bishen Singh.

After carefully considering the evidence presented in the record, the Acting Secretary has affirmed the excluding decision of the board and directed deportation.

Arthur H. ...

Assistant Commissioner General.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 28, 1916.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record on appeal in the case of Bishen Singh, ex ss Tenyo Maru, June 1, 1916, excluded by a Board of Special Inquiry as a person likely to become a public charge.

This alien is thirty years of age, an East Indian and has but \$50.00 in his possession. He claims originally to have landed at this port in 1910 and to have departed for India in December, 1913; that while in this country he was engaged in doing ranch work and orange picking. Three ranchers of Tulare Co. have submitted affidavits and letters in his behalf, wherein they set forth that they have known him for a number of years, that he has been in their employ, that they always found him steady, reliable and industrious, that if admitted he can find a job at good wages and that there is a scarcity of good reliable help in the particular vicinity where these persons reside. It will be seen, however, from the affidavits and letters submitted, that these persons are all engaged in the orange growing business.

F. M. Pfrimmer, page 16 of the record, states that the applicant was employed by him during the months of March and April, prior to leaving for India. These months evidently

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refer to the orange picking season and it would appear that one could not earn sufficient during that period to sustain him the balance of the year, particularly when it is taken into consideration that the affiant states he paid the applicant four cents a box, while the applicant, page 8, states that he was paid five cents a box or twenty-five cents an hour for this work. On page 2 of the record the applicant states he worked in the Shanghai Jail, for which he received \$17.50 Chinese money, the equivalent in gold being about \$6.55.

The record shows that the alien is of a roving disposition and whatever employment he did seek or was engaged in was of the lowest menial type; that he has no relatives in this country, no property and while he may have some of his countrymen whom he lists as friends, certainly there is no one on whom he could call for assistance in the event that he became sick, disabled or out of employment. It is therefore recommended that the excluding decision be sustained. In the event deportation is directed this alien may be returned on either the 8th or 22d proximo.

JKS/RTF

Commissioner.

Incl. 48925.

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U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.
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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE.

Port of San Francisco, Cal. 6/3/16, 191

Commissioner of Immigration.

This is to certify that Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3, age 27

native of India, who was held for observation ~~arrived with~~ EYES

and who arrived 6/1/16, 191, per S. S. Tenyo Maru

has been released to-day.

WCB-JPH

WCB-JPH
Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

June 19-1916

Hon. Edward White
Commissioner of Immigration
Angel Island, Cal.

Dear Sir:

— I am Bishen Singh
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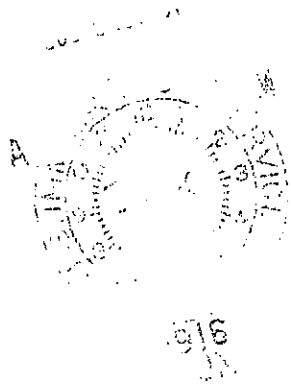
It is my purpose
to file several affidavits on
behalf of the above named
applicant, and would therefore
request an extension of time
of say one week in which
to do so.

Yours truly,

Joseph P. Fallon
Atty for Applicant

6/19/16
Recommend request be
granted. J.P.F.
Request granted 6/19/16
Edward White
Commissioner

Form 2579



San Francisco, Cal., *June 14*, 191*6*

Commissioner of Immigration,
Immigration Service,
Chief Inspector in Charge
Immigration Division

Sir:

have been employed to represent

Bishem Singh

No. *15287/14-3* ex S.F. *Jenys Marw*

191*6* who has applied for ad-

mission at this port as a *Native of India*

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Tallon
Attorney for Applicant.

Address *1018 Kearny Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.*
Telephone *Sutter 1353.*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 5, 1916.

No. 15287/RS-14-3.

A meeting of a
BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY
ANGEL ISLAND STATION
composed of

In the matter of
the application of

Bishen Singh

Ex. S.S. Tenyo Maru, #
June 1, 1916.
For admission to the
UNITED STATES

Inspector J. P. Lawler, Chairman
Inspector W. J. Nicholls
Inspector J. A. Robinson
Stenographer R T Fergusson
Interpreter in English

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Medical certificate Release

Held for SPECIAL INQUIRY by Inspector E A Burke as LPC

Alien sworn. States: My name is Bishen Singh, age 30, born in India; arrived at this port on the ss Tenyo Maru, on the first inst. from Shanghai, unaccompanied; married, wife Juala, lives in Raccapore, India. I have one girl a year and a half old living with my wife; I can read and write in Hindu; paid my own passage; occupation, farm laborer. I first arrived in the U S in 1910 June 18 at the port of San Francisco on the ss Siberia; I was examined at this station and admitted to the U S; I left the US 1913 Dec 31, on the ss Persia. Going to no particular place in the US; I have ten pounds English money (produces same)

Q What do you expect to do in the US if landed?

A Pick fruit on contract by the day.

Q When the fruit season is over what will you do?

A Work on ranches at Lindsay and pick oranges.

Q Have you ever picked oranges before? Yes

(Produces document on the letter head of the Dry Bog Orange Co. Porterville, Cal. signed by J. R. Firth: "This is to certify that Bishen Singh has worked for the company in the orange grove for a year or more and we have found him faithful and industrious and we therefore recommend him to any one who needs help in the agricultural line")

Q Have you any relatives in the US? A No

Q Have you any money in the bank in the US? No

Q Have you any money in the bank in India or Shanghai?

A No

Q Have you any friends in the US? A Yes, Saran Singh in

Fowler, Cal.

Q What does he do there? A He is a farmer; he has bought property there

Q What other friends have you? A I have two other friends besides him, Sowam Singh and Lao Singh.

Q Have you any other friends in the US besides these 3? No

Q Did you ever go to English school? A No

Q Where did you learn to speak English? A In Calif.

Q Have you any trade of any kind? A No, I only do labor work.

Q Who is supporting your wife? A My father in law and mother-in-law, with whom she lives

Q What have you been doing in India since 1913?

A Farming

Q Have you been working on a farm? A Yes

Q Whose farm? A My farm

Q Is it your land or your father's? A My land which I inherited from my father

Q How many acres in that land? A 10

Q Why didnt you stay there and work that land?

A I cant make a living for so many people on the ten acres in India, so I came to the US to earn more money

Q Then I understand that if you had this land alone you could make a living from it, but there being so many you cant?

A That is correct

Q What do you grow on that land? A Wheat.

Q Nothing else? A No

Q Have you passports? (Produces a document dated Shanghai Mar 23, 1916, with his photo. and thumb prints, showing that he was employed at the Shanghai Jail from Sep 8, 1915 to Mar 19, 1916 and that he was proceeding to India. Produces document dated June 19, 1915, bearing his thumb print, signed by the District Officer of Punjab, India, which states that he is a fit and proper person to be granted a passport)

Q When did you leave India? A Jul. 1915

Q Where did you go then? A To Shanghai and worked in the jail; then I came here

Q What wages did you receive in the jail in Shanghai?

A About \$17.50 Chinese money

Q Were you able to save any money? A \$3 or \$4 a month

Q Have you sent any money to your wife in India? since you last left? A No

Q Insp. Nicholls: Where did you get that money you have with you? A I have \$200 in the hands of my brother now in India

Q Have you got more than one wife? A Only one

Q Do you think a man should have more than one wife?

A Some rich man might have more.

Q Do you think it is all right to kill the President, or the King of England or any potentate? A Most of my people have gone to fight and are loyal to the kind of England

Q Why didnt you go to fight? A They didnt call me

Insp. Robinson: Do you believe in the Koran or Hindu bible?

A Yes (Produces button with the picture of Buddha on it, saying: "I will show you my Jesus")

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Q The Koran teaches that a man should have more than one wife, do you believe in that? A No.

Insp. Lawler: I wish to state that I had a talk with this man on the vessel on the day he arrived and I asked him at that time why he was coming to the U S and he stated he was coming to pick fruit and that if he could not find any job picking fruit he would take any kind of laboring work he could find

To applicant: Do you remember having a conversation with me on the deck of the boat on the day you arrived and that you told me you were coming to pick fruit? A Yes

Q Do you remember telling me at that time that if you could not find any job picking fruit you would do any kind of job of laboring work you could find? A Yes

Q Do you remember me asking you at that time if you had a passport? A I said I had one

Q Did you understand all the questions that have been put to you today? A Yes

Q What is the pleasure of the board?

Insp. Robinson: I move the alien be excluded as a person likely to become a public charge, for the reason that he has a small amount of money and the laboring conditions at the present time are such that I do not think he will be able to obtain employment

Insp. Nicholls: The alien before the board presents a very neat and clean appearance. This is not his first trip to the United States, he having been here from the year 1910 to the year 1913, and he has taken pains to acquire a fair knowledge of the English language. He has stated before the board that he was able to make a living during his former stay in the United States and there is nothing before the board to show that he will not do the same now. He is a farm laborer and fruit picker and will not go into the congested districts, but will probably go where labor is mostly needed. He has sufficient funds in all probability to last him until he can find employment. He has all the appearance of being as he represents himself and has also stated before the board that he has some countrymen, who have evidently sufficient funds to buy property in the U S, who will care for him and find him employment. He has presented a letter of recommendation from his former employers. There seemed to be nothing before the board to show why this man should be more excludable than a man of any other nationality. His whole statement before the board and his demeanor lead me to believe that it would be a great hardship for him to return to his native land. I cannot agree with the motion to exclude and I therefore dissent

Insp. Lawler: The applicant before the board from his own statement is coming to the U S to engage in laboring pursuits. He has no trade, has a limited amount of money; has no relatives in the U S and no employment in sight at the present time. While he states that he has 3 friends in the US engaged in farming, no evidence is before this board at the present time that these friends will furnish him employment if called upon.

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While the alien presents a neat appearance I am satisfied that he is coming to the US to engage in laboring work. For the above reasons I am of the opinion that he is a person likely to become a public charge if admitted.

Insp. Nicholls: to alien: Do you know how to read and write in Hindu? A Yes

Q Where did you learn that? A From my teacher

Q Who taught you? A My teacher in the Hindu language.

Q Have you ever been to school? A Yes, in Hindu.

Insp. Lawler: Did you ever go to a Hindu school? A Yes

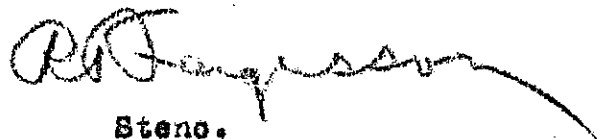
Q How long? A About 2 yrs

Chairman: It is the majority opinion of the board that you be excluded and ordered deported as a person likely to become a public charge, for the reason that you are a laborer coming to the US with no relatives in this country and a limited amount of money and no person whom you could call upon for assistance in case of need. If deported it will be at the expense of the steamship company that brought you. From this decision you have the right to appeal to the Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C., which will cost you nothing. Do you wish to appeal?

A I wish to appeal.

Q If the Secretary decides to land you under bond could you furnish such a bond? A Yes, my friends in Fresno can furnish it.

Above is correct transcript.



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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

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In the Matter of
Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3,
Tengo Maru, for admission
to the UNITED STATES.

Copy

Affidavit of J. P. Firth.

State of California,)
) ss.
County of Tulare.)

J. P. Firth being first duly sworn, deposes and says:-
That he is a member of the partnership doing business under the
firm name and style of the DRY BOG ORANGE COMPANY, PORTERVILLE,
CALIFORNIA; that said Company is engaged in the business of
growing oranges and is the owner of a large grove in the County
of Tulare, State of California; that affiant is well acquainted
with Bishen Singh, the person whose photograph is attached hereto;
that said Bishen Singh was employed by said DRY BOG ORANGE COM-
PANY in the year 1913, and said Bishen Singh proved himself to
be one of the most reliable, steady, trustworthy and industrious
men that said Company ever had in its employ; that said Bishen
Singh's services are needed in Tulare County, and that he can
always command a job at good wages; that there is a scarcity of
good reliable help in said county and it is difficult to get men
of the proved reliability and steadiness of character of Bishen
Singh; that your affiant will employ said Bishen Singh immedi-
ately upon his release from the custody of the Immigration Officials.
Wherefore, your affiant prays that said Bishen Singh
be released.

J. P. Firth

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23 day of June, 1916.

H. E. Ridgway
Notary Public in and for the County
of Tulare, State of California.

Photo of
Bishen Singh
taken at
Angel Island
Station

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.
IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

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In the Matter of
BISHEN SINGH, 15287/14-3.,
Tenyo Maru, for admission to
the United States.

Copy

AFFIDAVIT OF F. M. PFRIMMER.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Tulare.

F. M. Pfrimmer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:-That he is a member of the partnership doing business under the firm name and style of Pfrimmer Bros.; that said partnership is engaged in the cultivation of Citrus Nursery Stock, and its place of business is Lindsay, County of Tulare, State of California; that affiant is well acquainted with Bishen Singh the person whose photograph is attached hereto; that said Bishen Singh was employed by your affiant and was considered one of the very best men ever employed by the above named firm; that affiant will employ said Bishen Singh if released by the immigration authorities; that said Bishen Singh need never be out of work if permitted to return to Tulare County; that the fruit growers need such, industrious and reliable men as of the character of Bishen Singh.

Wherefore, affiant prays that said Bishen Singh be allowed to land.

F. M. Pfrimmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 26th day of June, 1916.

E. E. Ridgway

Notary Public in and for the County of
Tulare, State of California.

Photo of
Bishen Singh
taken at
Angel Island
Station

Lindsay, Cal., June 17, 1916.

To Whom it may Concern:-

This is to state that I have known Bishen Singh, a Hindoo, for the last seven years, and that I know him to be a sober and industrious man. Within the time I have known him he has worked for me and his work has always been satisfactory. I can heartily recommend Bishen Singh as a laborer and as a man.

J. E. Berndtson.

Porterville, Cal., June 16, 1916.

To Whom it may concern;-

Bishen Singh, a Hindoo who is now being detained by the Immigration Officials since his return to this Country, was in the employ of our Company, during the season of 1913. He worked for us several months and we regretted his leaving, for he proved to be one of the most reliable, steady, trustworthy, and industrious men that we have ever had in our employ. We sincerely hope that the authorities will see their way clear to allow him to return here, as we are sorely in need of just such faithful men, and can use him at any time on our Orange Grove, as he is an expert worker in that line.

Dry Bog Orange Co.

By-J.-P.-Fifth,-----

Lindsay, Cal., June 16, 1916.

To Whom it may concern:-

This is to certify that Bishen Singh was under our employ for a couple of years, during months of March, and April, prior to his leaving for India. He was always one of our best men, one that we could trust to do a day's work when our eye was off him.

We regret very much his detention by the Immigration Authorities as we are anxious to see him back in this neighborhood.

Bishen need never be out of work if allowed to return. His past record is sufficient for this firm to put him to work when in need of men.

Pfrimmer Bros.

By F. M. Pfrimmer.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 IMMIGRATION SERVICE
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 9, 1916.

No. 15287/14-3.

A meeting of a
 BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY
 ANGEL ISLAND STATION
 composed of

In the matter of
 the application of

 Bishen Singh

 Ex. S.S. Tenyo Maru, #
 June 1, 1916.
 For admission to the
 UNITED STATES

Inspector W. N. Swasey, Chairman
 Inspector E. A. Burke
 Inspector J A Robinson.
 Stenographer R T Fergusson
 Interpreter None

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Medical certificate

Release

Held for SPECIAL INQUIRY by Inspector

Burke.

as LPC

Alien sworn.

Chairman: This case is reopened by order of the Commissioner dated to-day for the purpose of covering the points which appear in the testimony which seem to be incomplete.
 To alien: Have you any documentary evidence to show you have ever been in the US before?
 A I presented a letter here before
 Q Have you anything else? A (Presents poll tax receipt, Tulare county, for the year 1913, which bears the name of Bishen Singh; presents a receipt for a registered letter dated Lindsay, Cal. Aug 14, 1913, which was issued to Bishen Singh for a letter addressed to Sundar Singh in Hongkong; presents a similar receipt dated June 12, 1912 for a registered letter to Bogga Singh, North Portland, Ore.)
 Q Have you any evidence to submit to show that you are the identical person known as Bishen Singh who resided at Lindsay and other places in the United States in the years 1912 and 1913? A No
 Q Have you any evidence to show that you lived here on the ss Persia on Dec. 31, 1913? A No.
 Q Previous to your coming to this station at this time were you ever here before? A Yes.
 Q What year? A 1910, June 18; I was here one night.
 Q How long were you at this station at that time?
 A One night.

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Q Did any interpreter talk to you at any time?

A That time the interpreter was a white man, a long fellow with a mustasche

Q What did you go to India for? A My brothers at home went into the cavalry and no man was at home and my sisters sent me a letter to come home

Q Who is Saran Singh? A My friend

Q Where does he live? A Fowler

Q What is his business? He is buying land

Q Does he own land? Yes

Q How much? A 20 acres

Q How much did he pay for it? \$4000

Q What is his post office address? A Fowler

Q Who is Sowan Singh? A A partner of Saran Singh; and a partner of Lao Singh, 3 men

Q All three men own the same piece of land? Yes

Q Have you any interest in any land in the US? No, I have no land here

Q When you were in the US the last time what did you do?

A Worked, driging team, pitch hay, pick fruit, set trees, pick corn, dig holes

Q When you went back to India how much money did you have?

A \$1200 Indian money; about \$400 American money

Q What do you expect to do if landed? A Sometimes pitch hay; pretty soon pick fruit; then onions and potatoes

Q Any work around a farm? Yes

Q Where will you look for that work? A Fowler, Fresno, Porterville, Visalia, any place

Q Do you know anybody who will give you work? A white man

Q What man? A Dry Bog Orange Co. Porterville for whom I worked before; I know Mr Benson in Lindsay; Mr Ford in Porterville

Q Since you were heard the other day have you written to anybody? A Yes

Q Who did you write to? A Saran Singh

Q At what place? A Fowler

My friend telephone to me yesterday from Stockton, but I dont know where he lives

Q Did you telephone to somebody in San Francisco the other day? A Yes, Tuesday to the Hindu temple in San Francisco for them to telephone to the Hindu temple in Stockton

Q While you were in the US did you ever have anybody work for you? A No, I always worked for some one else or alone

(Witness appears; sworn)

Q Do you appear now as a witness in behalf of the alien or just as an interpreter? A Just for interpreter.

Q Who is the man who came with you today? A Charn Singh.

Q What is your name? A Non Singh.

(Non Singh sew- sworn as interpreter)

Witness Charn Singh sworn.

Q What is your name? A Charn Singh.

Q How old are you? 29

Q Are you a citizen of England and an East Indian? Yes

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Q When did you first arrive in US? 1909

Q Have you lived here ever since? Yes

Q What is your business now? A I pick fruit now

Q Who did you work for last time? A In Fresno for Elsinora Co

Q What kind of work did you do for them? A Pick grapes

Q How much did they pay you? A \$2.50 a day; to the other men \$2.00

Q Why did they pay you 50% more than the other men?

A I employed the men for them

Q When was the last time you worked? Sep. last yr

Q What have you been doing since then? A Came here to the exposition; in the winter time we didnt get anything to do

Q Do you know a man by the name of Bishen Singh? Yes sir

Q Where is he? About 5 yrs ago I saw him in Lindsay.

Q Have you seen him since then? A Yes, only one time

Q Where was he that last time? A Same place

Q How long ago? A About 3 years and a half ago

Q Where? A In a small place near Lindsay.

Q What was he doing there? A I stayed only a couple of hours there; I came from Los Angeles and was only there a couple of hours and didnt ask him what he was doing

Q When you knew him 5 yrs ago what was his business?

A He had a contract

Q For what? A To pick fruit

Q Who did he have the contract with? A His name was some thing like Ford; he has a big farm

Q Where? A Statmore, near Lindsay.

Q Did you work there? Yes, I did

Q How long? A Only a month

Q Who paid you wages? A Bishen Singh.

Q How much did he pay you? A 4 ¢ a box

Q For picking what? A Navel oranges

Q Did he have any other men working for him? About 10 men

Q Did he pay all of them? A He paid me; I dont know about the others

Q Did he pay you all at one time or separate times?

A Only one time

Q How much money did he give you at that time? About \$50

Q Gold money? Yes

Q Did you ever work for him any other time? No

Q Did you hear any of these other men say who was going to pay them? No

Q Do you know anything more about Bishen Singh? No

Q Are you in any way under obligations to him now? No

Q Why did you come here today? A I had a letter from the Sikh temple in Stockton and he wrote to the preacher and asked if any friends knew him to come and see him; the preacher told me that Bishen Singh had come to San Francisco and wanted some body to see him, so I came
(Witness presents a bank book No. 303, which bears his name, address Clovis, First National Bank of Clovis, which bank book shows deposits therein amounting to \$360 on Feb 3, 1916, not subject to check)

Q Have you drawn any of this money? No

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Q Is that your bank book? Yes

(Presents bank book First National Bank of Lindsay, which bears his name, which is a commercial account, showing a deposit on June 3, 1916 of \$300 and one on June 5, 1916, of \$50)

Q Is that your bank book too? Yes

Q Have you drawn any of that money? No

Q If you have not been working since last fall how could you put \$350 in the bank this month? We are a party of 6 or 7 men who work together; sometimes we loan money to each other and I loaned some money to some of the men and they paid me back.

Q Did you ever loan any money to Bishen Singh? No

Q Did he ever loan you any money? A No

Q Do you know any thing more about him than you have stated?

A No.

(Alien brought into the room and the witness asked if he identifies him, answer answering in the affirmative)

Q Is that the man you have been talking about today? Yes

To alien: (after witness has left room)

Q Who was the man who was sitting in the same chair in which you sit now? A Charn Singh.

Q Where did you see him the last time before this?

A In Lindsay, Stockton, Fresno

Q What kind of work does he do? A Picks fruit, sometimes set trees. Q Did you ever work for him? I worked with him

Q Did he ever pay you any money? No

Q Did you ever give any any money? A No, he is all the same as I was; he worked for wages

Q Where did you work with him? A Fresno

Q Who was the boss? A A white man

Q What was his name? Different men

Q What kind of work? A Picking fruit

Q What kind of fruit? A Grapes, peaches, apricots

Q What kind of fruit did you both pick? A Grapes, peaches, wine grapes, muscats, sultanas, sometimes oranges.

Q When you picked oranges how much did you get paid?

A 5 ¢ a box, sometimes 25 ¢ an hour.

Q How long did this man, Charn Singh, work with you?

A Sometimes he goes, sometimes works with me; sometimes I go

Q Did you ever make a contract with a white man to pick fruit

A Yes

Q Where? A Fresno.

Q Who? J. K. Kennedy and sometimes other men

Q When you made a contract did you hire more men? A Some more men

Q Did you ever hire that man? A Yes

Q How much did you pay him? A He was paid by the box or tray

Q If you were landed now and could not find any work what would you do? A I can find work

Q If you cant find work what will you do? A My friends will give me money

Q What friends? A Charn Singh, Sowan Singh.

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Q Hindu friends? Yes. I am sure white men will give me work; they have known me a long time

Chairman: After discussion between the members of the board it is the unanimous opinion of the board that you be excluded and order deported as one likely to become a public charge. You are advised that you have the right to appeal from this decision; you are further advised that if deported it will be at the expense of the steamship company bringing you here. To appeal will cost you nothing; do you wish to appeal? A I wish to appeal.

Above is correct transcript.


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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

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In the Matter of
Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3,
Tenyo Maru, for admission
to the UNITED STATES.

To the Honorable Secretary of Labor:-

I present herewith certain affidavits of reputable employers of labor attesting the high character of the above named applicant and the certainty that employment will be immediately given to him upon his release. Certain written recommendations which were made and later incorporated in the said affidavits are also presented herewith. From a perusal of the record it appears that the alien is in the best of health and in the prime of manhood; that he has labored in California, and his former employers are anxious for him to return and resume that labor; that the condition of the labor market is such that there is a great demand for such a competent workman as this applicant has in the past proven himself to be; and that the wages he can command at said labor will amply meet all of his demands and insure against his becoming a public charge.

From his statements it appears that he has money with him, as much if not more than the ordinary immigrant usually possesses on his entry into this country and at least ample to meet all his needs.

He has a job awaiting him at Porterville, California, and it would seem under the circumstances that he should be allowed to proceed to the place and go to work. He states that at the present time in India and other British possessions grave political agitations are taking place which are fraught with grave danger for the Hindoo returning from America. It is presumed by the authorities of the said places that every Hindoo who has lived for any length of time in free America becomes imbued with the spirit of her free institutions, and as a consequence is nothing more than a revolutionist and is treated accordingly. He therefore asks that this phase of his case be duly considered on this appeal.

There is in this record of the testimony absolutely nothing of an affirmative nature presented against this man, and on the other hand there is ample evidence to show that he has been in this country before and that he labored here; that he is well liked, that he can secure immediate and steady employment at good wages; that he has money in his possession, and that he is in good health, and above all that he is a competent and faithful workman of fine character and is really needed in this part of the country on account of the scarcity of good and competent help.

As a matter of law the Board of Special Inquiry cannot arbitrarily deny this man admission on a mere conjecture or suspicion not founded upon something of an affirmative and substantial character. This they have done and were evidently actuated in their deliberations by a spirit of prejudice.

The alien stands ready and his friends who are numerous are likewise ready to put up a bond as provided by Section 26 of the Immigration Act of February 20, 1907, and as subsequently amended, to insure against his becoming a public charge.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I am,

Yours truly,

*Joseph P. Fallon,
Attorney for Applicant.*

REPORT OF EXECUTION OF DEPARTMENT DECISION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

15287/14-3

Port of San Francisco, California,

August 5, 1916

COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with Department decision No.* 54072/81
of July 17, 1916, the alien Bishen Singh

~~was~~ } departed via S. S. "Anyo Maru"
sailing July 30, 1916, and the alien

~~was~~ } duly admitted

Respectfully,

(Name) _____

(Title) Commissioner.

LED.

Remarks: _____

* The above advice must cover but ONE CASE as originally submitted to the Department.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

15287/14-3

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

July 22, 1916.

Mr. Joseph P. Fallon,
Attorney-at-law,
Hearst Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to the case of Bishen Singh, denied admission at this Port by a Board of Special Inquiry, I have to advise you, as attorney for this alien, that the Acting Secretary of Labor at Washington D.C. has affirmed the excluding decision of the Board and directed his deportation.

Respectfully,


Acting Commissioner.

JXS/RTF

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

15287/14-3.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 28, 1916.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record on appeal in the case of Bishen Singh, ex ss Tenyo Maru, June 1, 1916, excluded by a Board of Special Inquiry as a person likely to become a public charge.

This alien is thirty years of age, an East Indian and has but \$50.00 in his possession. He claims originally to have landed at this port in 1910 and to have departed for India in December, 1913; that while in this country he was engaged in doing ranch work and orange picking. Three ranchers of Tulare Co. have submitted affidavits and letters in his behalf, wherein they set forth that they have known him for a number of years, that he has been in their employ, that they always found him steady, reliable and industrious, that if admitted he can find a job at good wages and that there is a scarcity of good reliable help in the particular vicinity where these persons reside. It will be seen, however, from the affidavits and letters submitted, that these persons are all engaged in the orange growing business.

F. M. Pfrimmer, page 16 of the record, states that the applicant was employed by him during the months of March and April, prior to leaving for India. These months evidently

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refer to the orange picking season and it would appear that one could not earn sufficient during that period to sustain him the balance of the year, particularly when it is taken into consideration that the affiant states he paid the applicant four cents a box, while the applicant, page 8, states that he was paid five cents a box or twenty-five cents an hour for this work. On page 2 of the record the applicant states he worked in the Shanghai Jail, for which he received \$17.50 Chinese money, the equivalent in gold being about \$6.55.

The record shows that the alien is of a roving disposition and whatever employment he did seek or was engaged in was of the lowest menial type; that he has no relatives in this country, no property and while he may have some of his countrymen whom he lists as friends, certainly there is no one on whom he could call for assistance in the event that he became sick, disabled or out of employment. It is therefore recommended that the excluding decision be sustained. In the event deportation is directed this alien may be returned on either the 8th or 22d proximo.

JKS/RTF

Commissioner.

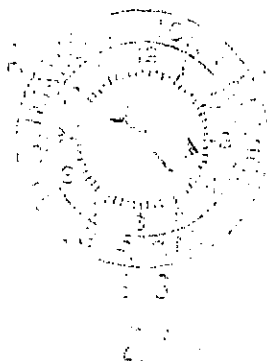
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BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
WASHINGTON

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July 17, 1916.



Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, California.

The Bureau acknowledges the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo , No. 15287/14-3 , transmitting record on appeal in the case of Bishen Singh.

After carefully considering the evidence presented in the record, the Acting Secretary has affirmed the excluding decision of the board and directed deportation.

Assistant Commissioner General.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.
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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE.

Port of San Francisco, Cal. 6/3/16, 191

Commissioner of Immigration.

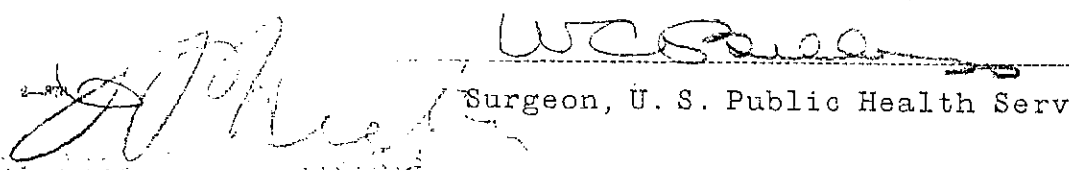
This is to certify that Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3, age 27

native of India, Held for observation
who was ~~arrived~~ EYES

and who arrived 6/1/16, 191, per S. S. Tenyo Maru

has been released to-day.

WCB-JPH


Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

June 19-1916

Hon. Edward White
Commissioner of Immigration,
Angel Island, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In re Bishen Singh
15287- 14/3 Singh & Manu

It is my purpose
to file several affidavits on
behalf of the above named
applicant, and would therefore
request an extension of time
of say one week in which
to do so.

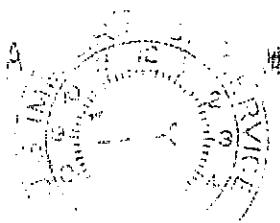
Yours truly,

Joseph P. Fallon
Att'y for Applicant

6/19/16
Recommend request be
granted. J.P.F.

Request granted 6/19/16

Edward White
Commissioner



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Form 2572

San Francisco, California.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Angel Island Station,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I respectfully request that the stenographer in the case furnish me with a copy of the minutes in the hearing in the case of Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3.

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Fallon,
Attorney.

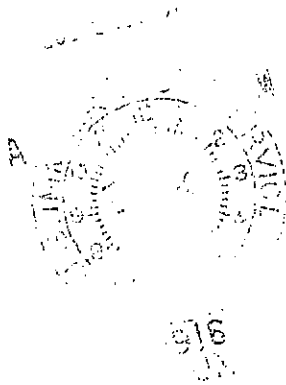
San Francisco, Calif.,

June 14th 1916

I hereby acknowledge receipt of 9 pages of testimony in above entitled case, consisting of pages to pages inclusive, and

Attorney.

Form 2579



San Francisco, Cal., *June 14*, 191*6*

Commissioner of Immigration,
Immigration Service,
Inspector in Charge
(Immigration Division)

Sir:

have been employed to represent

Bisham Singh

No. *15287/14-3* ex S.P. *Jenys Masw*

191*6* who has applied for ad-

mission at this port as a *Native of India*

Respectfully,

Joseph C. Fallon
Attorney for Applicant.

Address *1018 Hearst Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.*
Telephone *Futter 1353.*

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

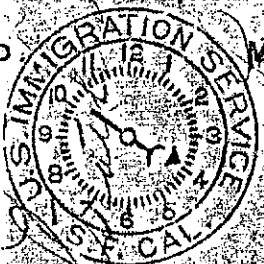


GEORGE W. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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SEND the following Telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

John Fort, Belmont
John Fort, Belmont
Belmont length never held by you.



worked for me about 2 or 3 years ago
have written for my boy Orange Co. by J.B. Smith

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 5, 1916.

No. 15287/~~29-33~~ 14-3.

A meeting of a
BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY
ANGEL ISLAND STATION
composed of

In the matter of
the application of

Bishen Singh

Ex. S.S. Tenyo Maru, #
June 1, 1916.
For admission to the
UNITED STATES

Inspector J. P. Lawler, Chairman
Inspector W. J. Nicholls
Inspector J. A. Robinson
Stenographer R T Fergusson
Interpreter in English

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Medical certificate Release
Held for SPECIAL INQUIRY by Inspector E A Burke as LPC

Alien sworn. States: My name is Bishen Singh, age 30, born in India; arrived at this port on the ss Tenyo Maru, on the first inst. from Shanghai, unaccompanied; married, wife Juala, lives in Raccapore, India. I have one girl a year and a half old living with my wife; I can read and write in Hindu; paid my own passage; occupation, farm laborer. I first arrived in the U S in 1910 June 18 at the port of San Francisco on the ss Siberia; I was examined at this station and admitted to the U S; I left the US 1913 Dec 31, on the ss Persia. Going to no particular place in the US; I have ten pounds English money (produces same)

Q What do you expect to do in the US if landed?

A Pick fruit on contract by the day.

Q When the fruit season is over what will you do?

A Work on ranches at Lindsay and pick oranges.

Q Have you ever picked oranges before? Yes

(Produces document on the letter head of the Dry Bog Orange Co. Porterville, Cal. signed by J. R. Firth: "This is to certify that Bishen Singh has worked for the company in the orange grove for a year or more and we have found him faithful and industrious and we therefore recommend him to any one who needs help in the agricultural line")

Q Have you any relatives in the US? A No

Q Have you any money in the bank in the US? No

Q Have you any money in the bank in India or Shanghai?

A No

Q Have you any friends in the US? A Yes, Saran Singh in

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Fowler, Cal.

Q What does he do there? A He is a farmer; he has bought property there

Q What other friends have you? A I have two other friends besides him, Sowan Singh and Lao Singh.

Q Have you any other friends in the US besides these 3? No

Q Did you ever go to English school? A No

Q Where did you learn to speak English? A In Calif.

Q Have you any trade of any kind? A No, I only do labor work.

Q Who is supporting your wife? A My father in law and mother-in-law, with whom she lives

Q What have you been doing in India since 1913?

A Farming

Q Have you been working on a farm? A Yes

Q Whose farm? A My farm

Q Is it your land or your father's? A My land which I inherited from my father

Q How many acres in that land? A 10

Q Why didnt you stay there and work that land?

A I cant make a living for so many people on the ten acres in India, so I came to the US to earn more money

Q Then I understand that if you had this land alone you could make a living from it, but there being so many you cant?

A That is correct

Q What do you grow on that land? A Wheat.

Q Nothing else? A No

Q Have you passports? (Produces a document dated Shanghai Mar 23, 1916, with his photo. and thumb prints, showing that he was employed at the Shanghai Jail from Sep 8, 1915 to Mar 19, 1916 and that he was proceeding to India. Produces document dated June 19, 1915, bearing his thumb print, signed by the District Officer of Punjab, India, which states that he is a fit and proper person to be granted a passport)

Q When did you leave India? A Jul. 1915

Q Where did you go then? A To Shanghai and worked in the jail; then I came here

Q What wages did you receive in the jail in Shanghai?

A About \$17.50 Chinese money

Q Were you able to save any money? A \$3 or \$4 a month

Q Have you sent any money to your wife in India? since you last left? A No

Q Insp. Nicholls: Where did you get that money you have with you? A I have \$200 in the hands of my brother now in India

Q Have you got more than one wife? A Only one

Q Do you think a man should have more than one wife?

A Some rich man might have more.

Q Do you think it is all right to kill the President, or the King of England or any potentate? A Most of my people have gone to fight and are loyal to the kind of England

Q Why didnt you go to fight? A They didnt call me

Insp. Robinson: Do you believe in the Koran or Hindu bible?

A Yes (Produces button with the picture of Buddha on it.)

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Q The Koran teaches that a man should have more than one wife, do you believe in that? A No.

Insp. Lawler: I wish to state that I had a talk with this man on the vessel on the day he arrived and I asked him at that time why he was coming to the U S and he stated he was coming to pick fruit and that if he could not find any job picking fruit he would take any kind of laboring work he could find

To applicant: Do you remember having a conversation with me on the deck of the boat on the day you arrived and that you told me you were coming to pick fruit? A Yes

Q Do you remember telling me at that time that if you could not find any job picking fruit you would do any kind of job of laboring work you could find? A Yes

Q Do you remember me asking you at that time if you had a passport? A I said I had one

Q Did you understand all the questions that have been put to you today? A Yes

Q What is the pleasure of the board?

Insp. Robinson: I move the alien be excluded as a person likely to become a public charge, for the reason that he has a small amount of money and the laboring conditions at the present time are such that I do not think he will be able to obtain employment

Insp. Nicholls: The alien before the board presents a very neat and clean appearance. This is not his first trip to the United States, he having been here from the year 1910 to the year 1913, and he has taken pains to acquire a fair knowledge of the English language. He has stated before the board that he was able to make a living during his former stay in the United States and there is nothing before the board to show that he will not do the same now. He is a farm laborer and fruit picker and will not go into the congested districts, but will probably go where labor is mostly needed. He has sufficient funds in all probability to last him until he can find employment. He has all the appearance of being as he represents himself and has also stated before the board that he has some countrymen, who have evidently sufficient funds to buy property in the U S, who will care for him and find him employment. He has presented a letter of recommendation from his former employers. There seemed to be nothing before the board to show why this man should be more excludable than a man of any other nationality. His whole statement before the board and his demeanor lead me to believe that it would be a great hardship for him to return to his native land. I cannot agree with the motion to exclude and I therefore dissent

Insp. Lawler: The applicant before the board from his own statement is coming to the U S to engage in laboring pursuits. He has no trade, has a limited amount of money; has no relatives in the U S and no employment in sight at the present time. While he states that he has 3 friends in the US engaged in farming, no evidence is before this board at the present time that these friends will furnish him employment if called upon.

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While the alien presents a neat appearance I am satisfied that he is coming to the US to engage in laboring work. For the above reasons I am of the opinion that he is a person likely to become a public charge if admitted.

Insp. Michells: to alien: Do you know how to read and write in Hindu? A Yes

Q Where did you learn that? A From my teacher

Q Who taught you? A My teacher in the Hindu language.

Q Have you ever been to school? A Yes, in Hindu.

Insp. Lawler: Did you ever go to a Hindu school? A Yes

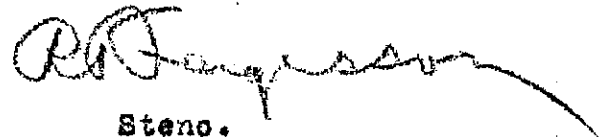
Q How long? A About 2 yrs

Chairman: It is the majority opinion of the board that you be excluded and ordered deported as a person likely to become a public charge, for the reason that you are a laborer coming to the US with no relatives in this country and a limited amount of money and no person whom you could call upon for assistance in case of need. If deported it will be at the expense of the steamship company that brought you. From this decision you have the right to appeal to the Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C., which will cost you nothing. Do you wish to appeal?

A I wish to appeal.

Q If the Secretary decides to land you under bond could you furnish such a bond? A Yes, my friends in Fresno can furnish it.

Above is correct transcript.



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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

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In the Matter of
Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3,
Tengo Maru, for admission
to the UNITED STATES.

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Affidavit of J. P. Firth.

State of California,)
) ss.
County of Tulare.)

J. P. Firth being first duly sworn, deposes and says:-
That he is a member of the partnership doing business under the
firm name and style of the DRY BOG ORANGE COMPANY, PORTERVILLE,
CALIFORNIA; that said Company is engaged in the business of
growing oranges and is the owner of a large grove in the County
of Tulare, State of California; that affiant is well acquainted
with Bishen Singh, the person whose photograph is attached hereto;
that said Bishen Singh was employed by said DRY BOG ORANGE COM-
PANY in the year 1913, and said Bishen Singh proved himself to
be one of the most reliable, steady, trustworthy and industrious
men that said Company ever had in its employ; that said Bishen
Singh's services are needed in Tulare County, and that he can
always command a job at good wages; that there is a scarcity of
good reliable help in said county and it is difficult to get men
of the proved reliability and steadiness of character of Bishen
Singh; that your affiant will employ said Bishen Singh immedi-
ately upon his release from the custody of the Immigration Officials.

Wherefore, your affiant prays that said Bishen Singh
be released.

J. P. Firth

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23 day of June, 1916.

H. E. Ridgway
Notary Public in and for the County
of Tulare, State of California.

Photo of
Bishen Singh
taken at
Angel Island
Station

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

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In the Matter of
Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3,
Twnyo Maru, for admission to
the United States.

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AFFIDAVIT OF J.E. BERNDTSON.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
) SS.
County of Tulare.)

J. E. BERNDTSON, being first duly sworn, deposes and says;-That affiant is engaged in the business of growing oranges in the County of Tulare, State of California; that the person whose photograph is attached hereto is well known to your affiant as Bishen Singh; that your affiant has known Bishen Singh for a period of seven years; that affiant has employed said Bishen Singh in his orange grove and always found him to be a steady, reliable and industrious man; that affiant can heartily recommend said Bishen Singh both as a workman and as a man of fine character; that the fruit growers of said Tulare County need such men as Bishen Singh; that said Bishen Singh can command steady employment at good wages all the year in said Tulare County; that your affiant will employ said Bishen Singh upon his release by the Department of Labor; that it is your affiant's opinion that said Bishen Singh will never become a public charge.

Wherefore, your affiant prays that said Bishen Singh be allowed his liberty.

J. E. Berndtson

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23 day of June, 1916.

J. E. Ridgway

Notary Public in and for the County of
Tulare, State of California.

Photo of
Bishen Singh
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Angus Island
Station

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In the Matter of
BISHEN SINGH, 15287/14-3.,
Tenyo Maru, for admission to
the United States.

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AFFIDAVIT OF F. M. PFRIMMER.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of Tulare.

F. M. Pfrimmer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:-That he is a member of the partnership doing business under the firm name and style of Pfrimmer Bros.; that said partnership is engaged in the cultivation of Citrus Nursery Stock, and its place of business is Lindsay, County of Tulare, State of California; that affiant is well acquainted with Bishen Singh the person whose photograph is attached hereto; that said Bishen Singh was employed by your affiant and was considered one of the very best men ever employed by the above named firm; that affiant will employ said Bishen Singh if released by the immigration authorities; that said Bishen Singh need never be out of work if permitted to return to Tulare County; that the fruit growers need such, industrious and reliable men as of the character of Bishen Singh.

Wherefore, affiant prays that said Bishen Singh be allowed to land.

F. M. Pfrimmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of June, 1916.

E. E. Ridgway

Notary Public in and for the County of
Tulare, State of California.

Photo of
Bishen Singh
taken at
Angel Island
Station

Lindsay, Cal., June 17, 1916.

To Whom it may Concern:-

This is to state that I have known Bishen Singh, a Hindoo, for the last seven years, and that I know him to be a sober and industrious man. Within the time I have known him he has worked for me and his work has always been satisfactory. I can heartily recommend Bishen Singh as a laborer and as a man.

J. E. Berndtson.

Porterville, Cal., June 16, 1916.

To Whom it may concern;-

Bishen Singh, a Hindoo who is now being detained by the Immigration Officials since his return to this Country, was in the employ of our Company, during the season of 1913. He worked for us several months and we regretted his leaving, for he proved to be one of the most reliable, steady, trustworthy, and industrious men that we have ever had in our employ. We sincerely hope that the authorities will see their way clear to allow him to return here, as we are sorely in need of just such faithful men, and can use him at any time on our Orange Grove, as he is an expert worker in that line.

Dry Bog Orange Co.

By-J.-P.-Fifth.-----

Lindsay, Cal., June 16, 1916.

To Whom it may concern:-

This is to certify that Bishen Singh was under our employ for a couple of years, during months of March, and April, prior to his leaving for India. He was always one of our best men, one that we could trust to do a day's work when our eye was off him.

We regret very much his detention by the Immigration Authorities as we are anxious to see him back in this neighborhood.

Bishen need never be out of work if allowed to return. His past record is sufficient for this firm to put him to work when in need of men.

Pfrimmer Bros.

By F. M. Pfrimmer.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 9, 1916.

No. 15287/14-3.

A meeting of a
BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY
ANGEL ISLAND STATION
composed of

In the matter of
the application of

Bishen Singh

Ex. S.S. Tenyo Maru, #
June 1, 1916.
For admission to the
UNITED STATES

Inspector W. N. Swasey, Chairman
Inspector E. A. Burke
Inspector J A Robinson.
Stenographer R T Fergusson
Interpreter None

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Medical certificate

Release

Held for SPECIAL INQUIRY by Inspector

Burke.

as LPC

Alien sworn.

Chairman: This case is reopened by order of the Commissioner dated to-day for the purpose of covering the points which appear in the testimony which seem to be incomplete.

To alien: Have you any documentary evidence to show you have ever been in the US before?

A I presented a letter here before

Q Have you anything else? A (Presents poll tax receipt, Tulare county, for the year 1913, which bears the name of Bishen Singh; presents a receipt for a registered letter dated Lindsay, Cal. Aug 14, 1913, which was issued to Bishen Singh for a letter addressed to Sundar Singh in Hongkong; presents a similar receipt dated June 12, 1912 for a registered letter to Bogga Singh, North Portland, Ore.)

Q Have you any evidence to submit to show that you are the identical person known as Bishen Singh who resided at Lindsay and other places in the United States in the years 1912 and 1913? A No

Q Have you any evidence to show that you lived here on the ss Persia on Dec. 31, 1913? A No.

Q Previous to your coming to this station at this time were you ever here before? A Yes.

Q What year? A 1910, June 18; I was here one night.

Q How long were you at this station at that time?

A One night.

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Q Did any interpreter talk to you at any time?

A That time the interpreter was a white man, a long fellow with a mustasche

Q What did you go to India for? A My brothers at home went into the cavalry and no man was at home and my sisters sent me a letter to come home

Q Who is Saran Singh? A My friend

Q Where does he live? A Fowler

Q What is his business? He is buying land

Q Does he own land? Yes

Q How much? A 20 acres

Q How much did he pay for it? \$4000

Q What is his post office address? A Fowler

Q Who is Sowan Singh? A A partner of Saran Singh; and a partner of Lao Singh, 3 men

Q All three men own the same piece of land? Yes

Q Have you any interest in any land in the US? No, I have no land here

Q When you were in the US the last time what did you do?

A Worked, driging team, pitch hay, pick fruit, set trees, pick corn, dig holes

Q When you went back to India how much money did you have?

A \$1200 Indian money; about \$400 American money

Q What do you expect to do if landed? A Sometimes pitch hay; pretty soon pick fruit; then onions and potatoes

Q Any work around a farm? Yes

Q Where will you look for that work? A Fowler, Fresno, Porterville, Visalia, any place

Q Do you know anybody who will give you work? A white man

Q What man? A Dry Bog Orange Co. Porterville for whom I worked before; I know Mr Benson in Lindsay; Mr Ford in Porterville

Q Since you were heard the other day have you written to anybody? A Yes

Q Who did you write to? A Saran Singh

Q At what place? A Fowler

My friend telephone to me yesterday from Stockton, but I dont know where he lives

Q Did you telephone to somebody in San Francisco the other day? A Yes, Tuesday to the Hindu temple in San Francisco for them to telephone to the Hindu temple in Stockton

Q While you were in the US did you ever have anybody work for you? A No, I always worked for some one else or alone
(Witness appears; sworn)

Q Do you appear now as a witness in behalf of the alien or just as an interpreter? A Just for interpreter.

Q Who is the man who came with you today? A Charn Singh.

Q What is your name? A Non Singh.

(Non Singh sew- sworn as interpreter)

Witness Charn Singh sworn.

Q What is your name? A Charn Singh.

Q How old are you? 29

Q Are you a citizen of England and an East Indian? Yes

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Q When did you first arrive in US? 1909

Q Have you lived here ever since? Yes

Q What is your business now? A I pick fruit now

Q Who did you work for last time? A In Fresno for Elsinora Co

Q What kind of work did you do for them? A Pick grapes

Q How much did they pay you? A \$2.50 a day; to the other men \$2.00

Q Why did they pay you 50% more than the other men?

A I employed the men for them

Q When was the last time you worked? Sep. last yr

Q What have you been doing since then? A Came here to the exposition; in the winter time we didnt get anything to do

Q Do you know a man by the name of Bishen Singh? Yes sir

Q Where is he? About 5 yrs ago I saw him in Lindsay.

Q Have you seen him since then? A Yes, only one time

Q Where was he that last time? A Same place

Q How long ago? A About 3 years and a half ago

Q Where? A In a small place near Lindsay.

Q What was he doing there? A I stayed only a couple of hours there; I came from Los Angeles and was only there a couple of hours and didnt ask him what he was doing

Q When you knew him 5 yrs ago what was his business?

A He had a contract

Q For what? A To pick fruit

Q Who did he have the contract with? A His name was some thing like Ford; he has a big farm

Q Where? A Statmore, near Lindsay.

Q Did you work there? Yes, I did

Q How long? A Only a month

Q Who paid you wages? A Bishen Singh.

Q How much did he pay you? A 4 ¢ a box

Q For picking what? A Navel oranges

Q Did he have any other men working for him? About 10 men

Q Did he pay all of them? A He paid me; I dont know about the others

Q Did he pay you all at one time or separate times?

A Only one time

Q How much money did he give you at that time? About \$50

Q Gold money? Yes

Q Did you ever work for him any other time? No

Q Did you hear any of these other men say who was going to pay them? No

Q Do you know anything more about Bishen Singh? No

Q Are you in any way under obligations to him now? No

Q Why did you come here today? A I had a letter from the Sikh temple in Stockton and he wrote to the preacher and asked if any friends knew him to come and see him; the preacher told me that Bishen Singh had come to San Francisco and wanted some body to see him, so I came
(Witness presents a bank book No. 303, which bears his name, address Clovis, First National Bank of Clovis, which bank book shows deposits therein amounting to \$360 on Feb 3, 1916, not subject to check)

Q Have you drawn any of this money? No

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Q Is that your bank book? Yes

(Presents bank book First National Bank of Lindsay, which bears his name, which is a commercial account, showing a deposit on June 3, 1916 of \$300 and one on June 5, 1916, of \$50)

Q Is that your bank book too? Yes

Q Have you drawn any of that money? No

Q If you have not been working since last fall how could you put \$350 in the bank this month? We are a party of 6 or 7 men who work together; sometimes we loan money to each other and I loaned some money to some of the men and they paid me back.

Q Did you ever loan any money to Bishen Singh? No

Q Did he ever loan you any money? A No

Q Do you know any thing more about him than you have stated?

A No.

(Alien brought into the room and the witness asked if he identifies him, answer answering in the affirmative)

Q Is that the man you have been talking about today? Yes

To alien: (after witness has left room)

Q Who was the man who was sitting in the same chair in which you sit now? A Charn Singh.

Q Where did you see him the last time before this?

A In Lindsay, Stockton, Fresno

Q What kind of work does he do? A Picks fruit, sometimes set trees. Q Did you ever work for him? I worked with him

Q Did he ever pay you any money? No

Q Did you ever give any any money? A No, he is all the same as I was; he worked for wages

Q Where did you work with him? A Fresno

Q Who was the boss? A A white man

Q What was his name? Different men

Q What kind of work? A Picking fruit

Q What kind of fruit? A Grapes, peaches, apricots

Q What kind of fruit did you both pick? A Grapes, peaches, wine grapes, muscats, sultanas, sometimes oranges.

Q When you picked oranges how much did you get paid?

A 5 ¢ a box, sometimes 25 ¢ an hour.

Q How long did this man, Charn Singh, work with you?

A Sometimes he goes, sometimes works with me; sometimes I go

Q Did you ever make a contract with a white man to pick fruit

A Yes

Q Where? A Fresno.

Q Who? J. K. Kennedy and sometimes other men

Q When you made a contract did you hire more men? A Some more men

Q Did you ever hire that man? A Yes

Q How much did you pay him? A He was paid by the box or tray

Q If you were landed now and could not find any work what would you do? A I can find work

Q If you cant find work what will you do? A My friends will give me money

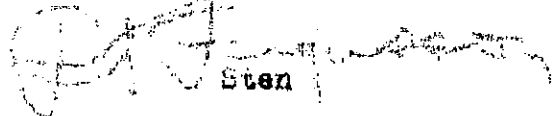
Q What friends? A Charn Singh, Sewan Singh.

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Q Hindu friends? Yes. I am sure white men will give me work; they have known me a long time

Chairman: After discussion between the members of the board it is the unanimous opinion of the board that you be excluded and order deported as one likely to become a public charge. You are advised that you have the right to appeal from this decision; you are further advised that if deported it will be at the expense of the steamship company bringing you here. To appeal will cost you nothing; do you wish to appeal? A I wish to appeal.

Above is correct transcript.


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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

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In the Matter of
Bishen Singh, 15287/14-3,
Tenyo Maru, for admission
to the UNITED STATES.

To the Honorable Secretary of Labor:-

I present herewith certain affidavits of reputable employers of labor attesting the high character of the above named applicant and the certainty that employment will be immediately given to him upon his release. Certain written recommendations which were made and later incorporated in the said affidavits are also presented herewith. From a perusal of the record it appears that the alien is in the best of health and in the prime of manhood; that he has labored in California, and his former employers are anxious for him to return and resume that labor; that the condition of the labor market is such that there is a great demand for such a competent workman as this applicant has in the past proven himself to be; and that the wages he can command at said labor will amply meet all of his demands and insure against his becoming a public charge.

From his statements it appears that he has money with him, as much if not more than the ordinary immigrant usually possesses on his entry into this country and at least ample to meet all his needs.

He has a job awaiting him at Porterville, California, and it would seem under the circumstances that he should be allowed to proceed to the place and go to work. He states that at the present time in India and other British possessions grave political agitations are taking place which are fraught with grave danger for the Hindoo returning from America. It is presumed by the authorities of the said places that every Hindoo who has lived for any length of time in free America becomes imbued with the spirit of her free institutions, and as a consequence is nothing more than a revolutionist and is treated accordingly. He therefore asks that this phase of his case be duly considered on this appeal.

There is in this record of the testimony absolutely nothing of an affirmative nature presented against this man, and on the other hand there is ample evidence to show that he has been in this country before and that he labored here; that he is well liked, that he can secure immediate and steady employment at good wages; that he has money in his possession, and that he is in good health, and above all that he is a competent and faithful workman of fine character and is really needed in this part of the country on account of the scarcity of good and competent help.

As a matter of law the Board of Special Inquiry cannot arbitrarily deny this man admission on a mere conjecture or suspicion not founded upon something of an affirmative and substantial character. This they have done and were evidently actuated in their deliberations by a spirit of prejudice.

The alien stands ready and his friends who are numerous are likewise ready to put up a bond as provided by Section 26 of the Immigration Act of February 20, 1907, and as subsequently amended, to insure against his becoming a public charge.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I am,

Yours truly,

*Joseph P. Fallon,
Attorney for Applicant.*