

HINDUS STILL HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Counsel for New Arrivals Wants Them Dismissed Until Privy Council Decision Has Been Obtained.

Police Magistrate Williams to-day refused bail to any of the fifteen Hindus held under the authority of section 4 of the Natal Act. Application was made by counsel for the Orientals, Mr. E. B. Ross, on the ground that two or three of them wanted to be out in order to facilitate the preparation of their case, which will be heard by the police magistrate to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. A. D. Taylor, representing the provincial Government, opposed the application for bail, and quoted sections of the act as his authority.

Mr. Ross objected, arguing that the act was not valid, but the magistrate overruled his objection. Mr. D. G. Marshall was present to look after the interests of the C. P. R. in the case.

The fifteen Hindus presented an interesting spectacle in court, with their many-colored turbans and their variety of dress. They were in charge of Provincial Officers[Sic] Munro and Wynn.

Mr. Ross told the court that it was his intention to oppose the act on the ground that the province had no authority to prohibit British subjects going from one part of the Empire to another. The act was to be reviewed before the Privy Council, and for that reason the Hindus should be dismissed immediately. Not until the decision of the Privy Council was handed out could they proceed under the provisions of the act.

The Magistrate--The question is whether or not the act is on review before the Privy Council? If it is, it is only in relation to the Japanese.

Mr. Ross--I can submit authorities for my side of he[Sic] case.

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When the question of bail had been considered the court made a significant statement that he did not believe he had the authority to release any of the prisoners in view of the provisions of the act.