

"One or two circumstantial details of the financial transaction may be given to the public within a day or two. I am glad the delegates were loyal to the trust reposed in them. The sum offered them would have made each of them independent for life. But the divine spirit animated them—that's why they spurned the offer," concluded the professor with a mystical smile.

A CHANGE OF FRONT.

I beg to call attention to the complete change of front regarding the bribe charge. When the announcement was made in the papers it was very specific. It said:

Three thousand dollars in greenbacks was offered the Hindu delegates as a bribe for a favourable report on Honduras.

Both delegates were said to have told the bribe story.

The bribe was alleged to have been offered at Tancret (Stann Creek). They were told that they could keep the money if they made a favourable report.

They took the money bag and found it contained \$3,000 in bills.

When forced by my letters to give a statement regarding this matter, what happens?

1. The scene of the alleged bribe is transferred from Stann Creek which is in the south of the colony, and where I was with the party, to Orange Walk, which is in the north of the colony, and where the interpreter was alone with the delegates. This I have no doubt was done in order to endeavour to get a certain amount of corroboration for Nagar Singh's statement through the statement of the other delegate that at Orange Walk he saw Mr. Hopkinson hand a purse to Nagar Singh.

When forced to furnish a written statement what does Nagar Singh say?

"Mr. Hopkinson, the interpreter, gave me a money bag. Sham Singh was with me. Mr. Hopkinson took one dollar out of it and gave the bag with the money in it to me."

Sham Singh's report says: "He handed over a small handbag containing clothes and a money bag to Nagar Singh (taking one dollar out of it, before he (Mr. Hopkinson) left us. He added that keep this handbag and money bag with you, and that he would return in the evening."

The minutes of the Temple meeting are also given. The following is what they say in this connection:—

"In a way, a temptation in the way of money was also cleverly arranged. This was in the form of a money bag handed over to Nagar Singh by the interpreter, Nagar Singh, who had it, states that he counted about \$3,000 worth of bills in it. It was apparently a clever hint, though not an offer."