

204 Malcolm R. J. Reid to W.W. Cory

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*Mr W.W. Cory  
for report  
MRJR*

Kindly do not write more than one subject in any one letter.  
In your reply refer to No. ....  
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Sir,

Last August word was received to try and discourage by every possible means, the departure of Hindus from Canada, and at that time we persuaded a good many not to go on account of the war and possible seizure of ships, and also on the grounds that the new registration forms had not come to hand. A large number of those with revolutionary tendencies left via San Francisco and were not registered out, in fact many did not apply for same. At the same time several of our friends applied for registration. I informed them at that time that it was the wish of the Department to be absolutely fair in this matter with all Hindus, and therefore I could not see how we could lawfully register them out; but that at a later date I would try to secure your permission to so do.

Seven of these men strongly represented their case to Mr. Gwyther, and the usual particulars were obtained together with identification marks, and no certificates given.

Mr. Gwyther is now strongly of the opinion that these men should receive due consideration, and has suggested that I send the documents made at that time to them, thus enabling them to return. Mr. Jolliffe has requested me to help in this

matter. Provided you see no objection to this course, I will sign the documents and send them on to their address, thus enabling them to purchase tickets.

On again consulting with Mr. Gwyther, I find that a definite promise was given that the matter would be referred to Mr. Hopkinson, who was absent at that time in California.

Your obedient servant,

*Malcolm R. J. Reid*

Immigration Inspector for British Columbia.

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