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Kindly do not write of more than one subject in any one letter.
In your reply refer to No. 789

Department of Immigration and Colonization

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270 A.H. Lolliffe, Dominion Immigration Agent to W.D. Scott
Vancouver, B.C., May 30th, 1918.

Sir,

On September 20th, 1915, an East Indian named Nama, son of Taba, aged 47 years, registered outwards from this office for the purpose of visiting relatives in India. He recently wrote for permission to remain in Italy until March, 1919, and after communicating with Mr. Malcolm R.J. Reid for the purpose of ascertaining whether he had any record of this party, I received his reply, reading as follows:

India

"Referring to your letters of the 3rd instant and April 16th regarding an East Indian named Nama, son of Taba, Village of Mahol, P.O. Barapind, District of Jullunder, who sailed from Victoria per the Awa Maru on the 21st of September 1915; I beg to state that this man came to Canada in 1907. For some time he was working for a farmer on Fraser Ave., on Lulu Island. When the revolutionist Bhagwan Singh was deported from Canada, he subscribed on several occasions to the bail and legal expenses incurred in this case. He is a close friend of Harnam Singh who purchased arms and ammunition at the time of the Komagata Maru trouble. He is also a close friend of Ram Singh who shot Ram Chandra in San Francisco some three weeks ago.

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I do not think any consideration should be shown this man at all. It would be better for the community if he remained in his own country".

For your information I would advise that prior to granting registration certificates to East Indians their cases have been investigated, and in this particular instance interpreter, H.W. Gwyther, found nothing in connection with the man which would warrant us refusing him extension.

I should be glad to receive instructions from you as to the policy of the department in handling cases such as this where registration certificates have been granted.

It would appear to me to be rather inconsistent for us to advise this man that he would not be re-admitted into Canada, in view of the Document he now carries, unless some serious offence is proven against him.

Yours truly,

W.D. Scott

DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT.

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