

[W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, to Sir Joseph Pope, Under-Secretary
of State for External Affairs]

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My dear Sir Joseph,

I return herewith the confidential memorandum prepared by the India Office on Indian immigration to Canada. This is a most interesting, well-prepared and useful document and, because of the light it throws on India's and South Africa's side of the problem, I should like very much to obtain a copy for our confidential records.

I agree that the time has come when we cannot longer refuse to reconsider our position in regard to the admission of East Indians. India's part in the war and the unfortunate result which has come about through the return of the "Kamagata Maru" and other passengers would seem to make it imperative that some steps be taken by our Government which will be in the nature of a compensation.

This matter is one which will have to be referred to our Minister, and if you will be good enough to refer the papers to Mr. CORY, they will reach me in the usual way and I shall make a recommendation along the following lines:

(1) That the Government should agree to the admission of the wife and minor children of any Indian lawfully resident in Canada who is in a position to provide and care for his family. "Minor children" might be limited in meaning to include persons under 16 years of age. We frequently, in the case of British

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