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Certificates of Naturalisation.

Recording letter from the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, No. 5603 dated 25-7-19, informing that applications for ----- should be judged on its merits and that if the applicants ^{are} and considered on other grounds to be fit persons to become British subjects they should also be regarded as fit persons to obtain mining concessions.

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No. 5603.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

SIMLA, the 25th JULY 1916

From

C. G. Fraser, Esquire, I. C. S.

To

Under Secretary to the Government of India
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Mr. Elliott's letter No.11606, dated the 23rd November 1916, in which it was requested that certificates of naturalisation issued under the Naturalisation of Aliens Act, No.XXX of 1852, should not be granted to aliens if there is reason to believe that their object in applying for naturalisation is to secure the right of obtaining certificates of approval for mining concessions.

2. Cases have been brought to the notice of the Government of India in which the rigid application of this rule has operated harshly to prevent the naturalisation of aliens who were in every way fit to become British subjects, but desired inter alia to obtain mining concessions. The naturalisation ad hoc of an alien whose only object is to be eligible for a certificate of approval, is a mere evasion of Rule 3 of the Rules regulating the grant of mining concessions, and should not be permitted. But I am to say that a desire to obtain a certificate of approval should not be regarded as an absolute bar to naturalisation. An application for naturalisation should be judged on its merits; and if the applicant is considered on other grounds to be a fit person to become a British subject, he should also be regarded as a fit person to obtain a mining concession.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. G. Fraser

Under Secretary to the Government of India.
No. 5604.

A copy is forwarded to the Foreign and Political Department, for information and further action, if necessary, in continuation of the endorsement from this Department No.11607, dated the 23rd November 1916.

H. C. J.

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