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76. Esmond Ovey, British Embassy, Washington to D.O. Malcolm, Governor General's Secretary

Seal Harbor, Maine, 18 September, 1911

Dear Mr. Malcolm,

I am sending you a copy of a letter Mr. Bryce has just written to the Secretary of State on receipt of your No. 92 of September 14 about the two Indians Kumar and Dass the latter of whom is suspected of a wish to go to India under the protection of United States nationality and possibility to make a disturbance on the occasion of the King's visit.

You ask us merely to enquire what the United States Government supposes to be the reasons for which Dass desires naturalization and this we have accordingly done. Mr. Bryce however thinks that if you think the matter serious, it would be as well for us at once to write the United States unofficially a letter, which would be tantamount to a request that they should not grant naturalization. This could easily be done but we ought, if possible to have from you some further information tending to confirm the suspicions.

In view of the short time before the King starts for India and the delay which has already occurred -- it would be well that we should tackle the United States Government on this point, if the Governor General agrees, as soon as possible.

It is, of course, quite possible that naturalization papers have already been granted to Dass. Should this however not be the case do you think your people would care to send us more information to strengthen our case as suggested in the last paragraph of the Ambassador's note, which goes as far as we can, in hinting that they ought to know something further before granting naturalization?

Esmond Ovey