

**BRITISH NATIONALITY AND STATUS
OF ALIENS.**

WHEREAS under section seven of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, and section three of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1918, power is conferred on the Secretary of State in certain cases to revoke certificates of naturalization, and provision is made for the reference of such cases for inquiry by a committee constituted for the purpose by the Secretary of State, which inquiry is to be conducted in such manner as the Secretary of State may direct:

And whereas the Secretary of State has constituted a committee for inquiring into such cases as aforesaid, consisting of the following persons, that is to say, the Honourable Mr. Justice Atkin, the Viscount Hambleden, and his Honour Judge Radcliffe, K.C.:

Now, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable Sir George Cave, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, hereby direct, as follows:—

1. The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number and two shall be a quorum, but the Committee may delegate to one or more of their number their powers of holding sittings for the purpose of making inquiries and taking evidence and any powers in relation thereto.

2. Where any case is referred to the Committee for inquiry, the Committee shall cause at least seven days' notice in such form as the Committee think fit to be sent by post to the last known address of the person to whom the inquiry relates, stating the time when and the place at which the inquiry will be held, and the nature thereof, and informing that person that he will be entitled to be present at the inquiry, and to be represented by counsel or solicitor or (if the Committee think fit) by some other person approved by the Committee.

3. The notice may require the person to whom the inquiry relates to file an answer to such notice as aforesaid, and to furnish in writing to the Committee any information which the Committee consider material, to be verified in such manner as the Committee may require.

4. If the address of the person to whom the inquiry relates is not known, the Committee shall cause public notice to be given in such manner as they think fit of the time when and the place at which the inquiry will be held.

5. The inquiry may be adjourned from time to time as the Committee think fit.

6. The Committee may, if they think fit, act upon any information which is available, whether or not such information is given on oath or would be admissible as evidence in a court of law.

7. The Committee may, if they think fit, invite any Government department which appears to them to be interested to appoint a person to represent the department at any inquiry, and a representative of that department may attend such inquiry accordingly.

8. The Committee may allow or refuse to allow the public or any portion of the public to be present during any proceedings of the Committee.

9. Subject to the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Acts, 1914 and 1918, and these directions, the Committee shall settle their own procedure.

GEO. CAVE.

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