commence work. I am not very clear as to the Regulations sub-section (c.) which state that "Upon.....obtaining a lease for the mining of the precious metals thereon from the Provincial authorities". In some cases prospectors have written to the Provincial authorities for a mining lease and I understand they have been informed that the only lease required is a lease of the surface rights. If this is not correct, I shall be glad to receive instructions. I may add that this particular case is identical with several others in this Agency and I am anxious to have the matter clear in my mind before forwarding any leases to Ottawa for approval.

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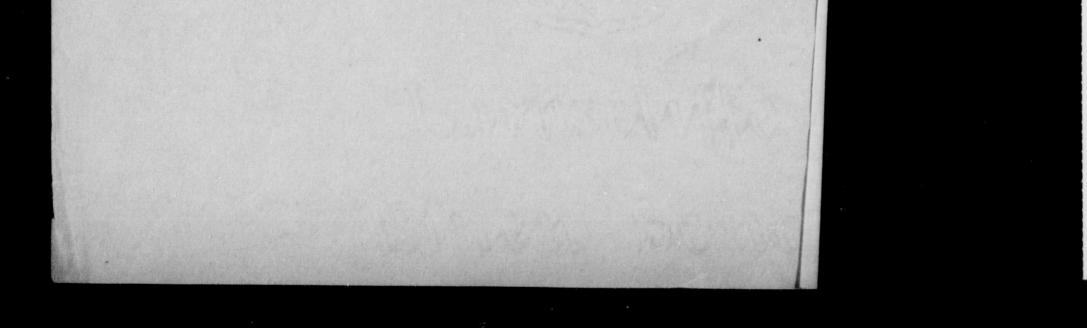
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