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[Despatch Abstract.]

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of the Govt of India regarding certificates
of identity to be given to Indian students
& others visiting England.

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G.O., No. 41, 19th January 1900.

JANUARY.

Certificates of Identity to be given to Indian Students and others
visiting England.

Re-publishing in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes resolution of the Government
of India regarding —, and directing all Collectors and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, to
submit to Government on or before the 7th of April, July, October and January in each year
quarterly returns of the certificates granted.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., Nos. 803, 804, Public, dated 24th June 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Furnishing the Government of India with the opinion of this Government regarding the grant of certificates of identity to natives of India proceeding to Europe.

G.O., Nos. 1377, 1378, Public, dated 15th November 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Government of India that this Government regards as desirable the proposal of the Secretary of State that measures should be taken in India to collect particulars of the parentage, position, means, &c., of Indian students and others who are proceeding to England for a prolonged visit.

READ—also the following paper:—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), under date Calcutta, the 8th December 1899, No. 2831/42.

Resolution.—The Secretary of State for India has brought to the notice of the Government of India that it not infrequently happens that natives of India, students or others, who have proceeded to England, desire to obtain passports to enable them to travel to foreign countries in which the possession of a passport is necessary or desirable, and that difficulty often arises from want of evidence to show that the applicant is a British subject and therefore entitled to a passport. Appeals for assistance are also frequently addressed to His Lordship by destitute Indians who desire to return to their country and by students who, owing to embarrassed circumstances, are unable to complete their course of education.

2. In order to enable the Secretary of State to deal with such cases satisfactorily, the Governor-General in Council has decided that it is necessary to press upon Indian students and others visiting England the desirability of providing themselves, before their departure from India, with an authoritative certificate of identity, in the form appended to this Resolution, signed by the head of the district (in a Presidency Town, the Commissioner of Police) in the case of residents of British India and by the Political Officer in that of residents of Native States. For a student the certificate should be signed by the head of his last school or college and countersigned by the District Officer (in a Presidency Town, the Commissioner of Police) or Political Officer, as the case may be.

3. The District or Political Officer or head of the school or college will not refuse an applicant a certificate if his means do not appear to be sufficient to enable him to effect his object, but will merely attempt to dissuade him from undertaking the journey, pointing out the difficulties in which the applicant would be placed were he to find himself in a foreign country without sufficient means. The possession of a certificate of identity will especially be very useful to young men of good family, as it will enable the Secretary of State to obtain for them social and other attentions which may prove of great value.

4. The District or Political Officer will endorse on the certificate of identity his opinion whether the person is a British subject "by birth" or "by naturalization" (or a subject of a Native State) or not. Quarterly returns of the certificates granted will be submitted to the Local Governments and Administrations, who will forward them to the Government of India for transmission to the Secretary of State. But as it is necessary that no delay should occur, the District or Political Officer, when granting or countersigning a certificate, will at the same time send a copy of the certificate to the Under Secretary of State for India direct.

5. Local Governments and Administrations are requested to take steps to secure that all reasonable facilities are given for obtaining certificates of identity, and that wide publicity is given to these orders.

Order.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to all Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

Ordered also that a copy be sent to the Foreign Department for information and communication to Political Officers.

Ordered also that the resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* for general information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. P. HEWETT,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Government of Madras.

APPENDIX.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

1. Name of applicant _____
2. Father's name and caste _____
3. Residence _____
4. Age of applicant _____
5. *Nationality of applicant _____
6. Social and pecuniary status of father (or guardian) _____
7. Date of probable departure of applicant from India _____
8. Object of applicant's visit to England (Europe) _____

Signature of District Officer (in a Presidency Town, the
Commissioner of Police), or Political Officer, or
head of school or college.†

Dated _____

* i.e., whether a British subject by birth or by naturalization (or a subject of a Native State).
† Countersignature of the District or Political Officer should be obtained on certificates signed by heads of schools or colleges.

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The resolution of the Government of India will be re-published in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes for general information.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the resolution the Collector of each district, respectively, and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, will be directed to submit to Government, on or before the 7th of April, July, October and January in each year, quarterly returns showing the particulars of certificates granted or countersigned under this resolution during the quarter preceding the date of the return. The returns should follow the form of certificate printed above as an appendix to the

resolution of the Government of India. The attention of all Collectors and of the Commissioner of Police, Madras, will be drawn to the instructions contained in the concluding clause of paragraph 4 of the resolution.

3. Instructions for the guidance of the heads of colleges and schools concerned will issue in the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

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for Chief Secretary.

To all Collectors.
 „ the Commissioner of Police, Madras
 „ the Educational Department.
 „ the Revenue Department.
 „ the Political Department,
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Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

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