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DATED 5-12-17

[Despatch Abstract.]

Certificates of Naturalization.-

Informing the District Magistrate, Salem, that the Government are not prepared to grant ---------- to persons of German origin during the continuance of the present hostilities.

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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Naturalization.

Submitting for orders a memorial received from Mr. Morgenroth, a German Prisoner interned at Yercaud, praying that the privileges of naturalization may be conferred on him.

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Station Salem , *Dated the* 20th November 1917 191 .

From (Name) E. W. Leigh, Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) District Magistrate of Salem.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith for orders a Memorial received from Mr. MORGENROTH, a German Prisoner interned at Yercaud, praying that the privileges of naturalization may be conferred on him.

2. He says that he has lost all connection with Germany, which he left some 24 years ago, and that he owns no home there since the ~~death~~ death of his parents.

3. The Superintendent of Prisoners' Camp reports that the applicant's sentiments are not German enough to please his fello prisoners and that he has often expressed his loyalty to the British Crown, that he dissociates himself with his fellow ---- prisoners and prepares his own mess in a separate building.

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4. The prisoner applies for the privileges of naturalization in order to proceed to Burma and recommence his business there.

5. Copies of certificates granted to him by several of his employers in India in token of his good conduct and his proficiency in Engineering and Mill work are enclosed.

6. I have seen the applicant personally: he is an ~~excentric~~ eccentric, of not very cleanly habits and prefers a solitary existence. He appears from his papers to have been somewhat of a rolling stone.

7. I should recommend a full report from reliable people who have known him in Burma before his application is disposed of.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K Thomason

for District Magistrate.

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From
A. Morgenroth
Civil Detenues
Civil Camp Vercaud 20.10.17.

SUPERINTENDENT, CIVIL CAMP.
25 OCT 1917
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To the
Secretary Political Department
Government of India

Respectfully sheweth

May it please his Majesty's Government,

That I the undersigned domiciled resident of Burma, now interned at Civil Camp Vercaud of german origin, hereby humbly beg to approach his Majesty's Government with profound respect to express my sentiments of unshakable loyalty to his Majesty's Government and laws.

I humbly pray that his gracious Majesty's Government may accept my assurance that I am deeply grateful for the Priveliges and Liberties I have enjoyed in Burma (and in the United Kingdom) and that I am in full sympathy with your Majesty's Government.

I humbly beseech your Majesty's Government to accept this as my pledge of loyalty to your Majesty's Government.

Would now his Majesty's gracious Government be so kind as to consider my prayer to remain in India and return to Burma.

That since the death of my father and mother I have no longer a home in Germany, having left that Country fully 24 years ago.

That my desire to remain in India as the country of my adoption, is all the keener on account of my engagement to a lady of British birth and education.

That I served fully seven years in the British Mercantile Marine, and that after I left this service I have been staying in Burma ever since October 1902 doing work as a mechanical engineer and also as a Contractor (a copy of my last testimonial I will annex hereto.

That I am under financial obligations for payments which I have still to make and for outstandings which are due to me, which only can be settled and discharged by personal negociation after the war.

That I took the oath of allegiance to the Crown of the United Kingdom in the year 1901. in the office of the Commissioner of Oaths in Oriel Road Bootle Liverpool. Unfortunally I am not in possession of my papers of naturalization as I left all in the hands of my fiancee in Liverpool.

That in a letter dated Aug 22nd 1914 (Serial No 1494 File 703) from the american Consul to the Commissioner of Police Rangoon, the German Consul Rangoon, at the time did not consider me a German subject because I never registerd in his office as a German Citizen neither did I do so in any German Consular office during all my stay in British possessions.

That in consequence of having stayed for so many years in the Tropics without a change I am medicaly unfit for the severe winters in Central Europe, which apart from my preference of life and occupation in Burma makes my desire all the more determined not to return to Europe.

That I am desirious to return to Burma and work with the Turkish Prisoners of War at the construction of the S. Shan States Railway, as I prefer to earn my own living if possibe, and life amongst the people from the land of my birth is sometime not worth living.

In submitting this few points to your kind consideration I beg to express a hope, that you will be good enough to give my petition your kind support and favourable recomandation.

Would now a gracious Government be so kind as to consider favourable my prayer

I shall forever gratefully remain your gracious Majesty Government most obedient Servant

A. Morgenroth

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(Copy of testimonial)

Kathapa Quarries 12th Nov. 1914.

Certified that Mr Albert Morgenroth Mechanical Engineer and Contractor, applied to me last month for a contract to break stone ballast by machinery at my Quarries, and produced documents showing that he had a similar contract for a period of three years with the Mopalin Stone Company. He also assured me that the Commissioner of Police Rangoon and the Deputy Commissioner Thaton, where apointed with his antecedents, and had satisfied themselves that he had ceased to be a German Subject several years ago. The Asst. Comr of Police Kaylito, also informed me that he Know Mr Morgenroth to be a good and respectable man. Mr Morgenroth arrived here the 17th ultimo and stayed up to the 21st examining & testing my machinery and then left. He returned on the 25th and has worked here up to-date. He leaves today for Rangoon under the Deputy Commissioners instructions

During this few days he has been with me he has proved himself to be an expert in stone quarring machinery and a straight forward & hard working men of high character, with no leaning whatever towards the country of his birth

I am very sorry indeed to loose his services

J. A. Connor Civil Engineer
Sole Proprietor
Kathapa Quarries

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Superintendent's Office,

Yercaud.

Dated 25th. October 1917.

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Forwarded through to the District Magistrate, Salem.

R. L. McLean
25.10.17
Superintendent.

To The D. Magistrate, Salem.

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27 OCT 1917

SUPERINTENDENT, CIVIL CAMP
3 - NOV 1917
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Camp Yercaud 2.11.17.

List of Persons as regard my behavior.

T. Cowper. Esq. M.A. I.C.S.
Deputy Commissioner Thaton
Commissioner of Police Rangoon
U. Po. Sa. Special Power Magistrate
Provincial Service
J. A. Connor Kathapa Quarries
Theinzeik
S. S. Das Government contractor
Nail Ram Kam Bux Gor " " Rangoon
J. F. Crisp Bracker 32nd Street " "
W. R. Lichtenberg Mission Rd. " "
Ch. Barthaltolomew Trader " "
A. D. Lastic assistent Trading Co " " "
E. Lindly assistant Rowe & Co " " "

A. Morgenroth.

From
A. Morgenroth
to
Detenus

SUPERINTENDENT, CIVIL CAMP
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Camp Yercaud 2-11-17.

W. K. Mc Kernan Esq. M.A.S.C.S.
Superintendent T.P.W.C.

Sir

With reference to your Order I beg to state that during one of my trips with the S.S. Yorkshire (Bibby Line) to Rangoon I made the acquaintance of Mr Forke at the time Director of Messrs Mohr Bros Rangoon and through his persuasion I came in October 02, with the S.S. Warwickshire to Rangoon. From my arrival till Jan 03 I stayed with the late Mr B. Lichtenberg. The first week of Jan 03 Messrs Mohr Bros sent me as a Rice miller to one of their Mills Akyab. At the end of April I contracted fever, which compelled me to leave my work, and came back to Rangoon; as I found no improvement in my health at the end of May I left with the S.S. Chesshire for Colombo where I stayed at Mr Mullis Boarding-house Cinnamon-garden for 3 weeks. At the beginning of July 1903 I left for London with one of the Londonshire boats, where I arrived the first week of Aug 03 and took train at once for Liverpool; here I recuperated my health entirely, so that I was able to leave for India (via Germeny) the last day of Nov. 1903. My visit to Germeny was of a flying character, because I stayed too long in Liverpool and I had to reach Naples on a certain date

so I spend X mas ~~already~~ again on board of one Orientliner in the Arabian Sea and landed at Colombo a few days before New-year 1904. I arrived at Rangoon about the 12th Jan. 1904 and was sent at once by Messrs Mahrs Bros to Akyab where I remained till the close of the season & then came back to Rangoon. During the rains I took up the supervision of sinking one artesian well for the late Mr B. Heyman, at Mr Moreis Compound Singnal Pagoda Rd. Rangoon. I had to leave this work incomplete, because more pressing work took up my time, ~~and~~ This was the erection of a Steam brick factory at Messrs S.S. Attia Brickfield Thamaing. At the beginning of 1905 I took employment with the Burma Brick, Tile, & Sookie Co. Ltd. Thamaing, where I remained till the liquidation of the firm. The later end of Jan 1907 I went as a Rice miller to S.K.M.M.C.T. Chetty's Arunachallum's Rice Mill Kumgut. From here I went to Mr Moung Aung's Myanaung Rice Mill Prome and put it in running Order. After my return to Rangoon in the beginning of 1908 I put up a small plant of my own, although this was on comfortable stroke of business for me, because I had to dispose of it again on account the Chinaman, with whom I made arrangement for milling turned out a failure.

To kept the pot boiling during the time
I was waiting for something to turn up
worth having I worked with Mr J. F Crisp
as a bracker; in connection with this
bracker's I carried out during the latter
end 1911.–1912 for Dr T. F. Sidly one extensive
reclamation, which consisted of building
one retaining wall about 800' long and
from 0 to 18' high and the filling up of
the low lying land behind the wall. Nov–
1913 Mr S. P. Das & Naitram Ram Bux
Government Contractors and Partners
of the Mopalin Stone Co. asked me if I
would take up a contract from them Co.
to break by machinery stones I consented and
started at once to bring the different
parts of old Machinery together in Rangoon
put it up, replaced missing parts, and
had a trial to the satisfaction of the
Stone Comp. who asked me now to proceed
with the Machinery to their Quarry siding
Mopalin, which I did the latter end of March
and reached Mopalin the beginning of April
1914. The embarking, building of a shed and
putting up the machinery, being of a very
trying character, it took me till June
before I could have a trial of one Stonebreaker
which proved satisfactory and would
have been a Gold mine to me. By this
time the rains had allready set in and
through a cold I had to stop working
and proceed to Rangoon for medical

treatment, by the time I ~~was~~ in order again was ~~had already broken~~ out. With the peimission of the Commissioner Rangoon Police, I went back to work, only I could not get the work go as before; so I left it for the time being and went to a similar buisnes that of Mr J.A. Connors Kathapa Quarries Theinzeik, ~~with whom I was acquainted~~ some time before, my stay at Kathapa Quarries being of short duration, because my interment took place on Nov 13. 1914. I should like to mention that during all my stay in Burma I had no buisness relations with Germeny, save a few letters from my father and of his demise I only heard ~~of it~~ 6. months after the occurence. I shall annexe hereto a list of persons to whom reference could be made, besides ~~the~~ testimonials I hold as regard my behaviour during my stay in Burma. In submitting this few points to your kind consideration, I beg to express a hope that you will be kh good enough to give it your kind support, and favourable recommendation. With expressions of my gratitude for favours shown to me

I remain

Sir

your most obedient servant

A. Morgenroth.

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COPY.

We have pleasure in certifying that Mr A. Morgenroth has been working as Engineer and Miller at our Upper Mill for a period of 3 months, during which time he has given entire satisfaction. He is thoroughly acquainted with Rice Milling and we can recommend him as an able and painstaking man. He leaves us as our Season is closed.

Akyab 23rd April 1903.

p.p. MOHR BROTHERS & CO, Limited.
T.M.Gruener.

True Copies 14 13

Rangoon 18th April 1904.

to certify that Mr A. Morgenroth has been in our employ as an engineer & Miller at our Rice Mill at Akyab last three months again & that he has given satisfaction

SUPERINTENDENT CIVIL CAMPS
5 - NOV 1917
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Rangoon 18th April 1904

pp Mohr Brothers & Co Limited

H. Meyer.

Rangoon 2nd Dec 1904.

Mr A. Morgenroth was employed by me to do a six weeks contract for the supervision of the erection of an engine, boiler & brickmaking plant at Thamaing.

Throughout each week he was left entirely to himself and very often the job was of a particulary trying nature but through it all I never found him anything but steady.

As regards his abilities as an engineer I have found them to be very sound indeed & he is a most conscientous worker, not sparing himself when he wishes to turn out a sound reliable job.

He gave me every satisfaction in the performance of his duties & I have every confidence in recommending him to any one in need of a good conscientous & reliable engineer. He has my best wishes in anything he may take up & I am sure that he has sufficient determination & ability as to make it a success

Engineer in Charge H. Leslie.

Rangoon Docking & Engineering Co. Dec 1904

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Rangoon 11th 24 July 1907

This is to certify that Mr R. Morgenroth Engineer to S.K.M.M.C.T. Anandhalleum Chetty Mill at Kamyut has on occassions milled special quality white Rice for me & I have always been satisfied with his milling. I can recommend him as a good and attentive Miller

Yours faithfully

Native Signature

Haji Tarmohamed Ayoob.

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Rangoon 28th Aug 07.

Mr Morgenroth was an engineer in our Rice mill at Kamyut for the period of six months & render us every kind of satisfaction and left at his own accord

S. R. M. M. C. T

Arunachallam Chetty

Rangoon 1st Dec 1907.

This is to certify that Mr A. Morgenroth has been in charge of the Burma Brick Tile & Co Ltd as Engineer for nearly 3 years during which time he give entire satisfaction - He is hard working & honest and he has great experience in all branches of his own profession - His services with the above Company terminate as the Company has been voluntarily wound up.

A. D. Lastic

Managing Director

B. B. T. T. & C. M. Co Ltd

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This is to certify that Mr Mayenroth has worked as engineer in charge of Mandalay Myaradeg Rice Mills & Co:- for about 4 or Months during which period he has given every satisfaction in his work and he leaves the post at his own accord; we recommend him for every factories that are in need of a engineer

Maung Aun
Proprietor
Messrs Myaradeg Rice mills & Co
Prome

Dated Prome
30th December 1907.

SUPERINTENDENT, CIVIL DEPT
5 - NOV 1917
YERCAUD

Bridge House Rangoon

I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr A. Morganroth has been employed by me to build an extensive retaining wall & to reclaim low lying land. He has done his work successfully to my entire satisfaction. I am happy to recommend him as an industrious energetic & reliable man who will certainly carry out any work to which he puts his hand to.

22nd Octbr 1912. J. F Reilly.

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R. L. Mc Kenzie.
5. 11. 17
Superintendent

Gp. No. 1306 & 7.9.15.
Memo. 354 & 18.1.15.
Gp. 38 " 9.1.15.
" 1174 " 15.9.14
" 1149 " 11.9.16
" 1509 " 24.11.14. Se. Compt.
" 1148 " 11.9.16 " "

NOTES.

Home (Pol.) Dept.

Certificates of Naturalization.

(G.No3835) From the D.M., Salem & 20.11.17

Please see the orders of the Govt. of India, recorded in Gp. No. 1148 Pub. & 11.9.14, regarding the naturalization of Germans and Austrians during the continuance of the present hostilities. In accordance with these orders, the Govt. refused to naturalize persons of German nationality in the following cases:—

Gp. No. 1149 & 11.9.14.
" 1174 & 15.9.14.
E " 38 & 9.1.15, &
F " 1306 & 7.9.15.
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The orders are clearly applicable to the present applicant Mr. Morgenroth who is of German origin. ~~Gp. No. 1148 & 11.9.14 has been communicated to all D.M.S. vide Memo. 354 & 18.1.15.~~ It is submitted that the applicant's statements that he has no home in Germany, having left it 24 years ago, and that the German Consul at Rangoon did not consider him a German citizen do not affect the case. His statement also that he

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took the oath of allegiance to the British Crown in 1901 at Liverpool, but that he lost his papers of naturalization, does not carry much weight inasmuch as it is not substantiated by any direct evidence. G.O. No. 1148 of 11.9.14 has been communicated to all D.M.s vide Memo. No 354 of C
G 18-1-15. It is for orders whether the D.M.'s attention may be drawn to this G.O., informing him that "the Govt. are not prepared to naturalize German subjects during the continuance of the present hostilities".

Draft orders is submitted.

Work
29.11.17

S.

Her.
3.12.17

If his papers of naturalisation are with his fiancée it will only be a simple thing for him to get them (or a certified copy) sent out.

L.J.
5/12/17

Sectt. II—10 (a) Certificates of Naturalizatin Home (Misc) DEPARTMENT.

Informing the D.M., Salem that the Govt. are not prepared to grant ——— to persons of German origin during the continuance of the present hostilities.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1148 Pub., dated 11-9-1914. (C)

" " Memo. No. 354 Pub., " 18-1-1915. (G)

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 3835, From the D.M., Salem, Ref. No. 534 D.I.R., dated 20-11-1917.

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ORDER. No. 1236, dated 5-12-1917.

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To The D.M., Salem. (Ado)

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The Govt. are not prepared to grant certificates of naturalization to persons of German origin during the continuance of the present hostilities. The attention of the D.M. is drawn to G.O. No. 1148 Public. & the 11.9.14, Communicated to him with Memo. No. 354 Pub. & the 18-1-15.

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