

Home (1917) Department.
(Miscellaneous)

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 571.

DATED 12-6-1917

[Despatch Abstract.]

Passports.

Communicating to the collector of Madras petition from Chaudh Muhammad Sahib, Madras, with instructions to explain to the petitioner the reasons why the Government refuse to issue ——— to certain ladies without copies of their photographs, and prescribing the procedure to be adopted should there be any further representations on the subject.

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GHULAM MUHAMMAD.

22 General Patters Road

~~449~~ ~~Chair's Garden~~, Mount Road,

Madras 30th. May 1917.

To

H. E. The Governor of Madras

In Council

O o t a c u m a n d.

May it please your Excellency

The memorialist intends sending his wife and other female relatives to Penang by the next steamer belonging to Messrs Binny & Co., Ltd. Hearing that the agent of Messrs Binny & Co., Ltd., takes the photos of all people proceeding to Penang, the memorialist applied, to the said agent for an exemption as the Mohammadan religion strictly prohibits the tempting practice of taking photos especially of the fair sex. The memorialist being a whole-souled Mohammadan found a religious bar in the way of allowing such photos which are rigidly forbidden by the Prophet of Islam. The agent pleaded his incapability to grant an exemption and referred the matter to the Commissioner of Police who in his turn referred it to the Collector of Madras. The Collector's reply communicated to the memorialist through the Commissioner, in his Memo No. 565 of 23rd. May 1917, clearly says that he (the Collector) cannot issue passports unless photos are sent up.

The memorialist in the height of his disappointment knows no remedy but that of laying the bare matter in the kind and just presence of your Excellency.

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forwarded
with the
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petition*

The community of which the memorialist is a unit looks down on such actions and would threaten him with excommunication not to speak of religious prohibitions, if such photos are taken of the ghosa ladies proposed to be sent to Penang. Your Excellency will consider the toleration of the British Government granted to the various religious creeds inhabiting India and the Policy of non-intervention in the religious habits and customs of the Indians, and will not insist on producing the photos of the females who are to be sent to Penang by the next steamer.

In conclusion the memorialist prays that your Excellency will kindly grant an exemption from producing the photos of the females of the memorialist in consideration of the facts mentioned above.

Ghulam Muhammad.
Memorialist.

Home (His) Dept.Passport

(G. No. 1867) From Ghulam Muhammad, Madras 8 30.5.17

M Reference is solicited to the correspondence recorded in G.O. No. 155 Home (His) of 17-2-17, on the subject of the applicability of the rule in the case of Muhammadan ladies of the rule which requires all applicants for passports to produce copies of their photographs. It will be seen therefrom that the Govt. of India are not in favour of any relaxation of the rule. In para 2 of ~~their~~ their letter on pages 4-5 of the G.O., they suggest the form of reply that should be given should there be any tendency to stir up agitation on the subject. The present petition is for a relaxation of the rule in an individual case, and ^{is not} ~~does not~~ amount to an agitation on the subject by the community in general. It is submitted that as the Govt. of India are opposed to any relaxation, the request of the petitioners cannot be granted. The petitioners may be

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Told that the Govt. are unable to grant a relaxation, and ~~be~~ the reasons for the refusal may be explained to him on the ~~same~~^{lines} suggested by the Govt. of India.

A draft reply letter is submitted ~~not~~

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Rather than write direct to the petitioner I would refer him to the Collector & the Commissioner of Police. ~~the Commissioner of Police~~ who may in conversation explain the reason why the Govt. refuse to issue passport without photographs. If this view is adopted the petitioner may be referred to the Collector who regard his application; meanwhile the Collector may be asked to explain to the applicant in this & similar case if they arise ~~on the~~ the reasons for refusal on the lines indicated in Mr Bray's letter to Bombay 8.6.2.17 communicated to him in G.O. 155 D. 17.2.17. This G.O. may be communicated also to the Commissioner with similar general instructions.

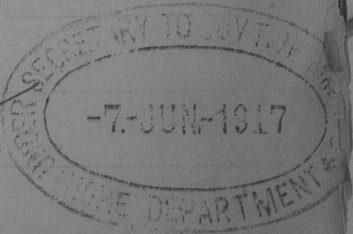
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NOTES.

A draft order to the Collector of Madras, and ^{draft} endorsements to the Commissioners of Police, and to the petitioners are submitted.

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With reference to his
petition of the 30th May 1917
Ghulam Muhammad
Sahib is referred to the
Collector of Madras, who
has been instructed to

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Ghulam Muhammad
Sahib

General Patter's Road,
Mount Road,
Madras

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To
Ghulam Muhammad
Sahib,
22, General Patter's Road,
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Madras

Passports

Home (His) DEPARTMENT.

Communicating to the Collector of Madras petition from Ghulam Muhammad Sahib, Madras, requesting with instructions to explain to the petitioner the reasons why the Govt. refuse to issue — to pandah ladies without copies of their photographs, and prescribing the procedure to be adopted should there be any further representations on the subject.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 155 Home (17), dated 17- 2, 1917. (17)

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1867, From ~~the~~ Shulam Muhammad, No. Kadra, dated the 30th May 1911
Sahib

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ORDER.

No. 571, dated 12-6-191

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Communicated to the
Collector of Madras, who
is requested to explain
personally to the applicant ~~by personal~~
~~conversation through a~~
~~selected officer~~ the reasons
why the Govt. refuse to
issue passports without
photographs, on the lines
indicated in Mr. Braey's
letter to the Govt. of Bombay
No 812 d. of the 6th Feb. 17,
copy of which was forwarded
~~communicated~~ to him with
G.O. No. 155 Home (His),
17-2-17.

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A similar procedure ^{should} be adopted ~~should there~~ be any further representations are made on the subject.

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Copy with copy of G.O. No. 155 Home (Hs), 7-2-17, forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, who is requested to adopt a procedure similar to that commended to the Collector of Madras in the disposal of representations that ^{are} made to him for the relaxation in the case of pandah ladies of the rule requiring applicants for passports to produce copies of their photographs.

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to the Collector of Madras
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to the Commr. of Police
Madras

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& copy of G.O. 155 Home (Hs) 7-2-17
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READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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