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Passports.

Recording correspondence with the Government of Bombay regarding the revised regulations of the French Government regarding the procedure to be observed by travellers to, and through, French territories in order to obtain a French Consular Visa on their passports.

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From

J. E. C. JUKES, Esq.,
Deputy Secretary to Government, Bombay;

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information a copy of a Press Note No. 3542, dated the 5th May 1917, issued by the Government of Bombay, explaining for general information the procedure which must in future be followed by travellers to, and through, French territories in order to obtain a French Consular *visa* on their passports. I am to request that, if there be no objection, steps may be taken, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, ~~His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,~~ to instruct intending travellers through French territories to apply for the French *visa* to the Consular officer in the province in which they are ordinarily resident.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J E C Jukes

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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PRESS NOTE.

The following revised instructions for travellers to, and through, French territories are published for general information :—

All persons, of other than French nationality, who wish to enter France, Algeria, the French Colonies or countries under the French protectorate, must first obtain the *visa* of a French Consular officer on their passports. For this purpose they must apply to the French Consulate of the province in which they are ordinarily resident. Applications for *visa* must be made in a prescribed form which can be obtained from the Consular authorities. This form should be filled up by the applicant and forwarded in duplicate to the French Consul or officer concerned. On each of these forms a copy of the applicant's photograph, similar to the photograph affixed to his passport, should be attached. These forms should then be returned to the French Consul. All this may be done by post. The Consulate will then advise the applicant of the date on which he may call personally to obtain the *visa*. One of the forms will then be returned to the applicant with the Consular *visa* endorsed upon it, and this must be handed over by him to the Special Commissioner at the port of entry in the French territories which the traveller visits.

In view of these changes in the regulations governing the grant of the French *visa*, persons desirous of travelling from Bombay by the overland route *viâ* Marseilles are warned that it is essential that applications for the French Consul's *visa* should be made in good time before the intended date of sailing. Persons who fail to make early applications are likely to be disappointed.

No. 3542.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 5th May 1917.

Forwarded to—
The Commissioner in Sind,

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Sectt. II-8 (*f*)—25,005—27-4-15.
Home (Misc.) Dept.

Letter / Ref. No. 1657-2 dated the 28th May 1917

To the Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay,
Political Department.
(with copy of letter No 1929 Td P.S. 15-11-15)

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p1 C.7.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Jukes' letter No.P.3665, dated the 11th May 1917, forwarding copy of a Press Note issued by the Govt. of Bombay explaining for general information the procedure which must in future be followed by travellers to, and through French territories in order to obtain a French Consular visa on their passports, and to request that if there be no objection this Govt. may be informed of the reasons which prompted these instructions.

I am ~~also~~ to observe that the revised regulations will cause hardship to many travellers from this presidency as every person in the presidency travelling through France to England will have to visit Madras first to obtain the visa of the Consular Agent for France there. The Governor in Council is of opinion that there is no good reason why any French Consular officer in India should not accept a British passport as suitable for his visa and that the recent restrictions are unnecessary ~~and~~ as well as inconvenient. I am to point out that the procedure which is apparently objected to by the French Consulate in Bombay is in force so far as passengers from this

Presidency

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c. of letter on p7 of G.O. 1178 (E) 9.8.15

p1 of G.O. 1685 Pub (D) 23.11.15

Presidency via Colombo are concerned, to the vising of whose passports the French Consular officer in that port has expressed no objection. I am also to state that the recent orders of your Govt. seem to conflict with the instructions of the Govt. of India (Foreign and Political Dept) as expressed in their letter to this Govt. No. 1929 G. dated the 15th November 1915, copy of which is herewith enclosed, and I am to suggest for the consideration of the Bombay Govt that no steps should be taken to prevent the practice, which now exists, of obtaining a French consular visa, wherever it may be most convenient to apply.

28.5.17

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT:

Bombay Castle, 7th June 1917.

From

J.E.C. Jukes, Esquire,
~~J.E.B. Hotson, Esq.~~

Deputy Secretary to Government, Bombay.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home Department.

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS
11-JUN-1917

Sir,

pp 3-4 ante

In reply to your letter No. 1651-2, dated the 28th May 1917, on the subject of the procedure to be followed by travellers to and through French territories in order to obtain a French Consular visa on their passports, I am directed to say that the new rules have been introduced by the French Government and were communicated to the Government of Bombay by the local French Consul. In the circumstances, this Government are not aware of the reasons which prompted their issue, and have no power whatever to modify them. They have, however, written to the Government of India pointing out the difficulties which may result from their introduction.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J E C Jukes

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Home (Misc.) Dept.

Passport

(A. No. 1651) From the Govt. of Bombay, Poll. Dept. d/ 11-5-1

Hitherto it was not obligatory on the part of persons travelling through French territory to get their passports visèd by the French Consular Officer ~~at the port of embarkation~~ in the province in which they are ordinarily residen They were at liberty to get the passport visèd by any French Consular Officer in India. It will however be seen from the copy of the Press Note forwarded by the Govt. of Bombay that ~~persons~~ travellers should hereafter obtain the visa of the French Consular Officer of the province where they ordinarily reside.

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G.O. 1685-86 Pub / 23-11-15. - abstract at U

No instructions have been received from the Govt. of India regarding the changes in the regulations governing the grant of the French visa. It is for orders whether in view of the urgency of the matter a press communique may now be issued similar to the one issued by the Govt. of Bombay.

Draft order is submitted.

H.D.R.
18.5.17

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If a Press Communiqué is to be issued I wd. issue the Bombay communiqué under the heading "~~Press Com~~ The following Press Communiqué has been issued by the Bombay Govt".

I submit that the Govt of Bombay have no authority to issue orders to persons in other provinces in regard to their obtaining a visa, & further that the present instruction will cause hardship for all travellers not travelling via Madras. Every person in the Presidency travelling through France to England will now have to visit Madras first. I submit that there seems to be no good reason why any French consular officer should not accept a British passport as suitable for his visa.

After issuing the communiqué as above I would ~~[illegible]~~ in the first instance ask the Bombay Govt to state the reasons which prompted their instructions & the authority under which they are issued and perhaps at the same time point out the inconvenience to which passengers from certain parts of the Presidency will be subjected.

CAH
14.5.17

Public (U.O) for favour of remarks

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT 19 MAY 1917 MADRAS GOVT.

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Attention is solicited to the definition of 'Passport' in rule 2 of the Defence of India (Passport) Rules. It will be seen that the British Govt accept the visa of "the British Ambassador or a British Consul" in the Country from which the passport holder comes. and that we do not insist on the visa being that of any particular British Consul.

The case may, it is subd, be returned to Home (Misc) with these remarks

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I think the course proposed by Mr Harvey is correct. It shd. certainly suffice to get a visa at the French Consulate in Bombay when that is the port of departure. If personal delivery were not required, no difficulty wd. arise, but I imagine the official who visas a passport is expected to compare the photograph with the applicant.

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Home (Misc) Dept.

Subnitted that the Press Communiqué of the Govt. of Bombay may now be re-issued by this Govt. as suggested on page 2 ante. The draft order submitted has been revised accordingly. After issuing of the Communiqué,x a draft letter to the Bombay Govt. will be submitted enquiring of them the reasons which prompted the revised instructions [and the authority under which they are issued.] & the practical inconveniences

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x taken out for issue.

H.D.R. 21.5.17

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C.M.H. 21.5.17

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(U) (G.O. 482 Home (Misc) d 21-5-17)

A draft letter to the Govt. of Bombay is submitted.

H.D.R. 23.5.17

P. de R. 24.5.17

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Please put up original of G.O. 1685-86 d. 23.11.15. & the correspondence regarding French visa at Colombo.

C.M.H. 24.5.17

(D) The original of G.O. 1685-86 Pub. d 23-11-15 is submitted. In regard to the correspondence regarding French visa at Colombo, please see the following papers :-

E G.o. 1178 Pub. d/ 9-8-15.

N Letter No 5877-1 Pub. d/ 11-10-15

X G.o. 105 Pub. d/ 22-1-16.

p1 of G.o. 18 Home (Pls) (O) / 7-8-16 Letter No. 25-1 Home (Pls) d/ 4-8-16

S. Draft submitted for consideration.

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(Letter 1651-2 d/ 28-5-17)

(C. No 1991) From the Govt. of Bombay, Poll Dept, d/ 7-6-17

Please see the reply of the Govt. of Bombay on page 5 C.F. It will be seen that they have written to the Govt. of India pointing out the difficulties which may result from the introduction of the new rules. The Govt. of Bombay will no doubt communicate to this Govt. the views of the Govt. of India on the subject. A further communication may accordingly be awaited.

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S. Circular Orders from the Govt of India are likely

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to be received eventually. This case may be closed.

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