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Passports.-

Declining to accept the proposals made by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, for the adoption in the case of persons going to the Straits Settlements and Ceylon of an inferior variety of passport form and for the reduction of the passport fee from one rupee to four annas.

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Subject.



Suggesting that the form of passport issued to Indians by the Straits Settlements Government be adopted here for journeys to the Straits and Ceylon.



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Station Madras, Dated the 9th June 1917.

From (Name) F. Armitage Esq.
(Designation) Commissioner of Police.
CHIEF.
To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
PUBLIC Department.

Sir,
I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that we seem to be incurring an unnecessary expenditure of money and labour in issuing passports to Indians for journeys to the Straits and Ceylon on the ordinary elaborate passport form. The Straits Settlements Government have issued a form on a sheet of strong paper giving the person's description and affording room for a photo and endorsements. This seems to be all that is required.

If the Government be pleased to adopt some such form I beg to suggest that the Collector of Madras or myself be authorised to draw it up and get it printed by the Superintendent Government Press. At the same time the reduction

There is nothing much in our forms.
C.A.
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of the fee for such a passport from one rupee to 4 annas,
might be considered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Amrita

Commissioner of Police.

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Home (His) Dept.

Passport

(Cl. No 210)

From the Commr. of Police of 9.6.17

The passport form now in use is uniform for the whole of India and ~~has been~~ was introduced by the Govr. of India in 1915. Please see paras 1 and 2 of the Foreign Dept. Letter of 25.8.15 on page 2 of G.O. No. 1460 Pub. of 8.10.15. The passport fee* was one rupee even before the introduction of the ^{new} passport system. The modifications recommended by the Commissioners can be sanctioned only in consultation with the Govr. of India.

The fee of one rupee is said to be sufficient to cover the cost of issue of ^{YCB} 13.6.17 passports. The ^{Pd} 13.6.17 Commission: That the Govt is incurring unnecessary expense is therefore not well founded nor is the view that unnecessary labour is also expended; so far as the filling of the forms, the present form presents no excessive difficulty, and could it be well abbreviated, even if printed on ordinary paper.

There does not seem to be much to be said

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Rule XI of on p 3 of
G.O. 218 Pub (F)
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para 2 of the
Foreign Dept. Letter of
29.11.15 on p 2 of G.O.
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for the reduction of the fee to £4. The class of people who have had to take out passports ought to be able to pay this moderate charge without difficulty.

E.H.

13.6.17.

Moreover we do not over wish to encourage these travels & the passports should be limited to selected people. I am afraid they are being recommended too unnecessarily at present.

Re the form of passport; we want room for endorsements; in the case of Geylon & the Straits there will be many. And a passport has to be retained for 10 years inclusive of the periods of renewal.

I am not for any change

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A draft order is submitted.

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May issue

E.H.

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Passport

DEPARTMENT.

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The Govr. do not consider
the proposed alterations
necessary —

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To
The Commr. of Police, Madras
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