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8 JUN 1917

Requesting to issue instructions in the matter of attesting passport applications of persons coming from districts out-side Madras.

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS
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C. No. 673/Govt/17

Station Madras. , *Dated the* 5th June 1917.

From (Name) F. Armitage Esq.,

(Designation) Commissioner of Police.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Department.

Sir,

(G)

With reference to G.O. 527 Home (Miscellaneous) dated 1st June 1917, declining to empower certain District Magistrates in the Tamil districts to issue passports and as no orders have been issued on my letter R.C.No.461/Govt.dated 2nd May '17, recommending the exemption of certain classes of travellers, I have the honour to address Government upon my position in the matter of attesting passport applications intended for the Collector of Madras.

orders issued in G.O. 725 Pub (M) 1-6-17

2. A large number of persons come to me from districts outside Madras for passport application forms which they fill up and tender for attestation. It has hitherto been my

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practice to attest these applications either personally or through a Deputy Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner in the case of people whose bona-fides there is no reason to suspect, although neither I nor my officers have any personal knowledge of them. I adopted this course to obviate inconvenience and hardship to passengers, as the rules were not generally known and facilities for getting passports promptly in districts did not appear to exist and also because I was not aware of the object which the Go[illegible] of India desired to attain by means of the Defence of India (Passport) Rules of 1917.

(F) 3. I now see from the papers communicated in G.O.No.501, Home (Miscellaneous) dated 26th May 1917, that the main object of the passport rules is to "prevent undesirable persons from proceeding to foreign countries and British possessions". Under my present procedure an undesirable person might slip through and I am therefore doubtful whether I should attest or allow to be attested any applications of persons whose identity and bona-fide cannot be satisfactorily vouched for by some one in Madras. It would mean in the majority of cases that applicants would have to get their applications attested by competent officers in their ow districts.

4. I, therefore, request that Government will be pleased issue instructions in this matter . In the event of Government deciding that the stricter procedure should be followed I beg that very wide publicity may be given to the order throughout th Presidency and that it may be clearly stated that the Commissione of Police is not authorised to attest the applications of persons coming from outside the City of Madras who cannot satisfactorily prove their identity. Application forms might also be ordered to be available with Sub-Divisional ~~or~~ Stationary Magistrates at important centres who should attest and forward the applications direct to the Collector of Madras, or return them to the applican to take to Madras, after attestation, if he should so desire.

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The public might also be notified of such arrangements.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Armitage

Commissioner of Police.

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Passports

(Cr. No. 1950)

From the Commr. of Police, Madras of 5-6-17

Submitted that as represented by the Commissioner of Police cannot be expected to verify passport applicat of persons belonging to adjoini districts who cannot satisfactorily prove their identity. It is reported that a large number of persons come from districts outside Madra and as the Commissioner has hithe been verifying the passport applicat of such persons, it is likely that persons. will continue to resort to Madras for the purpose of obtaining passports. If the practice had bee discouraged at the very outset refusing to verify the passport applications, there would probably have been a steady decr in the numb such person

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I dont think the Com: was justified in doing this.

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~~District Magistrates~~ will vanish if as suggested by him the District Magistrates of certain important districts were empowered to iss-passports.

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The attitude of the Commissioner seems to that of a public benefactor conferring boons on people who cannot get proper treatment elsewhere. It is not known why he considers that facilities for getting passports promptly in districts do not appear to exist or whether he has changed this view. Provision exists wherever there is a magistrate to get passport applications dealt with & we have no reason to suppose that such cases are not dealt with as promptly as possible. To obviate hardship & inconvenience may be a laudable motive, but it does not seem to ~~be~~ justify jeopardising

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Now that the Defence of India (Passport) Rules are in force the great majority of passports are issued to ordinary Indian passengers travelling to Ceylon & Malaya, whose comings & goings were formerly quite unrestricted. The Commissioner's suggestion that local officers shd. be empowered to issue passports was vetoed. The Commr. did not adduce any strong grounds in support of the suggestion, and it was thought the Govt of India would not consent. There seems however to be a stronger case for asking India to delegate the power to the local officers specified above in respect of applications made by Indians travelling to Ceylon & Malaya only; figures have been collected in linked file where it is proposed to make a reference to India. If this proposal is sanctioned by India, the Commissioner will be relieved of much of his difficulty. The Commr. may be told perhaps that the proposal is being made to India.

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As regards the Commissioner's paras 3 & 4 his attention may be drawn to the words

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against coming to him for verifica
their declarations, this, I submit, m
left to him.

E.A.H.
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The passport rules have been suffic
long in force ~~that~~ further notifications
not necessary.

The error is in the Commr. verifying dec
of nonresidents; in future they should be ask
to get their declarations verified by loca
officers.

I do not think much of the argument for
delay. People going over seas do not do so
on the spur of the moment & there will be
generally sufft time since the decision to
undertake ~~the~~ voyage to get a passport
before the voyage is actually begun. In Exceptl
cases intending travellers can obtain exemptions.

The P.Masters are already provided
with a sufficient number of declaration
forms.

The object in issuing passports is
~~not~~ only ~~to~~ prevent undesirable persons to
proceed.

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A draft order is submitted.

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Home (Mis) DEPARTMENT.

Stating that there are no sufficient grounds ~~for~~ for issuing instructions to the effect that the Commr. of Police, Madras is
authorised to attest ~~the~~ applications of persons coming from outside the
of Madras, and ~~informing the Commissioner that he is not justified in vouching for a person unless he is satisfied as to the iden and bona fides of the person concerned~~ directing that in future applicants not personally known to the Commr. or of whom he has no reliable information should get their declarations verifi by competent officers of the district from which they come.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. ...., dated .... 191 .

" " " ...., " .... 191 .

READ ALSO :—

C. No. 1950, From the Commr. of Police, Madras, C. No. 673/Sub, dated the 5th Jan 1917.

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No. 599, dated 18-6-1917.

The Govt. do not consider that there are sufficient grounds for issuing ~~any~~ instructions such as those suggested by the Commissioner of Police in para 1 of his letter.

2. As regards paras 2 and 3 of his letter, the attention of the Commissioner is drawn to the wording of the passport declaration form, and he is infor that he is not
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doing so. ~~Passport~~
~~applicants should in future~~
e ~~instructed~~ directed to get
eir declarations verified
in [illegible] of the district from which they come.
y ~~local~~ officers, ~~unless~~
identity and bona fides
n be ~~vouched for by~~
~~competent officer.~~

In future applicants not personally ~~known~~ to the Comm: or of whom he has no reliable information (should) ×

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To
The Comm. of P.