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Home (Misc) Dept.

To ~~Letter~~/Tel No. 14301 8/7/5

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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Letter / Reg. No. 1430-2, d. 17.5.17

To

His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Goa

The American Consul, Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 36/140, dated the 21st / 30th April 1917, and to ~~inform~~ state that, ~~measures~~ pending receipt of orders from the ~~have been taken to visé~~ Govt. of India, ~~steps have been taken to visé the~~

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BRITISH CONSULATE, GOA. Regd. 26-4-17

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Mormugao, 21st April 1917.

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From

J. G. R. MARSH, Esq., M.Inst. C.E.,

His Britannic Majesty's Consul for Goa.

Misc 1430 Regd 27.4.17

27-APR-1917 HOME DEPARTMENT

To

The Secretary to Government,

Political Department,

The Governemnt of Madras.

Sir,

Referring to the enclosed copy of letter from the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Straits Settlements and the original enclosures sent herewith, I have the honour to inform you that Portuguese passports issued by the Government in Goa are always viséd at this Consulate when the holders sail direct to non Indian ports from the Port of Mormugao and without this visé they are not permitted to embark on a British ship.

With regard to passengers intending to sail from ~~ship~~ Ports in British India or Ceylon, passports are viséd at this Consulate if the parties present themselves here and I understand that passports so viséd are accepted by the Authorities at the ports of embarkation.

I presume that holders of Portuguese passports not viséd at this Consulate should have ~~the endorsement~~ them endorsed at the Portuguese Consulate at the port of embarkation before presenting them to the proper authorities to be viséd.

The holders of the passports under reference appear to have been permitted to embark without a visé.

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I shall be obliged if you will instruct me in the event of any further action being necessary on my part in con-

connection with holders of Portuguese passports issued in Goa who intend to travel overseas from Madras.

Regd 26-4-57

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H.B.M.'s Consul

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Copy of letter No.10773 dated 2nd April 1917 from
the General Officer Commanding the Troops,
Straits Settlements to H.B.M.'s
Consul, Mormugao.

Herewith I have the honour to forward two passports No.470 issued on the 30th November last to J.C.D.F. Menezes and No.97 dated 10th March 1917 to I.J.B. de Sousa.

2. These men arrived by steamer to-day from Madras with the passports, neither of which have been vised by you.

3. I have the honour to ask if you will take such steps as will ensure that passports are vised, as passengers are not allowed to land here whose passports do not bear a British vise.

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CHIEF SECT. MAY 1917 MADRAS GOVT.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE,

Madras, India, April 30, 1917.

The Honorable

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the American Consul-General at Singapore calling my attention to the fact that mailboats from India for that port sometimes bring American passengers who are desirous of landing at Singapore but who are prevented from coming ashore on account of not having their passports visaed by British authorities prior to their departure.

The Consul-General therefore suggests that in order to save American passengers desirous of landing at Singapore unnecessary trouble I advise them of the regulations in force in respect of their passports being visaed by qualified British officers as a pre requisite to such landing.

In reply I am informing my colleague at Singapore that I have invariably requested American travellers leaving Madras for Singapore by steamer to call at the office of the Commissioner of Police in this city in order to give notice to him that they are leaving Madras for Singapore, to show him their passports and to request instructions from him as to formalities required. In the case of a traveller who left here by the last boat I also advised him to call at the office of the Collector

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Note
The question of the issue visaing etc of passports is dealt with in Home Dept.

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of Madras to request instructions and this was done by him but no visa was placed on his passport. My impression has been that under existing regulations no representative of the Government at Madras feels authorized to place such visa on American passports. In view of the Consul-General's letter to me, however, I am venturing to address you with a view to ascertaining whether you would be willing to authorize a representative of the Government at Madras to place such visa on passports under such rules as you may prescribe. I would point out that there are very few American travellers leaving India for the Straits Settlements at present but I would be very grateful if means could be provided for obtaining the requisite visa in proper cases. It has occurred to me that you may be willing to grant this authority either to the Collector of Madras or the Commissioner of Police at Madras, or other police official. I trust you will pardon me for making this request, but I am doing so because of the letter which I have received from the American Consul-General at Singapore.

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

Lucien Memminger
American Consul.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Singapore, S. S., April 10, 1917.

Lucien Memminger, Esquire,
American Consul,
Madras, India.

Sir:

I beg to invite your attention to the fact that nearly every mailboat from India brings American passengers who are desirous of landing at Singapore, but who are prevented from coming ashore on account of not having their passports visaed by British Authorities prior to their departure.

It is respectfully suggested that, in order to save American passengers desirous of landing at Singapore, unnecessary trouble, they be advised of the regulations now in force in respect of their passports being visaed by qualified British officers as a prerequisite to such landing.

Very respectfully yours,
(Sd) Edwin N. Gunsaulus
Consul-General.

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To

The American Consul,
Madras.

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167 Your telegram of the [instant] ~~in Mr. Daniel's British~~ ~~visa for the, passport may be obtained from [the] Collector of Madras.~~

American applicants for British visa should be referred to Collector of Madras

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GR. CHIEF SECT
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Since writing you under date of April 30th I later received a letter from the Consul-General at Calcutta saying that arrangements have been made there by which American applicants for such visas are referred to the Government of Bengal at Calcutta and not knowing that the Consul-General at Singapore had written me on the same subject and that I had already applied to you the Consul-General at Calcutta suggested that I ask you to grant facilities for visa of passports at Madras. I have since informed him what has been done. I note on a passport recently presented to me that the visa of

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the Secretary to Government at Bengal is accompanied by a written statement to the effect that the holder of the passport is permitted to land at Singapore. I am not sure whether this is the general practice or whether it is customary to put only an official stamp without writing,. or in what form the Singapore authorities desire the visa to be made but I presume that as your letter states the matter has been referred to the Government of India the form of visa at Madras will be similar to that elsewhere in India. Thanking you again for the kind attention given this matter,

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Lucien Memminger
American Consul.

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TO Madras. Ootacamund. Recd. here at 17 H. 31 M.

Lieutenant Patrick in charge Swiss Red Cross Mission Requires [illegible] passports of Messrs School and Hornmeyer to be visaed for Colombo

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Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—No. 21 Tel.—14-5-14—50,000.

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Recd. here at H. M.

from which post party sails Marseilles leaving Madras ninth evening request instructions whether pass ports to be visaed or Government will issue special permit please reply by wire / Collector.

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—No. 21 Tel.—14-5-14—50,000.

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Telegram

To
The Collector of Madras.

Despd. 8.5.17

166 Your telegram 7th [instant]. You may visé [the] Passports of Messrs. School and Thormeyen for Colombo ~~may be vised~~ as well as passports of all reputable foreign subjects.

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BRITISH CONSULATE, GOA

Mormugao, 30th. May 1917.

From

J. G. R. MARSH, Esq., M.Inst. C.E.,
His Britannic Majesty's Consul for Goa;

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department,
Ootacamund, MADRAS.

Sir, 619 infra

Referring to the enclosed copy of letter from the General Staff Officer, Straits Settlements, dated 15th instant, I have the honour to request you to cause the passports sent with my No.36/140 dated 21st April last to be returned to the owners at the following address:- pp 1-2 ante

N. de Souza
120 Middle Road, Singapore.

D. Menezes
120 Middle Road, Singapore.

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

Encl: 1.

H. B. M's Consul.

Copy of letter No.C.R.S.S.10773 dated 15-5-1917, from the General Staff Officer, Straits Settlements, Singapore, to H.B.M's Consul, Goa.

In reference to your letter 36/140 of 1917 addressed to the Secretary to Government Political Department, Madras, regarding the passports of two Portuguese I am directed to request that you will be so good as to cause the passports in question to be returned to the owners at the following address:-

N. de Souza
120 Middle Road,
Singapore.

D. Menizes
at the same address.

2. It would not appear that these persons themselves have been at fault in the matter.

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Memo. No. 1430 - 3 8/7/6

The accompanying passport is herewith returned to Mr. N. de Souza / D. Menezes at the request ~~under instructions from~~ His Britannic Majesty's Consul for Goa.

M.S.K
6.6.17

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6.6.17

E.M.
7.6.17

Issd. with encls
dP 7/6

To

Mr. N. de Souza,
120, Middle Road,
Singapore. (with passport on p 6 CF. in other file below)

Mr. D. Menezes
120, Middle Road
Singapore (with passport on p 4-5 CF in other file below)

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Home (Misc) Dept.

Viseing of passports of foreign subject.

(Ct. 1430) From the British Consul for Goa, 8 21-4-17

The British Consul at Goa reports that ~~Port~~ passports of Portuguese subjects are always visèd by him when the holders sail direct to non Indian ports from the port of Mormugao, and that when they travel from ports in British India, passports are visèd by him if they present themselves at the Consulate. The General Officer Commanding the Troops, Straits Settlements, reports the case of two Portuguese subjects who arrived ~~at Singapore~~ at Singapore from Madras, whose passports have not been visèd by the British Consul at Mormugao, and asks that steps may be taken to ensure that passports are visèd, as foreign passengers are not allowed to land there whose passports do not bear a British visa. (p3 CF)

This Govt. have hitherto been declining to visè passports of foreign subjects travelling to British

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territories, on the strength of the orders of the Govt. of India recorded in G.O. No. 1021 Pub. of 25-5-16. ~~Refers is~~ Please see also Endt. Nos. 533-1 of 19-2-17, 543-1 of 20-2-17, and 1232-1 of 12-4-17. No revised instructions have been received from the Govt. of India. The British Consul at Goa enquires whether any further action is necessary on his part in connection with holders of Portuguese passports issued in Goa who intend to travel overseas from Madras. It does not appear that he can do anything else in the matter. In the circumstances it is for consideration whether this Govt. will agree to visé passports of foreign subjects travelling to British possessions overseas. The Govt. of India may perhaps be consulted.

7.5.17

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M.O.K.
3.5.17

We cannot grant visas except in accordance with the wishes of the Gov. Gen. in Council; he may be consulted

P.A.K.
5.5.17

7.5.17

p6 infra.

Yes. I have already ordered a reference to India.

Till orders are passed, we may permit the Coll. of Madras to vise passports of foreign subjects (though it is not regular to do so)

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS * HOME DEPARTMENT *
-8-MAY-1917

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Home (Pub) Dept.

Passports

(Cl. 1553) Telegram from the Collector of Madras d/ 7.5.17

Please see the telegram from the Collector of Madras in current file. He enquires whether passports of Messrs. School & Thormeyen who are apparently Swiss subjects may be viséd by him. The question is similar to the one raised by the American Consul, dealt with in the linked file ~~below~~, namely that of viseing the passports of ~~foreign~~ American subjects.

For orders whether the Collector may be told that the passports may be viséd in the circumstances, or whether public may be requested to issue ~~Special~~ permits ~~may be~~ ~~issued~~ to them.

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M.D.K. 8.5.17 We have given visas before without authorisation & we may do so again.

P.D.A.K. 8.5.17 No doubt our visa will avail to admit the bearers into a British Colony. The fact remains that we have never been authorised to do so, and the conditions & charges etc have never been laid down.

E.H.M.
8.5.17

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Permit Collr to visé the passports for journey to Colombo

J.M.
8/5/17

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS
-8 MAY 1917
HOME DEPARTMENT

x Copy orders in general case

Till orders are passed we may permit the Collector of Madras to visé passports of foreign subjects

A draft telegram to the Collector is submitted, permitting him to visé the passports referred to, as well as passports of all foreign subjects.

M.O.K.
8/5/17

P.de R.
8.5.17

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E.H.M.
8.5.17

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Viseing of passports of American Subjects

(G. No 1498) from the American Consul; Madras d/ 30·4·17

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Please see the letter from the American Consul, Madras, on pages 1-2 CF and his telegram on page 4. It will appear ~~that~~ from the copy of the letter from the ~~Co~~ American Consul-General at Singapore, on page 3 C.F., that the Straits Settlements Govt. require that passports of foreign subjects should bear British visa to enable them to land in the Colony. When the question of the viseing of foreign passports was referred to the Govt. of India last year, that Govt. replied that as far as they are aware there is no necessity at present for the passports of alien subjects being viséd by the British Indian authorities except in the case of aliens travell to Egypt. vide. G.O. No 162

(H) Pub. d/ 25·5·16. As the

Straits Settlements Govt. however refuse admission to foreigners who are not in possession of passports bearing a British visa, it is for orders whether this Govt will agree to visé their passports in anticipation of the approval of the Govt of India. A representation was recently made by the British Consul at Goa to take the necessary steps for the viséing of passports of Portuguese subjects travelling to British possessions overseas, embarking at the port of Madras. The case is under separate consideration, and the W-S. has therein remarked that we cannot grant visas except in accordance with the wishes of the Govr. Genl in Council, and that he may be consulted.

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For orders as to the reply that may be given to the American Consul, with reference to his telegram on page 4 Cr.

T.O.K.
7/5/17

P. de R.
8.5.17

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The Consul's letter may be acknowledged, and India may be consulted as recommended in the case referred to above

Yes 8/5/17

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT
-8 MAY 1917

It will be seen from the American Consul's telegram on page 4 C.F. that he enquires whether British visa may be obtained at Madras for Mr. R. H. Daniel's passport, as he wishes to leave for Singapore from Madras on the 11th instant. It is for orders whether on the analogy of the decision on the reference from the Collector of Madras in the linked case, the American Consul may be informed that British visa may be obtained from the Collector of Madras. If this course be ~~if~~ accepted, the draft telegram submitted is for approval.

Draft letters to the Consul & to the G of I. will be submitted

8.5.17

after issue of telegram.

P.d.R.
8.5.17

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E.M.
8.5.17

(Telegram to the American Consul
No. 167 of the 8th May 1917)

Draft letter to the Govt. of India and letters of acknowledgement to the British Consul at Goa, and the American Consul, Madras, are submitted.

M.K.
10/5/17

P.d.R.
12.5.17

Vide draft. We must enquire [illegible] first. Please state fees charged by French + other consuls to British nationals for visas.

E.M.
13.5.17

Submitted that the Govt. of India have already ordered that a fee of Rupees 2 should be charged for visas. Please see para 3 of the Foreign Dept. letter, on page 2 of G.O. 398 Home (Misc.) of 8-12-16. For orders whether the drafts may now be issued.

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Vide Pa[illegible] No. 11 on p. 2 of
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(The fee charged by French Consular Officers for viséing British passports is Rs 6-11-0. No information is available here as to the fee charged by other foreign consuls.)

M.K.
14.5.17

P.d.R.
15.5.17

E.M.
15.5.17

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(Letter 1430-1 of 17-5. 17)
From the Govt. of India, Foreign & Poll Dept
Memo. No. 717 G of 5. 6. 17

Please see the reply of the Govt. India on page 21 C.F. They state that there is no objection to the passports of aliens proceeding to the Straits Settlements ~~only~~ being viséd at the request of the holders. This Govt's enquiry however related to the vising of passports of aliens travelling to all British possessions, and not to Straits Settlements only. This was made clear in the last para of the letter to the Govt. of India. - page 14 C.F. It is therefore for consideration whether [illegible] India should again [illegible] vising, of