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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport.

Recording papers relating to the correspondence with the Government of the Straits Settlements on the question as to whether they will accept in lieu of passports the exemption certificates issued by this Government under the Defence of India(Passport)Rules to persons travelling to^{the} Straits Settlements

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TELEGRAPHS.

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Madras Home
to the Command

Reference home g.O. 448
19th inst. please wire
whether Straits Government
will accept passport
exemption certificates

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Home (rise) dept

Telegram

To

The Secretary to the Govt.
of the Straits Settlements.
Singapore.

Despatch
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Reference your regulations
prohibiting the landing of
Indian immigrants without
passports.

Please advise whether
persons in possession of
exemption certificates issued
under defence of India passport rules
by this Govt. permitting
them to embark without
passports will be ^{allowed} permitted
to land in the ^{colony.} Straits
Settlements.

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Adieu

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this telegram.



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TO

Madras Home

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MADRAS HOME OOTACAMUND.

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Colonial

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 Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—No. 355 P. O.—12-12-14—50,000 Bks.

3700 Your telegram dated May 18th. As pure measure at request of Government of India Police accepted in lieu of formal passports in case of persons coming from India. Government of Straits Settlements intructions in order to carry out wishes of Government of that purpose photographs and details very desirable labourers are of course exempted. Colonial Secretary

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Telegram

Police, Kadwa

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Letter: No 1618-38 28507
Ref.

To

The Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary,
Singapore.

[with copy of D of I (Passport) Rules]

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram No.3700, dated the 21st May 1917, on the subject of the regulations issued by the Government of the Straits Settlements prohibiting the landing of Indians in the colony other than bona fide labourers unless they are in possession of passports, I am directed to forward a copy of the Defence of India (Passport) Rules issued by the Government of India with Foreign and Political Department Notification No.1908 D., dated the 22nd March 1917, and to point out that under rule 4 the Government of Madras or a competent authority appointed by it is empowered, as a permanent measure, to exempt persons from the necessity ~~xxxx~~ ^{for} taking out passports. In this view I am instructed to enquire whether the Straits Settlements Government will accept in lieu of passports exemption certificates whenever they are issued ~~xxxx~~ under this rule by this Government or the authority appointed by it.

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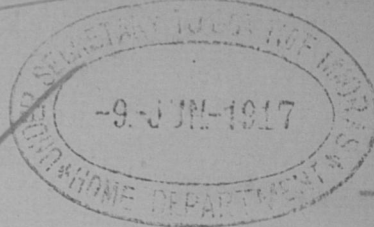
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I am to observe that such exemptions are only granted in exceptional cases and will become rare when the requirements of the rules are more widely known.

I have etc.

E.A.H.
28.5.17
may 20/5/17

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It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. 3700/1917.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Singapore, 23rd MAY, 1917.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 18th instant in the following words:-

"187 reference your regulations prohibiting the landing in the Straits Settlements of Indian immigrants without passport please wire whether persons in possession of exemption certificates issued this Government under defence of India passport rule permission them to embark without passports will be allowed to land in the Colony."

and to inform you that I replied thereto by telegram as follows on the 21st instant:-

(as recd)

"3700 your telegram dated 18th May as purely temporary measure at request of Government of India Police passes are being accepted in lieu of formal passports in case of persons coming from India. Government of Straits Settlements introduced regulations in order to carry out wishes of Government of India and for that purpose photograph and details are very desirable. Bona fide labourers are of course exempted".

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

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,

Home Department,
Stonehouse Hill,

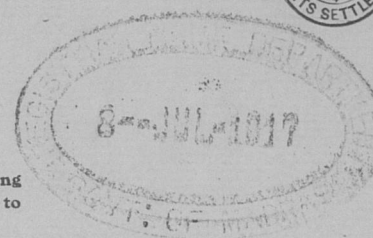
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Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements.

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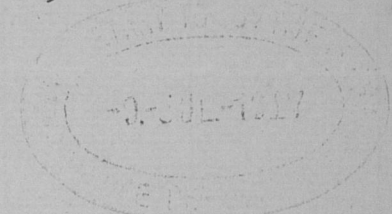


It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. 3700/17.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Singapore, 28th JUNE, 1917.



Sir,

pp 5-6 ante

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1618-3 of the 28th May, 1917, on the subject of the issue of passports to Indians desiring to land in this Colony.

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2. Under the Regulations now in force in the Straits Settlements, a copy of which is enclosed, it is necessary for Indians to obtain passports before leaving the Colony for other destinations, and in the circumstances it is desirable that Indians who arrive here from India should be in possession of some more formal and detailed document than a certificate of exemption under the Defence of India (Passport) Rules, 1917.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James.

Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements.

The Secretary to the

Government of Madras,

Home (Misc.) Department,

OOTACAMUND.

(Vide Gazette Extraordinary No. 57 of 12th May, 1917.)

No. 581.—THE IMPERIAL ORDER IN COUNCIL OF THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1896.

PASSPORT REGULATIONS.

IN exercise of the powers conferred by clause III of the Order of Her late Majesty Queen VICTORIA in Council dated the 26th day of October, 1896, as amended by the Order of His Majesty in Council dated the 21st day of March, 1916, which were brought into operation in the Colony by Proclamations dated the 6th day of August, 1914 and the 20th day of May, 1916, respectively, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to make the following Regulations:—

1. No Indian other than a *bonâ fide* labourer leaving India after the date hereof shall enter or attempt to enter the Colony unless he is in possession of a passport.

2. No Indian shall leave or attempt to leave the Colony for a destination other than the Federated Malay States, Johore, North Borneo or Sarawak without a passport issued or viséd by the competent authority in the Colony or the Federated Malay States provided that this Regulation shall not apply (a) to any *bonâ fide* labourer returning to India; or (b) to natives of Southern India who are *bonâ fide* labourers proceeding to Kelantan, Kedah or Perlis.

3. No Indian shall leave or attempt to leave the Colony for North Borneo or Sarawak without a pass issued or viséd by the Chief Police Officer of any Settlement of the Colony.

4. Nothing done under the authority of any law for the time being in force relating to the engagement of persons for service on merchant ships shall be deemed to be an offence against these Regulations.

5. Any person guilty of an offence against these Regulations shall be liable on conviction before a Police Court to imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or to a fine not exceeding eight hundred dollars or to both.

6. The fee for a passport issued under these Regulations shall be 50 cents. No fee shall be charged for a visé, or for a pass or visa issued under Regulation 3.

7. For the purpose of these Regulations—

“Competent authority” means any person authorized by the Governor, or by the Government of the Federated Malay States, to exercise the powers of a competent authority under these Regulations.

“Labourer” means a person who is a servant in husbandry, artificer, miner or domestic servant or otherwise a member of the labouring classes;

“Native of Southern India” means a person of the Tamil, Telegu or Malayalam race.

8. Nothing in these Regulations shall apply to any person whose age is, or appears to the competent authority to be, less than fifteen years.

By His Excellency's Command,

F. S. JAMES,
Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements.

SINGAPORE, 11th May, 1917.

Home (Misc) Sept

Passports

Telegram from the Commr. of Police, Madras,
8.5.17.

The Commissioners of Police enquire with reference to G.O. No. 448 Home (Misc) of the 9th May 17, whether the Straits Settlements Govt. will accept exemption certificates issued by this Govt. under the Defence of India (Passport) Rules. The Govt. of India state that the Govt. of the Straits Settlements have issued regulations prohibiting the landing in the colony of Indian immigrants, other than bona fide labourers, unless they are in possession of passports. It may be presumed that the Straits Govt. ~~will~~ ^{who} accept passports issued by this Govt. will also accept the exemption certificates issued under the Defence of India (Passport) Rules. It is for orders whether the Commissioners may be informed accordingly. The Public Dept. may be consulted.

Not
14.5.17 S.

Idem. Exemption as issued by the Public Dept. Possibly that dept knows. If not,

(C. 1618)

(M)

vide rule 4 on page 3
of G.O. 493 Pub (H)
26-4-17

vide letter printed in
G.O. 448 (M)
9.5.17

it may be necessary to consult the S.S. &
F.M.S. Govt.

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There is no information in this
depth whether the ~~S~~ Govt of the Straits
Settlements will accept exemption
Certificates granted under rule 4 of
the Defence of India (Passport) Rules.
The exemption certificate will ^{only} authorize
departure from India without a passport.
It seems best to consult the Straits
Govt whether they will accept our
exemption certificates.

The Case may be returned to
the Home Sept.

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Home dept (rise)

A draft telegram to the Govt. of the Straits Settlements is submitted.

17.5.17 1st time Elch.
17.5.17 ✓ send photocopy. Also
Back * inform Comm: 1st time
17.5.17 we have completed Col. Govt.

Don't copy of telegram
Sent to the Commr. of Police also.

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By telegram.

(C. no 1740)

(Telegram to the Straits Settlements Govt.)
From the Colonial Secy, Straits Settlements 21.5.17
The Straits Settlements Govt. wire in reply that at the request of the Govt. of India, Police passes are accepted in lieu of passports as a purely temporary measure. They also state that to carry out the wishes of the Govt. of India, photographs and details of persons landing in the Colony are very desirable. By "Police passes" the Straits Govt. presumably mean the exemption certificates issued by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, under Rule 4 of the Defence of India (Passport) Rules, in his capacity as one of the competent authorities appointed by this Govt. vide Notification No I on page 4 of L.O. No. 493 Pub. 26-4-17. It does not appear that this Govt. are issuing any "Police passes" in addition to the exemption certificates. It is for orders whether the Commr. of Police may be informed in the sense of the telegram of the Straits Govt.

(H)

Yes - better write Commr.
Final order with 1/10/17
has to be communicated
to all competent authorities
C.M.
23.5.17

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It is also for consideration whether as the question is of general importance, a copy of the Defence of India (Passport) Rules may be furnished to the Straits Govt. & they may be addressed again enquiring whether they will accept our Exemption Certificates not only as a temporary measure but as a ^{permanent} standing arrangement. The remarks of the Public Dept. may be obtained. u. o.

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Draft to Comm' first.

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For the u. o.

A draft Telegram is submitted.

Issue:

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24.5.17

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Telegram to the Comm' of Police,
Madras, N^o 1998 24517

Public Dept

Submitted that this department may agree to the proposal of the Home Dept to enquire of the port of the Straits Settlements whether they will accept an exemption Certificates as a permanent arrangement. It may be expected that exemptions will become rarer when the requirements are better more widely known but there will still be a few cases where exemption is necessary owing, for example, to the passenger having to start on very short notice.

LD
25.5.17

SK
25.5.17
CROK
25.5.17

H.D. no

Home (H.D.) Dept.

Pub no 2140-W
25/5/17

A draft letter to the Colonial Secretary, Singapore is submitted.

MOK
25/5/17
H.D.
25.5.17

28/5/17

28.5.17

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28.5.17

(Letter no: 1618-3 of 28-5-17)

A | being taken until a particular case
calling for special notice.

If the former course is pursued, it will
be better in the first instance to
put the matter before India; the rules
under which exemptions are granted are
therein.

Ch. 4
11.7.17

I certainly prefer course A above,
but the exemption certificates should
be issued as sparingly as possible.
It is a course to revise the instructions
in the telegram on page 4 of C. of 16.

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Public (u.o.)

Public Dept

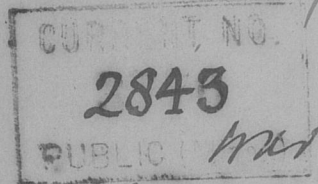
The case may, if it subd, be
perused and returned to the Home
dept. The Competent authorities have
already been requested to not to issue
exemptions unless they are satisfied that
there is clear necessity for exemption —
para 2 of Go 493 & 204-17 — and no further
general orders to that effect seem necessary.

I am inclined to think it would be

157-17
11.7.17



Home (his) no. 1618-4
12.7.17



Regd 12.7.17

NOTES.

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use & inform all competent authorities of the exact position taken up by the Colonial Sec^y & instruct them to warn applicants for exemption certificates that they run the risk of being refused permission to land in the S.S. if not provided with regular passports.

LD.
18.7.17

A draft order is submitted which, if approved, may be taken out for issue in this dept^t, the case being returned to the Home (Mis) Dept^t.

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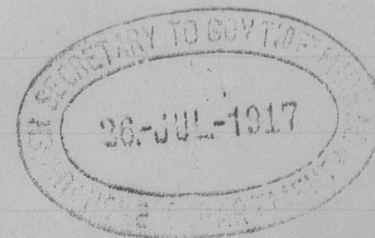
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S. Then paper may now be issued.

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24.7.17



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DEFENCE OF INDIA (PASSPORT) RULES:-

Requesting the competent authorities appointed under the ----- to warn applicants for exemption certificates that they run the risk of being refused permission to land in the Straits Settlements if they are not provided with passports.

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

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READ ALSO:-

C. No., From the , No., dated 191 .

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ORDER.

P. S.

No., dated 191 .

Shikhi with the G.O.
Original Sent to Pres. #

The competent authorities appointed in G.O. 493 Pub., dated 26-4-17 are informed that under the Regulations now in force in the Straits Settlements, no Indian other than a bona fide labourer may enter or attempt to enter the Colony unless he is in possession of a passport. The Govt. of the Colony have intimated that they will accept exemption certificates in lieu of passports purely as a temporary measure but as their Regulations also require that Indian subjects should obtain passports before leaving the Colony they consider it desirable that Indians who arrive there from India should be in possession of some more formal and detailed document than a certificate of exemption. The competent authorities

authorities are accordingly requested to warn applicants for exemption certificates that they run some risk, though, at present, it may be only a slight risk, of being refused permission to land in the Straits Settlements if they are not provided with regular passports.

L. D.
21-7-17.

To the D. Ms. Anjengo, South Arcot,
Chingleput, Ganjam, Godavari,
Guntur, South Kanara, Kistna,
Malabar, Nellore, Ramnad, Tinnevely,
and Vizagapatam.

To the Commissioner of Police

Copy to all other D. Ms.

Copy to the I. G. of Police.

Copy to the D. I. G. of Police,
Railways and C. I. D.

Copy to Home (Mis.) Department.

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