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A copy of the undermentioned letter is forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, for information, in continuation of the endorsement from the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, No. 129 G., dated the 6th February 1918.

(By order)

D. M. FIELD,
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ENCLOSURE

Letter—from C. GREENE, Esq., His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Tokyo.
 To—the Foreign office, London.
 Dated—the 25th January 1918.
 No.—3/Treaty.

I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, a translation of a memorandum which I have received from the Japanese Government respecting the new passport regulations issued in the 'Official Gazette' of the 20th instant, which are also annexed in translation.

[The substance of these regulations was reported to you in my Telegram No. 61 of to-day's date.

I am sending copies of this despatch to the Governors-General of Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand; to the Viceroy of India, to the Governors of Hong-Kong, Straits Settlements and Ceylon.]

SUB-ENCLOSURES

(i)

Memorandum, dated 24th January 1918.

The Imperial Foreign Office has the honour to inform the Foreign Embassies and Legations in Japan that under Home Office Ordinance No. 1 promulgated in the 'Official Gazette' of this date it has become necessary that on and after the first of February 1918 all foreigners proposing to enter Japan, other than members of foreign embassies and Legations, Foreign consular officers and members of Consulates, appointed to reside in the Empire, as well as their families, persons charged with public business of foreign Governments and members of the crews of foreign vessels calling at the ports and bays of the Empire, shall carry a passport or certificate of nationality vised by a Japanese Ambassador, Minister or Consular officer abroad, and having affixed the photograph of the individual in question.

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[Translation.]

ORDINANCE No. 1 OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

Official Gazette, 24th January 1918.

Matters relating to the entry of foreigners into the country are laid down as follows.

COTO SHIMPOI, BARON :
Minister of the Interior.MOTONO ICHIRO, VISCOUNT, LL.D.,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Article 1.—Local Governors (in Tokyo Prefecture, the Superintendent-General of Police; elsewhere in accordance with this example) can prohibit the landing of foreigners crossing over to this country who are recognised as falling under one of the sub-headings noted below:—

- (1) Persons not possessing a passport or a certificate of nationality.
- (2) Persons who, it is feared, may commit actions contrary to the interests of the Empire or arrange facilities for enemy countries.
- (3) Persons who, it is feared, may disturb the public peace or corrupt morals.
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- (5) Persons suffering from an infectious disease or other malady dangerous to the public health.
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The passports or certificates of nationality mentioned in sub-heading (1) of the preceding clause are restricted to those having a photograph of the person in question affixed which have been issued by the authorities of his country and have been endorsed by an Ambassador, Minister or Consular Officer of the Empire residing abroad.

Article 2.—The application of the provisions relating to sub-heading (1) of clause 1 of the preceding article may be specially waived in regard to subjects or citizens of countries which do not require the production of passports or certificates of nationality in connexion with the entry into the country of subjects of the Empire.

Article 3.—Foreigners crossing over to this country should present passports or certificates of nationality at the request of competent police officials and should make faithful statements in reply to interrogations relating to the investigation of the several sub-headings of clause 1 of article 1 and of other necessary matters.

Article 4.—Local Governors may forbid the landing of or order to leave the territory of the Empire persons contravening the preceding article, or using passports or certificates of nationality on which the name of another person is recorded, or who have obtained the endorsement of passports or certificates of nationality by means of falsehood.

Article 5.—The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to Foreign Ambassadors, Ministers, members of foreign Embassies or Legations, foreign Consular Officers, members of foreign Consulates stationed in the Empire and their families; nor to persons charged with the official business of foreign Governments; they are equally not applied to the crews of foreign vessels calling at ports of the Empire.

Supplementary rules.

This Ordinance comes into force from the date of its promulgation. However, matters relating to the passports or certificates of nationality take effect from the 1st February 1918.

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Order—No. 344, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 5th April 1918.

Recorded.

(True extract)

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
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To all District Magistrates.
" the Collector of Madras.
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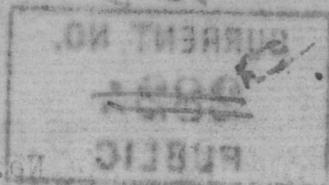
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