

Home (1918) Department.
Miscellaneous

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 770

DATED 13. 11. 18

[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport.

Recording papers regarding an application for a recommendation to India office for the issue of a ----- to Miss L. S. Lawson, Principal, Wesleyan Missions' Girls' school, Madras, to enable her to return to her work.

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HOME (EDUCATION)

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting letter from Miss Lawson, Principal, Wesleyan Mission Girls' High School, Rayapet, Madras, requesting a recommendation to the India Office to permit her ^{to} return to India.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Current

No.

7932/18

Spare copies

Station

Madras

Dated the

18

September

1918

From (Name)

H. S. Duncan Esq., M.A.,

(Designation)

Ag. Director of Public Instruction, M A D R A S.

To,

The Home (m) Dept. To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION)

Department.

Sir,

[The institution referred to is a private one.]

I have the honour to submit the accompanying letter dated Leeds, England 1st June 1918 from Miss L. S. Lawson, Principal, Wesleyan Mission Girls' High School, Rayapet, Madras, addressed to Mrs. Drysdale, Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, requesting a recommendation to the India Office, London, for the issue of a passport to enable her to return to her work in Madras and to state that Mrs. Drysdale considers that Miss Lawson's return to

India is very essential for the continuance of the excellent educational work she was doing in Madras, that she cannot be replaced and that her absence is very detrimental to the efficiency of the Wesleyan Mission Girls' School referred to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. G. Arne

for Director of Public Instruction.

Y. V. / 18/9

256 Bury Road

Leeds

England.

From Miss L. S. Lawson

Principal, Wesleyan Mission Girls' High School

Royapettah, Madras

June 1st 1915

To Mrs. Daydale B.A.

Government Inspector, Girls' Schools, Central Circle, Madras.

Madam

I have the honour to apply to you for a note to the Indian Office, London, urging the necessity of a passport being granted to me, that I may return to my work in Madras. As Inspector of the Circle you know the condition of the school, and have seen the nature of my work there since 1911.

I trust that you will be kind enough to let me have such a note as shall secure me an immediate passport to return to my work in Madras. I may add that I am quite willing to take any personal risks that the present War time conditions may involve.

I have the honour to be

Madam

Your most obedient servant

L. S. Lawson

Principal

W. M. Girls' High School, Royapettah, Madras.

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Home (rec) dep.

Memo. no 2043-20/8.10.18
 With reference to his
 letter current no. 7932/18
 of the 18.9.18, submitting
 letter from Miss L. S. Dawson,
 Principal, Wesleyan Mission
 Girls' High School, Madras,
 requesting a recommend-
 -ation to the India Office
 to enable her to obtain
 a passport to return to
 India, the D.P.D. is
 requested to enquire and
 report definitely if it is
 impossible for the Mission to
 engage the services of
 another lady in India
 competent to manage the
 School. He is also requested
 to report ~~whether~~ how long
 Miss Dawson has been
 absent, and whether the
 arrangements made in her
 absence are not satisfactory.

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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS)

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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting further particulars in regard to
getting a passport on behalf of Miss Lawson, Principal,
Wesleyan Mission Girls' High School, Royapeta.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

R. C. No. 7932/1918

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Station Madras, Dated the 25 October 1918

From (Name) the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. Duncan, M. A.,
(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education
HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) Department.

Sir,

Oct 18, 1918.

Mrs. Drysdale B.A.,
 Inspectress of Girls' Schools,
M a d r a s.

Dear Mrs. Drysdale,

Your letter has come to me as a gleam of hope in a very pressing problem. Miss Lockhart, the acting Principal of our Girls' High School in Royapettah is on the verge of a nervous breakdown and our committee does not see how she can possibly continue beyond the end of the present year. Miss Andrews is likely to have to undergo an operation in the near future and I question if she can continue much longer. I need scarcely say therefore that we are in absolute need of Miss Lawson's return at the earliest possible moment. Our committee in England has, I know, been trying to do its best and in the last letter we had, some hope of her coming was held out. It was only yesterday that we cabled asking if there was any possibility of her sailing. She has now been at home for over three years and during the past year has made several efforts to get out. I had no idea that anything could be done at this end or I should have written to you long ago. Our case is a very strong one. We have no one else that we can put in Miss Lockhart's place. Miss Triggs who is on the staff has scarcely been out long enough to assume full responsibility and even if we were to ask her to accept the Principalship, with Miss Lockhart and Miss Andrews away, she would be severely handicapped.

In view of all I have said I think you will agree with me that we are in a very difficult position and that if the Director of Public Instruction can do anything to hasten Miss Lockhart's return he will be conferring on us a favour which we shall greatly appreciate.

Lawson

No

ROYAPETTAH

MADRAS

Should the Director of Public Instruction be pleased to endorse my request and the Government of Madras to accede to it, I would suggest that the request for permission to sail be sent to England by cable so that Miss Lawson may come at the earliest possible date. If you will kindly let me know to whom the cable will be sent I shall cable to Miss Lawson asking her to apply for her passport.

I am,
Yours sincerely,

P. S. New.

R.C.No 485 D/18

21-10-18

VJ.



N.R.C.No 485 D/18

21-10-18

Submitted to the Director
of Public Instruction with
reference to Proceedings

R.C.No 7932/18
12-10-1918

R.C.No 7932/18 of 25-10-18

Submitted to Government with
reference to Memo. No. 2645-2, Home
(Miscellaneous. Secy) of 5th October 1918.

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25.10.18

For Director of Public Instruction

25.10.18

Inspector of Public Instruction
Chennai

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting letter from the Correspondent, Wesleyan Mission High
school for girls, Royapet, Madras reporting that Miss Lawson has sailed
from England via America.

Home (Secy)

Home (Mrs.) w/o.

Home (Secy) No. 2266/18
6/11/18

ENCLOSURES

No.

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Station Madras, Dated the 31 October 1918

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. H.S. Duncan, M.A.
(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

Submitted to Government in continuation of this office
endorsement R.C.No.7932/18 dated 25-10-1918.

N.A.rieve.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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WESLEY COLLEGE
ROYAPETTAH
MADRAS

Oct 29, 1918.

To
The Director of Public Instruction:

Sir,

I have learned through Mrs. Drysdale the
Inspectress of Schools that you have very
kindly supported my request that Miss Lawson
should be permitted to sail from England in
order to resume the Principalship in the
Wesleyan Mission Girls' Boarding School. I
have the honour to inform you that a few days
ago I received a cable stating that Miss Lawson
had sailed via America. I am deeply indebted
to you for your kindness in the matter.

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

P. N. S. S.
Comptroller

Homefree, DEPARTMENT.

Stating that the Govt. are unable to consider the case of Miss L. S. Lawson, as sufficient to justify a recommendation.

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C. No. 2643 From the A. P. J. Current No. 7932, dated 18-9-1918

3055 Memo no 2643-2 of 8.20.18
S.P. I. Re 7932 25-6-1918

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The Govt. regret they are
unable to consider the
grounds advanced on
behalf of Miss L. S.
Lawson, as sufficient
to justify a ^{special} recommend-
ation to the India
Office, to enable her
to obtain a passport
to return to India.

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To Mr D. P. I
(Geo)

any doubt exists. This procedure is now being actually adopted.

But ~~in~~ cases of personal requests & enquiries about ~~the~~ passports from ladies, addressed to C.S., are dealt with in Public, & replies to such requests & enquiries are issued from this Deptt., official orders being however issued in Home (Misc) Deptt. In the particular case of Mrs. McLeod the letter was a DO addressed to C.S. & it was treated in the office as a personal communication.

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15.9.18

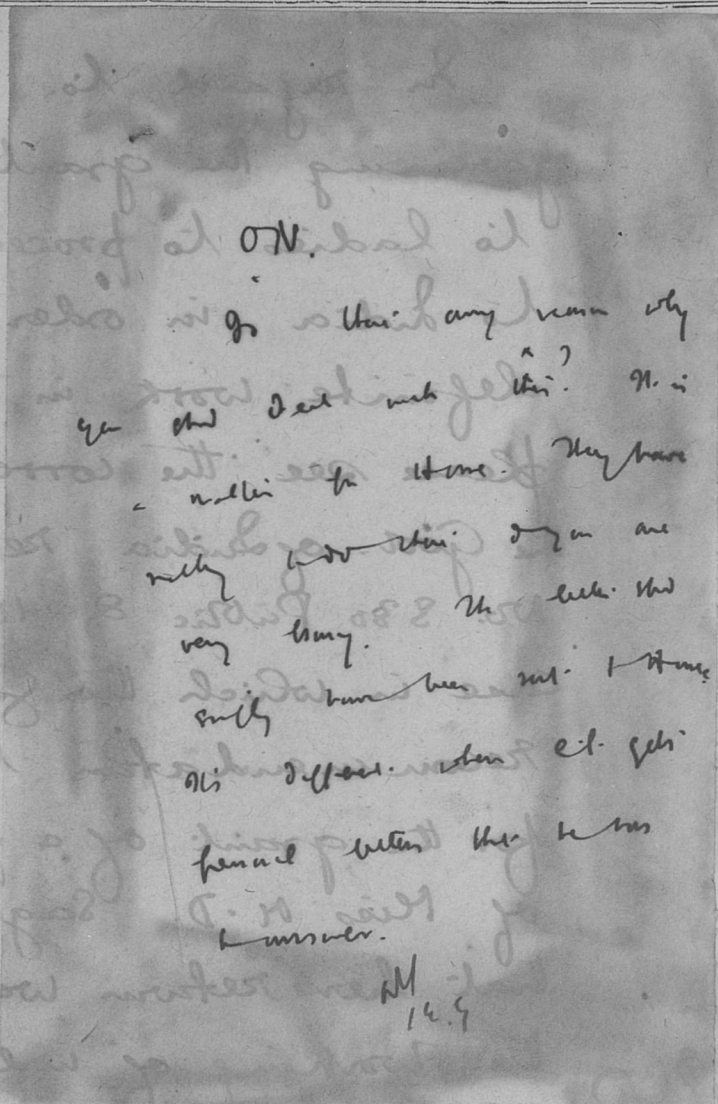
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ROUTINE SLIP.

(Not to be sent out of the office or printed.)



FORMS

Public Deptt

Attention is solicited to the discussion in ~~the~~ the note to go M. 646 Public, 21.5.17 on the ~~subject~~ question of the transfer of the subject "Passports" from Home (Misc) to Public. In C.S. note 21.5.17, at para " of those notes it was decided that the present practice of dealing with the subject in Home (Misc) should continue subject however to Home Deptt's consulting C.S. in military cases & with regard to women & children here any

Home (Misc) Deptt

(Ann. 2663) Passport to India from England - Miss Lawson
From the D. P. J. 3/19/18

In regard to the principles governing the grant of permission to ladies to proceed from England to India in order to take up definite work in this country, please see the correspondence with the Govt. of India recorded in G.O. No. 330 Public 3/15.4.18. The only case in which this Govt. made a recommendation to the India Office for the grant of a passport is that of Miss M.D. Sage, on the ground that her return was necessary for the working of industrial schools attached to the Bonckingham and Carnatic Mills "solely employed on war work". The Govt. declined to interfere on behalf of the St. George's Home, Kodaikanal, to enable their Home Committee to send out lady members of the staff. ^{Public} vide. G.O. 152/3/14.2.18. It seems therefore doubtful whether the case of Miss Lawson justifies a special recommendation to the India

Cide Telegram No
1308 Public 3/14-12-17 (Y)

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Office. The case is however for Public Dept. to decide, to which it may be transferred for disposal.

HOR

27-9-18.

Desk
20-9-18

Public no. *[Signature]*

Pub. Dept.



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This is not quite the same as the one of the transferred from the way treated in d-y.

Telegram no. 1308
14.12.17

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The decision arrived at in G.O. no. 646 Pub. of 21.8.17 on the question of dealing with passport cases was that Home Dept. should consult C.S. in ~~consulting~~ with regard to women & children where any doubt existed. The present question is therefore one for disposal in Home (H.C.).

2. Home (H.C.) extra note refers to Mrs. Sage's case as the only one in which this Govt. made a recommendation to the India Office. But though in G.O. no. 152 Pub. of 14.2.18 it was considered useful to move the India Office on behalf of St. George's House, Kodaikanal, subsequently at the inst. of Sir W. L. and Cardew a recommendation was made to

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B. the G.P.T. in letter no. 4065-29
20.3.18 (pt-2 c.7. in L.O. no. 330 Pub.
7.5.4.18). In reply to G.P.T. is suggested
that the St. George's Homes & similar
institutions might possibly be able
to find suitable temporary
employees from among the ladies
in India who had been re-
fused permission to return home.

3. In the present case
Miss Law Lou's return is considered
very essential for the continuance
of the excellent educational
work of the institution &
that it is also stated that
she cannot be replaced. If therefore
this be considered a fit
case for a recommendation
to the ^{Office} Indian Govt. that the
Home (Miss) may be requested
to send up a recommendation
accordingly.

YAB:
2.10.18
[Signature]

In view of the
recommendation will be made.
There are lots of ladies in
India doing nothing but
then could make full
this Law Lou's place in the school
the work. H.H. 22.5.19

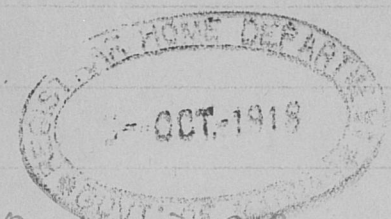
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15.4.18 B.
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Home may be requested to
deal with the file finally.

My personal opinion is that no cogent reason
or personal reasons sent which would warrant
a special recommendation by Govt on behalf
of Miss Lawson. Home (Est) if so advised may
arrange, in which ^{Est} 4.10.18
case Mr. Child see.

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Home (Muz) Co.

Pub. L. O. 3050-1
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Noted in CR
5.10.18

Thro Home (Est)

Regr
W.S.

Home Dept.

Submitted

Recd
5.10.18

Home (Est) Dept.

This department has no more information
about Miss Lawson or of her business in India
than what is contained in the D.P.I. letter

PD
5.10.18

CR
5.10.18

Ask the D.P.I. definitely to report if
it is impossible for the Mission to
engage the services of another lady in
India competent to manage the school;
& for how long Miss Lawson has been absent
whether the arrangements made in
her absence are not satisfactory

Muz
5/10/18

NOTES.

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Draft ^{Hemg} ~~encl.~~ to the D. P. I. & Subd.

HOR

5.10.18

1008 (Memo. 2643-28 8.20.18)

(C. No. 3055)

From the D. P. I. R.C. 7932/325. W. 18
The D. P. I. forwards a letter addressed to Mrs. Drysdale, Inspector of Girls' Schools, which sets out the need for Miss Lawson's return to India "at the earliest possible moment". It is for orders whether a special recommendation is called for.

HOR

29.10.18

1008
29.10.18

S.
The case is a

Strong one of its kind but I don't think that kind is ~~cost~~ enough. The case of Miss Sage was different as the ground of national interest counts then he urged.

From an Edel point of view the return is desirable. But there is no definite statement that no one is now in India cannot

fill up the post temporarily
Miss [unclear] 30/10/18

A draft order to the D. P. I. is subd.

M.D.P.

31. 10. 18

Adel

1-11-18

S. [unclear]

11/11/18

H.M. (mis)

H.E.

I accept the draft. The proper course in such a case as this (as the Port of India indicated recently) is for the Mission management in England to signify to India Office that Mrs. Lawson's return is a preferential treatment. Her return, though desirable, is not a matter of national importance or cogent private needs.

L.D.

6. 11. 18

11/11/18

Submitter

11/11/18

H.E.

His Excellency agrees.

H.M.

11. 11. 18



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C. 8. 7
D. 9/11

(Cm. 3191) From the D. P. J. Rc 7932 of 31.10.10

A further communication has been received from the D. P. J., forwarding letter of the correspondent of the School reporting that Miss Lawson has sailed from England via America. In the circumstances, it is for orders whether the draft should issue.

MOR
11.11.18
Pees.
11.11.18

S.

It need not now issue.

We may "record" instead. Miss Lawson will be lucky if she gets to India very soon.

[Signature]

Recorded No: 770
13.11.18
my
12/11/18

NP

Recording papers regarding an application for a passport for a recommendation to India for the issue of a passport to Miss L.S. Lawson. Principals working on this subject should be enabled to return to her soon.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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