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Home (1918) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport.-

Recording papers regarding the allotment of passages by S.S. "Merkara".

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Home/Mis/3040
25.10.18

C. 3. 25 OCT 1918 POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. No.

MADRAS 24 OCT 18

Received here at ______ H. ______ M. 00966

X VI SIMLA 24 STE 67 MADRAS MADRAS =

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1990- G IN ORDER TO HAVE EVERYTHING IN TRAIN IN POSSIBLE EVENT OF SHIP BEING ALLOTTED FOR CONVEYANCE OF WOMEN & CHILDREN TO UNITED KINGDOM IN NEAR FUTURE PLEASE BRING YOUR WAITING LIST OF WOMEN & CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORTS UP TO DATE & IN ORDER OF URGENCY & POST APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF THOSE DESIROUS OF PROCEEDINM UNITED KINGDOM DURING NEXT THREE MONTHS = FOREIGN =

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Home Department U.O.

It is for consideration whether applications should not be invited from ladies who are anxious to proceed home on such a vessel. I understand that a good many who would really be qualified under the rules, have abstained from applying in the belief that it is out of the question to obtain permission.

25.10.18

Have we not prescribed fortnightly reports from DMs? Please let me see the papers.

Regarding invitation of applications, see India's orders re berths on Herefordshire.

25/10/18

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26-10-18
8.30 pm

C. 3.

Home (Misc)
cl. 3050
Regd 27.10.18

POSTS TELEGRAPHS. 00842

MADRAS 26 OCT. 18 T.D.

No.

Received here at ______ H. ______ M.

600 R 171 Simla 26 8te 39 13.

Clear Line Madras Madras

= Clear the Line 1999 = of my Tel 1990 =
of Oct 24 = the Ship will probably
sail at very early date please
[illegible] numbers of
telegraph [illegible] children
eligible women [illegible]
desirious of proceeding to United
Kingdom = Foreign =

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Home (Mil) 3063
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C. 3 POSTS TELEGRAPHS. 00596

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MADRAS 29 OCT 18 G.T.D.

Home D.M

Home

000 OH SIMLA / 28 STE 37 CLEAR LINE MADRAS MADRAS

= CLEAR THE LINE 2005= G MY TEL 1999= 6 OCT 26 TH

SHIP MERKARA WILL PROBABLY LEAVE CALCUTTA NOVR 9 TH

CARRYING FIRST & SECOND CLASS PLEASE TELEGRAPH NUMBER

PASSAGES EACH CLASS YOU REQUIRE = FOREIGN =

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Madras Egmore	2	14	35		26

TO (53)

Recd. here at 15 H. 12 M.

Reply pd Chief Secretary
Govt Madras Ft

understand another boat sailing England shortly Please sanction self and wife passages
= Worsdell =

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Place

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Home (Misc) Dept.

Passages for women & Children to the United Kingdom

p1 ante (C1 no 3040) Telegram from Foreign Dept. Simla d/ 26.10.18

p2 ante (C1 no 3050) Do. d/ 26.10.18

Please see the remarks on page 1 ante. In Memo. No. 2551–1 d/ 1.10.18. all D.M.S, the Commr. of Police, Madras & the Resident in Travancore & Cochin have been asked to furnish Quarterly statements of women and children who have been granted passport to the United Kingdom ~~but~~ but who have been unable to secure passages home. These statement were prescribed with reference to para 4 of Foreign Dept. Memo 1434 G d/ 4.9.18, where India asked for statements for every quarter in future. Fortnightly reports ~~have~~ have not been called for.

p8 Cf. of ~~the~~ ~~Herefordshire file.~~ ~~linked~~ fo. 731 (10) 31.10.18

p2 Cf. ibid

2. In regard to invitation of applications, India replied in the case of passages by S.S. Herefordshire that number of applications for those fully entitled to passages largely exceeded accomodation available and that there would be no surplus accommodation. Applications were not therefore freely invited. India telegraphs that another ship will probably sail at very early date and asks for numbers of eligible women and children desirous of

telegram at p 52 of Notes ~~in the Herefordshire file~~ ~~linked~~ of G.O. at (10)

Telegram at page 2 ante

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proceeding to the United Kingdom. Of the ladies recommended to India for passages by the Herefordshire, the following have not left for home:

I (1) Mrs. E. L. Prudhomme

II (2) Mrs. Dayrell.

III (3) Mrs. Alexander ~~and~~

IV (4) Mrs. Gillan and,

V (5) Mrs. Worsdell.

page 104 of Notes in ~~linked file~~ G.O. at (10)

It was reported that Mrs. Prudhomme could not leave as her husband had an operation, that Mrs. Gillan could not avail herself of the passage allotted having met with an accident, and Mrs. Dayrell and Mrs. Alexander did not propose to proceed then. Mrs. Worsdell declined her passage as her husband could not get a passage in the same boat.

telegram on p 83 C.F. ibid (~~linked file~~)

VI of husband

Of these ladies, the first four may perhaps be desirous of proceeding by the ship now announced. ~~Mrs. B. Harding Pascoe~~ Mrs. C. Harding Pascoe's name may also be ~~tele~~ telegraphed to India as requiring a passage. It was noted that His Excellency wished that she should be given the same treatment in respect of a passage to England

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pages 45 and 55 of Notes in ~~linked file~~ G.O. at (10)

NOTES.

Mrs. B[illegible]sant-Scott. The latter has been allotted a vacant passage in the Herefordshire. Reference is in this connection solicited to the case of Mrs. Swayne who has applied for a passport. Vide. ~~linked~~ file below ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Separately~~. She may perhaps be included for a passage. The Resident also reported the names of Miss. Adamson, Mrs. M. A. Stephens and Mrs. Campbell-Perkins, ~~about whom~~ ~~but the Resident~~ but he was informed that passports will be issued only on satisfactory evidence of urgent reasons for the journey.

VIII
28.10.8

(in Mrs. Swayne's file)

The D. M. Cuddapah also mentioned that the ladies noted below have applied to him for passports to proceed to England as soon as ~~possible~~ the restrictions on travelling are removed:-

p 92 Cf. in ~~the~~ ~~Herefordshire file~~ IX 1) Miss A. T. Simmons.
~~linked~~ G.O. at (10) X 2) Miss F. A. Fleare.
XI 3) Miss G. H. Macfarlane.

For orders & whether the names of these ladies also may be reported as desirous of securing passages.

H.S.R.
28.10.18

Skinner 30.
28.10.8

(Further telegram added – page ~~[illegible]~~ 3 supra)

S.
28.10.8

true ~~[illegible]~~ As an urgent reply is

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required we may provisionally telegraph our requirements as above & add ~~three~~ two more pending cases

XII Mrs. Molony

XIII Mrs Gilbert

XIV Mrs Caclaunders & two children

~~XIX Mrs Dayrell~~

We may ask for ~~14~~ 15 ~~12~~ berths (the extra one for Mrs Caclaunders' little one)

It will be ascertained if there children & the fact will also be telegraphed. All Further

For orders.

The file will be resubmitted with further note & for re scrutiny & for arranging order of urgency

[illegible] 28/10/18

C.S.

H.M.

As orally instructed by C.S, a list of possible names of ladies ~~for~~ to be provided for in the proposed boat is prepared & submitted.

The list includes 2 additional names, Miss Spence (File subd. separately) & Mrs. Hensley (under consideration in Home Depts.)

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The total accommodation required is 17 berths (one of which is for Mr. Worsdell who is to travel with his wife, & one for one of Mrs. Callander's children). The boat is expected to ~~sail~~ leave Calcutta on 9. 11. 18. Perhaps the following telegram may issue at once to the G. of I.:—

Telegram at p.-3 supra

To

Foreign, Simla.

~~Correspondence~~. Your telegrams 24th, 26th & 28th regarding boat Merkara. ~~[illegible]~~ Probable requirements of Madras Passengers by that boat are 17 berths. Final reply will be ~~[illegible]~~ telegraphed shortly.

pp. 1-3 supra

~~The~~ 2. The Home Deptt. may, it is subd., be requested to inform all the ladies referred to in the list of the proposed boat ~~& to~~ & ~~the~~ to warn them to be prepared to ~~to~~ sail by that boat in case their names are finally selected.

30. X. 18

C. 3. POSTS & TELEGRAPHS No. 00862

Recd
30-10-18
8.15
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Received here at ____ H. ____ M.

MADRAS G.P.O. 30 OCT 18

Home (Mil) 3129
1-11-18

00 TC SIMLA 30 STE 38 CLEAR LINE MADRAS MADRAS =

CLEAR THE LINE 2041 G MERKARA LEAVES CALCUTTA 5 TH NOVEMBER CALLING MADRAS 8 TH AND COLOMBO 10 TH AAA PASSAGES RE BEING ALLOTTED AND NONE WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TELEGRAPHED IMMEDIATELY = FOREIGN =

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GOVERNMENT OF
MADRAS

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Chandravilas
30 oct Eve

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My dear Todhunter,

I marked the file for you & Mr. Gillman last Monday evening.

I see that you have called for further information; I have not seen the file since.

To the best of my memory, India does not require lists of ladies now. They want only the number of berths 1st & 2nd class. So I suggested wiring "Fourteen first class". The ladies may be settled later on: also the order of urgency.

You ask for medical certificate &c. Recently under H.E.'s instructions, whilst doubtless holders of medical certificates have precedence, other ladies are given passports

provided there is room in general chartered steamers. Since suggesting the figure 14, I have since seen two more applications.

I would suggest your sending a clear line telegram at once saying we require

14 or berths,
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after Council meeting tomorrow, if there be time, I shall take the file to you.

Yours sincerely

Sectt. II-8 (f)—25,005—27-4-15.

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P.A.

Where are these papers? Please let me have them in time to take H.E.'s orders as soon as he arrives.

31.10.18

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This V.U. file has been delayed for three days to be put up with a list which gives no basis for a decision. Will Home Department kindly have the matter taken in hand at once and the following particulars furnished immediately:—

(1) Name of lady.

(2) Reasons given for asking for a passport.

(3) If reasons are reasons of health, nature of medical certificate given.

(4) Orders if any passed.

(5) Other remarks, e.g., in Mrs. Pruddhome's case the fact that she was unable to proceed a few days ago should be mentioned, since it is clearly useless to offer her a passage again; in Mrs. Gillan's case the fact that she was waiting at Colombo for the steamer but, having broken her arm, was unable to proceed on the last occasion should be mentioned; in Mrs. Worsdell's case the question whether a passage should be given to her husband by the same boat needs examination.

2. It is observed that in Mrs. ~~Gillan~~ Callander's case no remarks at all are given.

3. Mrs. Bourne's case has not been included.

4. I shall be glad if Home Dept. can give me a table with all the materials for a decision without searching the files so that H.M.'s orders can be secured on the matter immediately after the Council meeting to-day.

U.G.T.-31-10-18

Home(Misc.)Department.

U.S.

Flag X

The required statement is submitted. The following names have been left out.

(1)Mrs.Callander and two children
(2)Miss A.T.Simmons
(3)Miss F.A.Feare
(4)Mrs.G.H.Macfarlane
(5) Mrs Mahony

p 92 C.F. in the Herefordshire file

As regards (1) no formal application has been received. As regards the others the D.M.Cuddapah merely says they want passports as soon as restrictions are removed. No formal applications have come in.

2. There is no information whether passages for men are also provided in the 'Merkara'. Mr.and Mrs. Worsdell, Mr.and Mrs.Hall have been included in the list on the presumption that passages will be given to men also. This is for orders.

Pad.
31.10.28

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C.S.

I Para 2 above. I think the presumption is unwarrantable. The telegrams on pp 1 & 2 c.f. specifically mention ~~and~~ "women & children" & that on p. 3 c.f., which is the first to refer to the Merkara, though it relates to "first & second class passages" refers back to telegram No 1999 (p 2. c.f.) If this view is accepted, then

Cf. telegram p 4 c.f. — Mr & Mrs Worsdell No (6)
Mr & Mrs Hall No (12)
& probably also
(linked file) — Mrs Swayne No (1)
will disappear from the list.

Name	Reasons given for asking for a passport.	If reasons are reasons of health, nature of medical certificate given.	Orders if any passed	Other remarks.
1. Mrs.J.C.Swayne	Illess of her son who has undergone an operation		No orders passed	
2. Mrs.E.L.Prudhome G°. 561 / 20.7.18 I	Her delicate daughter has broken down in health at school in England. Mrs.P. has been asked to remove her from school for special treatment.	✓ 1st		She was allotted a berth in Herefordshire but could not avail herself of it as her husband had undergone an operation in the General Hospital then.
3. Mrs.D.L.Dayrell and Child. 5 or 6 years old.	✓ 1st	'Her condition of health is such that she ought to proceed to England as soon as possible.'	India was asked to allot a passage by Herefordshire but no passage was given for want of acommodation.	She moreover did not wish to proceed then.
4. Mrs.A.L.Alexander (IV) Emst. 750-II / 7-3-18	✓ 1st	"Health running down. A change from this climate to her native land in Europe is absolutely and promptly needed."	----Do-----	D.M.Malabar telegraphed on 13th inst. that she did not want a passage by Herefordshire no reason given
5. Mrs.H.Gillan Emst-2314-I / 15-8-18 (II)	Her delicate children are in England & have no relations to look after them. Youngest child ill.	✓ 1st	She was allotted a passage by Herefordshire by G.of I	She met with an accident in Ceylon & could not go.
6. Mrs.M.Worsdell (& her husband)	✓ (III)	Mrs.W requires an immediate change to England to avoid a serious breakdown in health.	She was given a passage by Herefordshire.	She declined the passage offered as she did not like to travel without her husband she being a bad sailor.
7. Mrs.C.Harding Pascoe.	✓ 1st			Not strictly eligible for a passport under existing restrictions. But recommended as H.E. desired that she should be provided with passage if surplus accommodation was available by Herefordshire.

Name	Reason given for asking for a passport.	If reasons are reasons of health, nature of medical certificate given.	Orders if any passed.	Other remarks.
8. Mrs. Gilbert Madras. linked file	(1) Her desire to avoid the heavy expense of hotel life in India. (2) Her desire to rejoin her little girl at home aged only 4 years. (3) War work at home.		No orders passed.	
9. Miss M. Spencer (linked file)	Her desire to get to her fiance who has been wounded		Reason considered insufficient. Proposed to refuse permission.	
10. Mrs. Hensley (linked file)	(1) Mother failing in health. (2) Wanted in England on account of legal matters.	✓ 1st	H.M. passed orders refusing her passport. Issue of orders withheld by Secy. for consideration along with ~~pending disposal of~~ file re: Merkara.	
11. Mrs. Spitteler & her son 8 years old. (linked file)	✓ 1st ?	She says Major Willcocks has certified that it is absolutely necessary to go to England on account of her health.	No orders passed.	No formal application has yet been received.
12. Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Hall. + infant (file with C.S.)	✓ ✗	Mr. Hall is very ill & it is absolutely necessary on medical grounds to go to England with wife who should accompany him as attendant. They have asked for a passage via Mediterranean.		G.O.C. has been telegraphed if Mr. Hall may be granted a passport.
3. Mrs. H. Bourne & ~~Baby.~~ infant (linked file)	✓ 1st Her husband died recently, has left her with a baby in India while she has 3 small girls in England.	Imperative for her to proceed home to England for special treatment on account of her ears.	No orders have been passed.	
4. Mrs. M. E. Morgan and child. [illegible]	To look after her young daughter. she ~~who~~ is left in charge of her aged grandmother who is nearly blind.		No orders passed.	
5. Mrs. J. C. Molony Pdek 31.10.18	✓ 1st	Suffering from general physical & nervous debility. Necessary for her to proceed to England.	Permission refused.	

II. - As regards the names in para 1 above, Nos 2 3 & 4 must I think be left out of account. There was a similar case from Travancore. As regards Mrs Callander, I wrote to her privately telling her of this boat & asking if she would like to go: the circumstances of her case are, I think, known to H.E. I have had no reply to my letter but as her baby is still far from well & she wd have a great many arrangements to make I don't think she will wish to travel by this boat. I am told by Captain Duffy that her chances of a future passage wd. be prejudiced by her being allotted a passage now & failing to take it, & I therefore suggest that her name be not put forward.

III. I add a few remarks to those in the list:-

No 2. Mrs Prudhome:-

Circumstances preventing

her going by Herefordshire not likely to have changed.

No 3. Mrs Dayrell

From the talk she had with me in Ooty I don't think she will be ready yet. She wanted at that time to take a nurse with her.

No 5. Mrs Gillan

From the previous correspondence she will try to go, I think, if she can at all.

Mr. Gillan Jacome yesterday & I told him that a berth would be reserved for Mrs. Gillan. She has now sufficiently recovered to travel

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No 10 Mrs Hensley.

Mr Langdale Smith, ~~same~~ Secretary Church Missionary Society, rang me up yesterday & I told him Mrs Hensley's case was under reconsideration & wd. be (probably) suggested for the Mercara

No 11 Mrs Spitteler

In acknowledging Mr. Davidson's D.O. I said Mrs Spitteler's name was being added to the Mercara list. I did this as Home Secy had directed us to try for as many passages as possible.

IV. In the telegram on p. 1 c.f. we are asked to arrange the names in order of urgency, but in that of p. 3 c.f. the second numbers only.

31.10.18

We have first to settle the numbers.

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The following clear the line telegram may go to the Govt. of India :-

Despd 31.10.18 2.45 p.m.

562 × Clear the line Your clear the line 2041 ~~36th Steamer~~ of 36 passages by steamer Ten passages for ladies travelling singly required probably all first class. Not clearly understood if husbands permitted to accompany by bureau. If so some more first class ~~berth~~ passages required. Please wire urgently number allotted.

31.10.18 WY 31/10/18

C.S.

31.10.18

Issued.

Issue above clear the line under C.S.'s signature. Then a cautionary wire to Nos. 2, 3, 4 5, 7, 10, 11 (two passages) 13 & 15.

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31.10.18

Draft telegram to all the ladies except Mrs. Prudhomme and Mrs. Molony (who are in Madras) is subd. Draft letter to Mrs. Prudhomme and Mr. Molony is also subd.

MDR
31.10.18.

Issue telegram. Deliver letters by hand at once

Recd
31.10.18

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31.10.18

Thanks
31/10/18

Sectt. II 8 (c).—12-1-15.

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Home Dept (mis)

~~Express~~. Telegram

~~5657~~ Passage[s] will probably be available for ~~you~~ you and child (proceeding England) by S.S. Merkara leaving Calcutta 5th November, Calling Madras 8th and Colombo 10th. Please telegraph if ~~you~~ passage[s] required.

Despd 31.10.18

MDR 31-10-18

Pack. 31-10-18

31.10.8.

Mrs. D. L. Dayrell, Limond House, Ootacamund.

D. M. Malabar (re Mrs. Alexander)

Mrs. H. Gillan, Maidens, Colombo.

Mrs. Harding. Pascoe, Kullakambi, Nilgiris.

Mrs. Hensley, Farley, Ootacamund

Mrs. Spitteler, Centre Hotel, Ootacamund.

Mrs. H. Bourne, C/o Sir Alfred Bourne, Hebbal, Bangalore.

Post Copy

Despd RS 31.10.18 5.30 PM

~~Letter / Ref.~~ D.O.

To. 3063-1 D ~~31.10.18.~~

Mrs. E. L. Prudhomme, Harrington Road, Chetput. Madras.

J. C. Molony Esqr. I.C.S. President, Corporation Madras.

Despd RS 31/10/18 5.30 PM

Madam ~~Dear Mrs Prudhomme~~

~~Sir~~ ~~Dear Molony~~

A passage to England will ~~be~~ probably be available for ~~you~~ Mrs. Molony by S.S. Merkara ~~be~~ which is expected to leave

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Calcutta on the 5th November, calling at Madras on the 8th and Colombo on the 10th. Please let me know at once if you require / Mrs. Molony requires a passage by this steamer.

Yours sincerely

M.D.R.
31-10-18
Recd
31-10-18

30.10.18

To be delivered by hand

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Home (G Mis) 3130
1-11-18

C. 35 POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. 00887

Recd at 8.30 AM from the Chief Secretariat
1/11/18

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 31 X 1918 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Received here at H. M.

MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT 1 NOV 1918

31OCT18 MADRAS

= 000 TA SIMLA 31 STE 143

= CLEAR LINE MADRAS MADRAS =

= CLEAR THE LINE 2079 G REGRET IMPOSSIBILITY OF WAITING FOR YOUR 562 BEFORE MAKING ALLOTMENTS ON APPLICATIONS FROM ALL OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS 4 BERTHS 2 FIRST AND 2 SECOND CLASS ONLY REMAIN WHICH MAY BE ALLOTTED AT YOUR DISCRETION WILL RESERVE FOR MADRAS SIX MORE BERTHS SHOULD ANY VACANCIES OCCUR IN OTHER PROVINCIAL ALLOTMENTS OF WHICH YOU WILL BE AT ONCE APPRISED MERKARA NOW SAILING MADRAS NINTH PASSANGERS SHOULD BOOK THROUGH BINNEY AND REPORT THEMSELVES DAY BEFORE SAILING TO STAFF CAPTAIN MADRAS TO WHOM YOU SHOULD SEND

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C. 3 POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. No.

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(3)

LIST ADULT MALES CAN ONLY TRAVEL ON MERKARA IF THEIR
FAMILY FOR MEDICAL REASONS CANNOT TRAVEL WITHOUT THEM
PLEASE TELEGRAPH FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF BERTHS OFFERED FIRT
AND SECOND BOMBAY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ALLOT 2 ND CLASS
BERTH FOR MRS STEPTOO WHO HOLDS YOUR PASSPORT BUT IS IN
BOMBAY LIST = FOREIGN =

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C. POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

Home (Mis) 3131
10-1-11-18

REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF
1 NOV 1918
12-3. pm

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Colombo Sub	1	9	30	Pascal	31 (52)

Recd. here at 11 / 52 M.

TO Secretariat
Madras Home Madras. Ft.

Thanks passage required as I shall be invalided several weeks owing fracture arm may I have single berth a deck cabin agents promised before boat commandeered women

gillan =

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT
1 NOV 1918

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1 NOV 19 DEPARTMENT

[illegible] Lodge
[illegible] Road
8/10/18

Dear Brown

Your DO No 3063-1 of [illegible] date. My wife will be very glad to take the passage by the SS Mekara from Madras On 8th Novr

Yrs Sincerely
R Carter Moloney

Hilton Brown Esq ICS.

Mr. Moloney brought this in to me this morning & I explained to him that it was now unlikely that a berth could be given to Mrs Moloney.

H. B.
1.11.

~~Home (Misc) 3132~~

1-XI-18

~~28~~ ~~288~~ 30

C. POSTS TELEGRAPHS.

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MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT UNDER SECY. TO GOVT. 1-NOV-1918

MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT 1-NOV-1918

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT 1-NOV-1918

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bangalore	1	12	20		22

Charges to pay. Rs.

Office Stamp.

Recd. here at 13 H. M.

TO Home madras
Fort

Your Telegram 565 ✓ mrs. Bourne desires passage S/S mercara from madras Kindly Confirm availablay

= Sir alfred Bourne

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

~~30~~ 29. Home (mis) 3134
1- XI-18.

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C: POSTS TELEGRAPHS.

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Charges to pay. Rs. As.

Office Stamp.

REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT 1 NOV 1918

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT HOME DEPARTMENT MADRAS 1 NOV 1918

Handed in at (Office of Origin). Ootacamund Date. 1 Hour. 12 5

Service Instructions. Words. 10

Recd. here at H. M.

TO Madras Home
Madras Ft

Your 565 Passages accepted Merkaria

Now what is this – an Ooty request –
1/11/18

Mrs Dagnell?

Subd. yes [illegible]
MSR

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

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Home (mis) 3133
1-XI-18.

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C. V F.

POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
XI 1918

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Kuttakamby	1	12	–	X	30

TO Chief Secy To Govt
Madras

Recd. here at 13/32 M.

Your wire relating Passage for me do S S markara. Please take berth will join madras and Procure necessary passports writing mrs Piscedo

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT
1-NOV-1918

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

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Home (mis) 3128
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C. POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. 8

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REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT
1-NOV-1918
GOVT. OF MADRAS

MADRAS FORT
NO 18

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges Rs.

Office Stamp.

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Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minutes.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Ootacamund	1	9	40		14

TO

Recd. here at 10 H. 35 M.

Madras Home ~~Home~~
Fort ✓

Yes please passage urgently needed Merkara from Madras

= Mrs Hensley =

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

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Draft telegram to Mrs [illegible]
Mrs Gillen and Mr Hall
Mr Gillen and Mrs [illegible]
already [illegible]
of information as to [illegible]
passage by Mr [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Box 8
Board 1/XI
Recd 1/XI

S.H. (Hon. Mr. Gillman).

32

Please see the reply telegram on pp. 24-25 ante. I have taken Mr Todhunter's instructions under which it is proposed to allot the two 1st Class berths to

1 Mrs Gillan
2 Mrs Bourne

and the two second class berths to Mr. & Mrs Hall

for orders.

Approved

1-11-18

SECRETARIAT TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT 1 NOV. 1918

Urgent Please issue subsidy certificates as per India telegram

1/11/18

telegram on pp 26 & 28 ~~[illegible]~~ ante

Draft telegrams to Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Gillan and Mr. Hall subd. Mrs. Gillan and Mrs. Bourne have already accepted passage. On receipt of information as to acceptances of passages by Mr. and Mrs. Hall the Govt. of India may be informed regarding final acceptance of berths.

Passports of Mrs. Bourne and Mr. & Mrs. Hall will be prepared & subd. ~~[illegible]~~ to Secretary for signature tomorrow. A list of passengers will be furnished to the Staff Cap

MDR

Issue wire to D.O. to Mrs Prud'homme

Also following T.M. to Binny & Co.

From A/s Home
To Messrs Binny & Co.

The following wire has been received by Govt today from the Govt. of India. Foreign Dept.

Vide Telegram on pp 24-25 ante down to "should send list".

~~Passages~~ First class passages have been allotted to Mrs H. M. Gillan & Mrs H. Bourne.

1.11.18

Issued
~~AE~~
2-11-18

Turn clerk

Please despatch t.m. at once & return file at once.
MDR
2.11.18

Despd

~~86~~

~~34~~

Home (Misc)

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Telegram

To.

Mrs Dagnell
Dam. Malabar (Mrs Alexander)
Mrs Hardy-Lascoe
Mrs Hensley
Mrs Spittler

Despd
1.XI.18

569 x My telegram yesterday Regret passages not available for you by Mercara.

1.11.18.

D.O. No. 3049-1
1.11.18

MRS
1.XI.18

Dear Mrs Prudhomme,

My letter of yesterday re passage by Mercara. I am sorry to say that ~~for~~ ~~of the~~ it has been found impossible after all to allot you a berth.

Yours sincerely

1.11.18

(Fair copy sent to " S. for signature)

M&R
1/11

Deliver by hand

1.11.18

Fair copy sent to Mrs S's house for signature

MRS
1.XI.18

Home (Hos) Dept

Express.

Telegram 35

To

Mrs. H. Bourne
C/o Sir Alfred Bourne,
Hebbal, Bangalore.

Mrs. H. Gillan.
Maidens, Colombo.

Mr J. M. Hall,
Trichur.

Despd
1. XI. 18

570. Passage(s) allotted to
you
you and Mrs. Hall
by S. S. Merkara Sailing Madras ninth instant. Book passage through Binny and Co, Madras and report before Sailing to Staff Captain, Madras. (only Second× Class berths available) - Wire if passages accepted)

to× J. M. Hall only.

T to Mrs Gillan only

MDR
1-11-18

T(Mrs. Gillan informed)

Rdcl
1-11-18

1. 11. 18

Telephonic Message dated the 2nd November 1918 from Messrs. Binny & Co., Steamer Agents, to the Under Secretary to Government, Home Department.

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page 33 ante.

Refce: Your Telephonic message of date re: S.S.Merkara. Does that vessel leave Calcutta or Madras on the 9th instant? Your message is not clear on this point.

II

Telephonic message dated the 2nd November 1918 from [redacted], Home (Miscellaneous) Department, to Messrs Binny & Co.

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vide telegram on p 10 ante.

Your telephonic message. The original information from Government of **India** was that Merkara leaves Calcutta 5th November, calling Madras 8th and Colombo 10th. In the telegram referred to in the telephonic message of to-day, Government of India state "Merkara now sailing Madras ninth." Beyond this, there is no information on the point.

p 24 ante

III

Telephonic Message from Messrs. Binny & Co., Steamer Agents, to the [redacted], Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Your 2nd Telephonic message of date. Will you please wire the Government of India for more explicit information regarding the sailing date of S.S.Merkara, from Madras.

Secy.

Please see the Office note on page 32 ante. The G.O.C's reply to the telegram enquiring if a passport may be granted to Mr. Hall has been received and is subd. in the linked file.

2. Mrs. Bourne's passport was issued at the Foreign Office, London on the 28th Sept. 1915, so that it is no longer valid unless renewed. There does not seem t , ship and sufficient time to obt to India application for renewal. If a prescribed form. The p leed for may in the circumsta nwal be both renewed and endorse at once. Under recent instructions of the Govt. of India passports of women travelling to the United Kingdom by the Cape Route should be endorsed for travel "on authorised British Ships only". The endorsements on ~~both~~ Mrs. Bourne's as well as on Mr & Mrs. Hall's passport have been made accordingly.

Draft letter returning Mrs. Bourne's passport is subd.

3: (P.T.)

3. Please see the telephonic messages to and from Binny & Co, the Steamer agents, on page 36 ante. Apparently they are in doubt whether India's words "Merkara now sailing Madras ninth" in their telegram on page 24 ante, mean whether the Ship sails for Madras from Calcutta on the 9th, or, whether she sails from Madras on the 9th. Presumably, India means the latter. But the Steamer agents want more explicit information as to the date on which the ship ~~to~~ sails from Madras, and request the Govt. to wire to India to obtain the information. If a telegram is ~~[illegible]~~ called for the draft below is for approval

To Foreign, Simla.

p 24 ante No. 571X your telegram Clear line 2079 G.
31st (October)
Please telegraph exact date on which Merkara sails from Mad
Information required by Binny & C

Despd 2/11/18

2/11/18

MDR
2.11.18.

Two passports signed. Also

letter. Issue all & the above telegram.

2. I received a telegram allotting more second class berths to Madras. I sent it on to U.S.. Meanwhile on receipt of this file, I wrote D.O. to C.S. His reply is below. Now take action immediately on the teleg. & C.S.'s orders.

After the necessary telegrams are sent (U.S. will please attend) the file must go to H.M. for ratification

2/11/18

infra

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Notes

Mrs. Bourne has a baby: add to pp before come

added. M.D.R. 2.11.

(2). The linked file below seems to be a "Pub" file meant for C.S.

2/11/18

Is this one of the 2 ladies selected? —

Subd. No. Nil

Wpd Spo, file at once

2/11/16

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HOME DEPARTMENT
2-NOV-1916
GOVT. OF MADRAS

2/11

Claycroft
Harrington Rd
Chetput
November 1st

Dear Sir

Thank you for letting me know about S S Merkara, unfortunately I cannot avail myself now of your offer of a passage home by her, as my husband is seriously ill & I cannot possibly leave him until he is convalescent. I shall be much obliged however, if you will kindly let me know when the next opportunity occurs.

yours sincerely
E L Prudhomme

Chandra Vilas
2 Nov 1[illegible]

My dear Todhunter,

I send a file which reached me just now at 4.30 P.M. At 3.45 P.M. I got a clear line message from India allotting 4 or 6 more berths II class to Madras. I forgot the number. Sent on the telegram to Brown.

Now that the file has come home, can you please indicate in the order of urgency the ladies to whom the extra seats may be allowed. I do not know who amongst them will be prepared to travel II class.

Please return the file to me for dealing with the issues raised in the office note

Yours sincerely

She has written to say that she is unable to go now. vide D.O. on page 39 ante.

✓ Mrs Gillan I class also allotted

✓ ✓ Mr and Mrs Hall and infant also allotted

✓ Mrs Alexander

✓ Mrs Pudhanan (if her mother goes)

Mr and Mrs Worsdell

✓ ✓ Mrs Spittler and her son

✓ Mrs Bourne infant. also allotted

✓ Mrs Dagnell
Mrs Mclany
Mrs Harding Pascoe

Pd ~~Mrs Swayne~~

✓ ~~Mrs Gilbert~~

~~Mrs Morgan and child~~

✓ Mrs Hensley

~~Miss Spender~~

The above is the best order of urgency I can suggest.

I have ticked a few names of people that I think might be likely to travel second, but it is the purest guesswork.

I think the only thing to be done is to offer the berths and after all the 1st class are distributed to say in the wire offering them that only second class accommodation is available

2.11.18

00260 ~~43~~ ~~Circ~~ 3262 11-11-18

C. 3. 47 POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. No.

13/10

Received here at H ___ M

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MADRAS NOV 18

000 NB Simla 2 Slt 29 Clear Line

Madras Home Madras

3.45 PM

Clear the line 2099 G can offer you 4 more second class berths on Merkara please wire clear line if accepted

= Foreign =

This form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

Lal Chand & Sons- 4612--11-12-17--60,000 Bks (Edn. I).

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Chandra Vilas
2 Nov 21

Dear Mr. Miller Brown, 44

Please see the enclosed letter just received.

Do you know if any of the ladies — preferably from the list approved of by Mr. Gillman — will travel second class? If so, you can put yourself in communication with them. Select the most acceptable names.

The file is not with me
A reply wire will have
to be sent to India

Yours sincerely

50 ~~45~~

Claycroft Heronsgate 3/12
Chalfont
Nov 2nd

45

Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for kindly offering me a berth in the SS Merkara; but I am sorry to say that my husband is very seriously ill — so I cannot avail myself of the offer at present.

Should another opportunity occur, I should be much obliged if you will let me know, as I am anxious to get a passage to England as soon as

my husband health will
allow me to leave here
Yours sincerely
E M Prudhomme

Camilla Lodge
Teynampet

Nov 2.

Dear Mr Brown
As my husband is not in I opened your letter. I am doubtful of a second class passage on the Mercara. I think unless a first is

available I should prefer to wait. Perhaps someone may drop out at the end. In any case I shall be ready.

With many thanks for your letter

Yours sincerely

Frances Wolseley

~~47~~ 53

MADRAS & SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND

GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
CENTRAL STATION,
MADRAS.

47

Supdt: Misc.

See telegram from India & letters attached. D.C. following clear the line to I.G.S. for C.S's signature (I think it must be signed by C.S: if not, get it off at once.

Despd 3-11-18

Clear the line. Your 2099 of 2nd Madras Govt. can utilise three of the second class berths offered. Please allot accordingly.

I ascertained by telephone this evening that Mrs Hensley wd. take a 2nd class passage. Mrs Molony & Mrs. Prudhomme decline. There is no time to get at Mrs Alexander. Mrs Dagsell & Mrs Harding. Pascoe are distant & wd not, I think, take 2nd class passages but Mrs Spitteler & her child probably will so I have said we can use three berths

~~54~~ 48

GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
CENTRAL STATION,
MADRAS.

(Mrs Spitteler & Son)
Otto They are a pretty urgent case.
You had better wire to the D.M. the hilgins

Please expedite transmission passport application & medical certificate of Mrs Spitteler & Son.

Then send the case direct to C.S. for perusal. I have informed Secy. Mrs Hensley has also been told. but send the usual cautionary wire to Mrs Spitteler contradicting our previous refusal & asking if she will accept 2nd class as no other is to be got:

l.
2.iii.18

Recd 9.30 am.
Peel
3/4

~~55~~

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Express

Home (Mis) Deptt

Telegram

To

Mrs. Spitteler
Centre Hotel.
Ootacamund.

My telegram 569, 1st instant cancelled. Second class passages allotted to you and child by S. S. Merkara sailing Madras 9th instant. Book passages through Binny & Co, Madras and report before sailing to Staff Captain, Madras. Only second class passages available. Wire if passages accepted.

OCDR
3.11.18

Pass
3-11-18

Despd
CD
3.11.18

Issue. The file will be subd to U.S. after issue of telegram.

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Recd teleg with passport
CO
3.11.18

on p35.

Home (Pass) Depn

3143-1 Homes

To

Mrs. H. Bourne,
C/o Sir Alfred Bourne
Hebbal, Bangalore.
(with PP)

Madam,

In continuation of my telegram No 570 dated the 18th instant, I am directed to return herewith your passport received from the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew, renewed and ~~duly~~ endorsed for proceeding to England. A fee of Rs 2 is due to

MDR
2.11.18

post, for the renewal and endorsement.

(Passed for issue)

NOTES.

Home (Misc) Dept

C. S.

The fair copy of the clear the line telegram to the Govt. of India is submitted for signature. on page 47 ante

2. The telegram to the D. M., the Nilgiris regarding Mrs. Spitteler has not been despatched, as her passport and medical certificate have been received already. They are being dealt with separately. The cautionary telegram to Mrs. Spitteler has gone. on p. 48.

3. The file is subd. to C. S. for perusal, with reference to U. S.'s note on page 48 ante.

MDR
3-11-18.

Pdk.
3-11-18

I have signed the clear the line wire

3-11-18 (3.20)

(Clear line telegram to India of 3-11-18)

Subd. to U. S. for perusal.

MDR
4-11-18.

Thanks
4-11-18

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O.F. 71.

OFFICE OF THE ____________

Dated ____________ 191

______ Hours ______ Minutes.

1.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From Messrs Binny & Co.,
Steamer Agents

To The Under Secretary to
Govt., Home Deptt.

Have you definite information yet when Merkara leaves Calcutta? We understand she will not now leave Calcutta till 9th and sails via Mediterranean. Meantime Passengers have been instructed to arrive here on 9th. We require a full list of passengers booked and particulars of cabin allotment. Please reply urgently.

4/11/16

Give them a provisional list

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C. 3.

POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. Clw 3263 No.

11-11

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

-4 NOV-1918

Received here at ______ H. ______ M. 0406

MADRAS 4 NOV 18 G.T.O.

= 000 OC SIMLA 4 STE 40 CLEAR LINE MADRAS HOME MADRAS

= CLEAR THE LINE 2111 G YOUR 571 UNDERSTAND MERKARA

SAILS MADRAS 9 TH NOVR STAFF CAPTN MADRAS WILL CONFIRM

CAN OFFER 3 ADDITTIONAL FIRST CLASS BERTHS PLEASE WIRE

WHETHER ACCEPTED & TOTAL ACCEPTANCE = FOREIGN

Quick

This form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

Lal Chand & Sons—4012—11-12 17—50,000 Bks. (Edn. 1).

Home (mis) 3144
4-11-18.

C. POSTS TELEGRAPHS. 2

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NOTICE.
—This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay. Rs. As.

Office Stamp. MADRAS-FORT 4 NO 18 G.T.O.

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
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TO Madras Home
Madras Fort

Recd. here at 10 H. 10 M.

Your 58 D dated first to J. M. Hall Fischer passages per Merkara accepted and being booked through Binny -

Aspinwallco

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

Lal Chand & Sons--4706—17-12-17—,63,000 Bks. (Edn. II).

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NOTES.

Please see the t. m. from Messrs. Binny & Co. at p 52 ante. At their instance, a telegram was sent to India enquiring ~~[illegible]~~ the exact date on which Morkara sails from Madras. Vide telegram on page 38 ante. No reply has been received. A reply ~~telegram~~ t. m. furnishing them with a provisional list of passengers is subd. A list may also be furnished to the Staff Captain, Fort St. George, with reference to India's ~~d~~ telegram as on page 24 ante.

2 After issue, the file may be circulated with reference to Secretary's note on page 39 ante.

papers marked (A) in pencil

MSR
4.11.18

C.S.

With further telegram from l. of S.

India have offered us alto-gether six first class berths and six second.

We have allotted two first class berths to Mr Gillan and Mr Bourne, and six second class berths to Mr and Mrs Hall, Mrs Spitteler and her son and Mrs Hensley. We gave up one second class berth. Mrs Hensley alone was accepted.

Telegrams have since been recd. from Mr. Spitteler and Dr. Hall accepting passages.

vide. Telegrams on pp 55 and 56 ante

We have now three first class berths to fill. The approved people who are unprovided for are Mrs Alexander,x Mrs Molony and Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Worsdell, who will not travel without her husband.

x a very doubtful starter

We may allot the three first class berths to Mrs Alexander, Mrs Molony and Mrs Pascoe.

The Worsdells seem likely to travel second class (he is a Deputy Loco Supt: on the S.I.R.) We might perhaps ask India to allot them two second class berths if there are any to spare. It is quite possible that two of those we have allotted may fall in.

A

It is true that India only allow adult males to travel if their family for medical reasons cannot travel without them, but Mrs Worsdell has a strong certificate and won't go without her husband and it doesn't seem necessary to interpret the rules too rigidly now that the risks have been so much lessened

S
4-11-18

H. H. Judd,

Before Or. to H.Ms. following Clear the line telegram may go:-

To Foreign, Simla.

Clear the line Your 2111 of 4th Can utilise three first class berths offered. Please act accordingly. Would be glad if two more ~~first~~ Second class berths could be allotted. Total acceptance meantime five firsts and five seconds.

S.
4.11

Clear the line telegram despatched
4.11

The P.M. to [illegible] the letter to the Staff Captain ~~may~~ need not issue till ~~await~~ H.M's approval of the further names suggested. I have seen Mr. A.H.C. Campbell & given him a provisional list.

4.11.8

C.S. Fair copy of clear the line telegram subd. for favour of signature
MDR
4.11.18.
Now circulate to H.M. [illegible]

Submitted for approval of action taken hitherto

4/11/18

B : 4
C : 4/11
R : 57a

A.M.

~~I~~ Approved. In addition to sending off the draft telephone message to Messrs. Binny & Co & the letter to the Staff Captain it will be necessary by clear line telegram to intimate the allotments to Mr. Pascoe & Mr. Alexander & also to let Mr. Molony know at once; they shd. be asked to confirm acceptance at once

A

2. C.S. in his note on pp 58-59 omits Mrs. Dagrell who is in the approved category, desired to travel with a child & nurse, & accepted the passages offered (pp 22 & 29 supra). She should strictly speaking have had preference over Mrs Pascoe in virtue of her medical certificate, but as only one berth is available there is not room for her party; moreover I gather she is undecided & wd. probably refuse to take advantage of the offer if now renewed: Mr. Pascoe will therefore benefit.

+ B.

3. Please have a revised waiting list — complete in itself — prepared & kept up to date — after this case has been disposed of. It may be

~~B~~

NOTES.

required at any moment

Ld
5·XI·18

-6 NOV 1918
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, MADRAS
DEPARTMENT

Urgent
Recy 5/11/18

Telegram

576 x Clear the line. First class passage now allotted to you by Mercara sailing Madras 8th. Please wire if accepted.

Despd
5·XI·18

Vide p. 62.

L
5·11·18.

Mrs. Pascoe
Kullakambi
Nilgiris ✓

Mrs. Alexander
Tellichery ✓

I have just rung up Mr. Molony. He had previously told me ~~that~~ Mrs. Molony was ready ~~[illegible]~~ to go at any moment ~~[illegible]~~ shd. a passage be available & he now says we may take it definitely that she accepts. The following D.O. ~~It~~ will be sent at once by hand:-

Dear Mrs Molony,

I write to let you

~~Home Misc~~
D.O. 3040-2
5-11-18.

Despd
m.v.s.
5·11·18
[illegible] P.M.

Scott. 11—8 (a)—160,004—16-1-17.

know that it has now been found possible to allot you a first class berth on the Merkara. I have just telephoned to your husband who tell me you will accept & your name has been put down accordingly. The booking shd. be done through Messrs Binny & Co & you shd. report to the Station Embarkation Officer the day before sailing. According to the latest information the Merkara will sail from Madras on the 8th evening.

Yours sincerely

5-11-8

This is by 'phone from Binny & Co at noon today.

5-11-8

With ref. to B. in H. M.'s note on p. 60 ante, Mrs Dayrell wrote in to say that she cd. not possibly leave for a month or six weeks so her name was not considered.

5-11-8

(File seen by C.S.)

C.S.

Submitted with fair copies of clear line telegrams to Mrs. Pascoe and Mrs. Alexander.

M.A.R.
5.11.18

Home (Pol.) Dept

I. M.

From U. S. Home Dept.
To Messrs. Binny & Co.

Your t. m. of ~~date~~ yesterday. A telegraphic reference has been made to India requesting to telegraph the exact date on which Merkara sails from Madras. No reply has been received. The following is a provisional list of passengers from Madras.

Issued ~~HL~~ 5/11/18

First Class passages.

1) Mrs. H. Bourne, ~~Bangalore~~.
2) Mrs. H. Gillan.

(3.) Mrs Alexander
(4) Mrs Harding Pascoe
(5) Mrs Molony

Second Class passages.

1 and 2) Mr. J. M. Hall and Mrs. Hall.
~~2) Mrs. Hall.~~
3 and ~~4~~ 4) Mrs. Spitteler and Son.
~~4) Mrs Spitteler's Son.~~
5) Mrs. Hensley.

Sent mws 5.11.18 3.5pm

P.C

MAR
4.11.18

h 4.11.18

(PTO)

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Letter/Ref No. 3640-3

5-11-18

To ~~From~~

The Staff Captain
Madras.

Sir,

Under instructions from the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept, I am directed to forward the following list of ~~passengers~~ passengers ~~ladies~~ who have been allotted passages by S.S. Merkara.

~~[illegible]~~

First Class

1. Mrs. H. Bourne
2. Mrs. H. Gillan.
3. Mrs Alexander
4. Mrs. Harding Pascoe
5. Mrs Molony

Second ~~Class~~

1. Mr. J. M. Hall and Mrs. Hall.
2. Mrs. Spitteler and Son
3. Mrs. Hensley.

4-11-18

MDR
4.11.18

[illegible] MIS
5-11-18 3.5 PM

Telegram a page 24.

(P T.O. for telephone)

~~P~~

Home (mis) 3167
5-11-18.

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REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT
5-NOV-1918
GOVT. OF MADRAS

TELEGRAMS:-KULLAKAMBAY.
STATION:-KATARI ROAD.

WOODLANDS,
KULLAKAMBAY,
NILGIRIS.

3rd Novemner 1918

The Secretary to Government
Home Department
Fort St. George
Madras

Sir, re. Passage 569

I have this morning received your wire informing me that no passage is available for me by the S.S.Markara. This is a great disappointment for my home letters bring me news that make it more & more imperative that I should get home. Would it be possible for you to give me my passports so that I can be in readiness should another such an occasion present itself? I have a passport & it would(I suppose) only have to be vised?

I should be most grateful if you would put my case before the authorities.

Uours faithfully
Christie Harding Pascoe

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Home (mis.) 3170
5-11-18

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C. 3. POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. No.

MADRAS 5 NOV 18

Received here at B 12 H. M.

=== 000 M'I SIMLA 5 STE 32 CLEAR LINE MADRAS HOME MADRAS =

p58 ante

BERTHS

CLEAR THE LINE 2124 G YOUR 1575 TWO SECOND CLASS ALLOTTED

PLEASE CANCEL MY 2121 G OF YESTERDAY AS MRS HUNTER NOT SAILING

= FOREIGN =

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT HOME DEPARTMENT -5 NOV 1918

not wanted

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NOTES.

(Cl 3170)

From Govt. of India of 5-11-18

India have allotted two more second class berths, in compliance with our telegram of yesterday, on page 59 ante. They are intended for Mr. and Mrs. Woosdell, who have already been granted passports. The following clear the line telegram to Mr. Woosdell is for approval.

Vide. C. S.'s note page 58 ante. marked (A)

(111)

577 — To H. Woosdell, Negapatam.

Clear the line

Despd 6.25 P.M. 5.XI.18

Second class passages allotted to you and Mrs. Woosdell by S.S. Merkara sailing Madras ×8th. Book passages through Binny & Co, Madras, and report before sailing to Staff Captain, Madras. Wire if passages accepted.

× marginal note on p 62 ante

2. The telegram regarding Mrs. Hunter referred to by India has not yet been received.

(See recd)

× c.f. her letter ante

3 Mrs. Harding Pascoe and Mrs. Molony have not yet been issued passports. The following telegram to Mrs. Pascoe requesting to forward her passport for endorsement is subd, as also a t. m. to Mrs. Molony.

Despd 5.XI.18

Telegram.

To Mrs. Harding Pascoe
Kullakamby.
Nilgiris.

578 My telegram of today.

5283

Please ~~for~~ Send passport for endorsement.

T.M. to Mr. Molony. I.C.S.

Please forward application of Mrs. Molony for passport to England in the ~~enclosed~~ prescribed form, through the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

MDR
5.11.18.

Issued
MH
6/11/18

I've already told him to do this but the T.M. may issue as a/c.

C.S.

Submitted. x
MDR
5.11.18
(Despd)

(With f.c. of C.S. telegram) x

With ref to para 2 above & the telegram on p 66 ante the telegram 2121 ~~does~~ has ~~not~~ just been received. ~~but its contents may easily be guessed. It was doubtless a refusal of our request (C.S. telegram on p 57 ante) for two more 2nd class berths.~~ I ~~had~~ already ascertained from Binny & Co. ~~that~~ Mrs Hunter was on the Bombay list & ~~had two~~ had one second class berth for herself ~~& a child~~ and infant. The telegram from India says she

p. 70 infra

p. 70 infra

had one *first*-class berth ~~on~~ which wd. not suit us so well. Binny & Co, however, stick to it that the berth booked for her was second, & as the C. of S. have offered us two seconds there can only be the one out of the four which we previously refused and Mrs. Hunters. I have told Mr. Campbell of Binny & Co that we propose offering the two berths to the Worsdells & formal intimation to them & to the Station Embarkation Officer will follow when the Worsdells accept.

5-11-8

95 Home (misc) 3171

5-11-18

C. VV **POSTS TELEGRAPHS.**

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REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF MADRAS 5 NOV 1918 3-30 PM

MYLAPORE 5 NOV 18

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
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Charges to pay. Rs. As.

Recd. here at H. M.

TO

Madras Madras Mylapore

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT Home -5-NOV-1918

2121 G one first Class berth on mercara has been allotted here to mrs Hunter and infant. mrs Hunter has no time to obtain passport from Lahore and leaves here tomorrow to catch

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

Lal Chand & Sons—2780—20-8-17—80,000 Bks. (Edn. II.)

Ship at Madras if no objection Kindly issue passport for her she will Call at secretariat on arrival

foreign

(Telegram subsequently cancelled - vide page 66 ante)

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

Lal Chand & Sons—2780—20-8-17—80,000 Bks. (Edn. II.)

Home (Misc) Depth

Submitted to the U.S. The telegram has just been received.

YDR
5-11-18.

C.S.
5-11-18

[E. & L. 61.]
300—25-2-08.

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Home(misc) 3181
6-11-18

Home
~~EDUCATIONAL~~ DEPARTMENT,

C. POSTS TELEGRAPHS. 30/1

NOTICE.
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REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT GOVT OF MADRAS
6 NOV 1918

Charges to pay.		Office Stamp.
Rs.	As.	MADRAS-FORT 6 NO 18

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TO

Recd. here at 10 H. 10 M.

Secy Home Depot madras ~~Ft~~ St George Fort

on 6.6 1 am

Your Telegram 576 accept Passage ~~merchant~~ mercara arriving madras mail 8th

"Pascoe"

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

Lal Chand & Sons—4706—17-12-17—1,63,000 Bks. (Edn. II).

T/ Home (mis) 3185
6/11/18.

C. Home (Mis) 7 6.11.18

UNDER SECY TO GOVT. 7 NOV. 1918 REVENUE DEPT.

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

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HOME DEPARTMENT 6-NOV-1918 GOVT. OF MADRAS

Charges to pay Rs. As.

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Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Negapatam	6	9	30		11/12

TO Under Secretary
Govt madras H

Recd. here at 11 / H. 26 M.

we accept passages on mercara
worsdell

6-NOV-1918

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

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telegram p 72 ante

Mr. and Mrs. Worsdell have accepted the passages. Formal intimation may now be sent to Messrs. Binny & Co and the Staff Captain. The following l. m. and draft letter may be issued:-

c. f. note on p 69 ante

D. M.

To Messrs. Binny & Co.

Reference my l. m. of the ~~4th~~ 5th instant. Two more Second class passages by S.S. Merkara have been allotted to Mr. and Mrs. H. Worsdell.

p 63 ante.

issued AL 6/11/18

6.11.8

Letter/ Ref No 3040-4, dated 6.11.18

To the Staff Captain, Madras.

~~Dr~~ Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 3040-3 of the 5th instant, I am to inform you that two more second class passages by S.S. Merkara have been allotted to Mr. and Mrs. H. Worsdell.

page 64 ante

Despd [illegible] 6.11.18 4.30PM.

[illegible] 6/xi

Home (mis) 3040-4
6-11-18.

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79 Home (Mis) 3201
7/11/18

C. POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. 37

NOTICE
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Recd from Chief Dept at 1 pm
7/11/18

Charges to pay. Rs.	As.	Office Stamp.
		MYLAPORE 6 NOV. 18

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Hyderabad Dn	6	16	35	DE 26	31

Recd. here at 8 H. 10 M.

TO

Madras Madras Mylapore

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7822 mrs wright has given up three second class berths allotted her on Marcara They may be allotted by you If required foreign informed = Resident

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

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Home (Mis) 3109
31-10-18.

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Telegrams:—ADMORDET.

Office of the Presidency Senior Chaplain
of the Church of Scotland, Madras.

No. A/244

1 College Road, Nungambaukam,
Madras, 30th. Octr., 1918.

31 OCT 1918

To Mrs. D. H. Gillan,
At The Temple Trees, Colpetty, Colombo, CEYLON.

At the request of the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department, I sent to you today, the following telegram:- MRS. GILLAN MAIDENS COLOMBO. Madras Government Confident Securing Berth Mercara Leaving Madras Ninth November. ADMORDET.

(Sd.) D. H. Gillan,
P. S. C., Madras.

A/244

Copy to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department, Fort St. George, for information, with reference to conversation of date.

1 College Road, Nungambaukam,
30th. Octr., 1918.

D H Gillan
P. S. C., Madras.

Telephoned
8th wr P.E.
31.10.

Home (mis) 3150
4-XI-18.

Telegrams:-Kullakambay.
Station:-Katari Road.

WOODLANDS,
KULLAKAMBAY,
NILGIRIS.

1st November 1918

The Secretary to Government
Home Department
Fort St. George

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my wire to you of this morning saying that I should be glad to avail myself of the passage offered me by the S.S.Markara & propose joining the boat at Madras on the morning of the 8th inst.

This will, I presume give me time to call on you for the necessary pass-ports & papers? Also, to whom is my passage money to be paid. Perhaps you will be so kind as to wire me this information.

Thanking you, Iam Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
C.Harding Pascoe
Christie Harding Pascoe

Home (mis) 3182
6-11-18.

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CORPORATION OF MADRAS

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT.
6-NOV-1918
HOME DEPARTMENT

5-11-18

Dear Brown

Thanks for your telephone & DO no 3040-2 of today. I shall make the necessary arrangements re booking for my wife

Yrs Sincerely

[illegible]

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Home (mis) 3186
6-11-18

ASPINWALL & Co LTD
TELEGRAMS:
"ASPINWALCO."

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4th November 1918

6-NOV-1918

6-NOV-1918

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 1st addressed to Mr.J.M.Hall, Trichur reading:-

> "58d passages allotted to you and Mrs.Hall by s.s.merkara
> "sailing madras ninth instant book passages through binny and
> "co. madras and report before sailing to staff captain madras
> "only second class berths available wire if passages accepted"

we have the honour to confirm having at Mr.Hall's request wired you as follows:-

> "Your 58d dated first to J.M.Hall trichur passages per merkara
> "accepted and being booked through binny".

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
FOR ASPINWALL & CO., LTD.
E A Cooper
~~Managing~~ Director

E.C/N.M.

(2)—160,000—16-1-17.

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(Cl No 3201) From Resident at Hyderabad of 6-11-18

The Resident at Hyderabad telegraphs that three Second class berths have fallen vacant, which may be allotted by this Govt. Please see the Statement of ladies whose names were considered for passages by Merkara. Of the ladies included in the Statement, all have been provided with passages, except the following:

at (X)

Mrs. E. L. Prudhomme

Mrs. Dayrell.

Mrs. Swayne, Trivandrum

Mrs. Gilbert, Madras.

Mrs. M. E. Morgan (with child), Bangalore

Miss Spencer, Salem.

c.f. also order of urgency on page 42 ante

The first two ladies do not want to go by this boat. Mrs. Swayne, Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Spencer have all separately applied for passports. The cases of the two latter are with the Public Dept. now. Mrs. Swayne's case is subd. below. Mrs. Morgan ~~[illegible]~~ applied for permission to go by Herefordshire, which left recently. She was informed that no berth was

Mrs Gilbert's file obtained & placed below available, but that the question of the issue of a passport will be considered on receipt of a formal application.

MOR
7.11.18

Idel
7.11.18

C.S.

The boat sails tomorrow evening. I'm afraid it is too late to do anything for Mrs Swayne, Mrs Morgan or Miss Spence, who are at Trivandrum, Bangalore & Yercaud respectively. Mrs Prudhomme & Mrs Dayrell are non-starters. This only leaves Mrs Gilbert whose case is extremely weak. In any case the notice is too short.

It now appears that the Halls have a child of 8 with them. One of these 2nd class berths can thus be utilised. I had already arranged with Binny & Co before the Resident's wire came in.

7.11.18

The file recd. from Public is placed below.

under present [illegible] spac
of sea travelling we might perhaps offer Mrs Gilbert the chance of ~~the~~ a second class berth if she can get ready in time.

7.11.18

~~[illegible]~~ I have spoken to the H.M. over the telephone. He says we may offer berths to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Morgan (presuming she only requires one for herself and child) Please advise them immediately

7.11.18

The following t.m. to the Chief Ordnance Officer re. Mrs. Gilbert, is for approval.

To

~~Mrs. Gilbert.~~

~~C/o~~ The Chief Ordnance Officer
Madras Arsenal.

~~your~~ your letter 8499 E of 21st October. Mrs. Gilbert has been allotted a Second class passage by S.S. Merkara sailing from Madras on the 8th evening. Please inform me if passage accepted and ~~forward~~ forward application for passport at once in prescribed form, if she accepts passage. She should book passage through Messrs Binny & Co and report before sailing to Staff Captain, P.T. Madras.

(vide linked file)

~~[illegible]~~ Issued
7/11/18

Communicate to Mrs Gilbert

Post copy (with form)

v Despd
7.11.18

Following clear the line telegram Mrs. Morgan may be sent.

Mrs. M. E. Morgan
Langford Road.
Bangalore.

Depd 4.35 PM 7.11.18

~~Sec~~ Clear the line. 580. Second class passage allotted to you by S.S. Merkara leaving Madras 8th evening. ~~If passage accepted~~ Book passage through Binny & Co Madras and report before sailing to Staff Captain, Madras. Wire if passage accepted and present application for passport with photographs in person tomorrow ~~to Spot~~ at Secretariat, Fort St. George.

If she leaves Bangalore at 8 o'clock tonight she cd. just do this!

HDR
7.11.18

Pdek
7.11.18

7.11-8

CS
7.11-8

(Submitted with fair of telegram)

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g. Home (Misc)

Recd 23.10 22.10.18

Public Dept Papers obtained on 24.10.

I. A. F. Z2010.
Gratis—Department.
Payment—Corps.

SUBJECT

No. 8499-E.

Office of Madras Arsenal.

Station Madras, Date 21-10-1918.

FROM

The Chief Ordnance Officer,
Madras Arsenal.

To

THE Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home Department, MADRAS.

Sir,

Captain Gilbert of this arsenal proceeded on Field Service Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, on 12-9-18. Mrs. Gilbert is very anxious to go to England, please see copy of Captain Gilbert's application for a passage for his wife attached. (This application has been returned by D.E.O.S. with the remark that it will be considered when a pass-port has been obtained.)

In addition to the reasons given in the above mentioned application I would state that Mrs. Gilbert has been appointed as Motor Ambulance Driver at Home. It is requested that the necessary passport may be issued for her to go to England as early as possible.

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

F. A. Kemble Lt. Col. R.A.,
Chief Ordnance Officer,
Madras Arsenal.

Lal Chand & Sons—420—22-4-18—34,03,500 (Edn. II).

Copy of a letter from Captain B.J.Gilbert, 1st Garr.Bn.Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, Ordnance Officer, Madras Arsenal to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Madras Arsenal, dated nil.

Subject:- Passages.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that my wife may be granted her return passage to England under the following Conditions, viz:-

I have been ordered to Mesopotamia and my wife desires to return to England where she will avoid the very heavy expense of hotel life in India. In addition to this it is absolutely essential that she should rejoin our little girl at home, she is only four years of age and has seen neither of her parents for over two years, and has now reached a most impressionable age, and one where her impressions and the views and teachings of those round her will have an immense effect on her future. When she was left at home, a long separation was not anticipated.

My wife took up war work before leaving England for India, and is prepared to do so again on her return.

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No 3142

I. A. F. Z2010.
Gratis—Department.
Payment—Corps.

SUBJECT ______________ No. 9061/-E.

Office of Madras Arsenal.

MADRAS HOME DEPARTMENT REGISTRY
2-NOV-1918
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Station Madras *Date* 31-10-1918.

FROM

The Chief Ordnance Officer,
Madras Arsenal.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home Department, MADRAS.

Sir,

In continuation of this Arsenal No.8499-E, dated 21-10-1918, I have the honour to request that necessary passport for Mrs.Gilbert may be issued for her to go to England at an early date for the reasons cited in the above.

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

Lt.Col.R.A.,
Chief Ordnance Officer,
Madras Arsenal.

Bal Chand & Sons—120—22-4-18—34,03,500 (Eds. U).

91 Home (Mis) 3233
8-11-18

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REGISTRAR HOME DEPARTMENT
8 NOV 1918
GOVT. OF MADRAS

OFFICE OF THE ______________

Dated ______________ 191

______ Hours ______ Minutes.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From

The Chief Ordnance Officer,
Madras Arsenal,
Fort St. George

To

The Under Secretary to Govt.,
Home Dept.

Refce: Your T.M. 7-11-18

Mrs. Gilbert is now at Bangalore. Therefore, owing to shortness of notice, she is unable to accept passage. It is requested that another passage may be allotted at as early a date as possible giving at least 48 hours' notice.

8/11/18

CS

8/11/18

Home (Misc) Depts

Passport

(Clas 3082) From the Chief Ordnance Officer, Madras, [illegible]

From a perusal of Captain Gilbert's letter on page 2 C.F. it will appear that the reasons of Mrs. Gilbert for desiring to travel to England are mainly domestic. The Chief Ordnance Officer adds that she has been appointed as Motor Ambulance Driver at home. The rule in regard to war work is that passports can be issued only on the strength of certificates granted by the India Office. Please see G.O. 1241 d/ 3.10.17. It has also been stated that certificates of war work will be given by the India Office only in cases of employment of sufficient national importance to justify journey. Vide G.O. 167 Pub. d/ 21.2.18. Govt. may perhaps agree to the issue of a passport if she can obtain a cable from the India Office saying that a certificate has been issued, the cable being accepted in advance of the actual certificate transmitted by post.

R
M

Please see papers in G.O. 58 d/25.1.18 and G.O. 554 Pub. d/ 4.7.18.

W
B

Draft letter in reply is subd. Which may issue with the concurrence of Public

MDR
24.10.18

Fdek
24.10.28

Col Kemble & Mrs. Gilbert saw me ~~and~~ I explained, to them that the usual ground on which passports are granted is generally medical. Mrs. Gilbert may probably send a certificate. The letter discloses an additional ground viz employment at home. But whether the employment is such as to justify a passport has to be verified

Mm
25/10/18

Pub (HO)

Pub. D. 71.

Home (Mis) 3002-1
25.10.18

Ch. 3866 War
Regd: 25.X.18.

Pub 3345
Rd. 25-10-18

P.2 cf.

A passport for Mrs. Gilbert is asked for on the following grounds:—

(1) her desire to avoid the very heavy expense of hotel life in India.

(2) her desire to rejoin her little girl at home, aged only 4 years.

(3) that she will take up war work on her return to England; and that she has been appointed as Ambulance Motor driver at home.

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2. It is subd. that ground (1) can perhaps be

P.T.O.

hardly deemed an urgent ground within the terms of orders in G.O. No. 804 Pol. of 16.6.17.

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3. As for grs. and (2) reference is solicited to the general principle as stated in para 3, thirdly, of Bombay Govt's letter no. 216 Pol. of 27.2.17. According to this principle Mrs Gilbert will have to show that she has no friends or relatives who could take charge of her little daughter at home. It may be noted that this girl has been for over two years in England without her parents & has apparently been in the charge of somebody.

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4 As for ground (3) the requirements & the procedure in this case are as stated in Home (Misc) office note at p. 1 ante. It is subd. for consideration whether the draft letter to the Chief Ordnance Officer put up by Home (Misc) Dept. may be accepted.

5. With reference to Home Secretary's

p.t.o.

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note at p. 2 ante it is subd. that medical certificate, if any, which may be received from Mrs. Gilbert may also be considered.

Subd. for orders.

27.10.18.

29.x.18

Re submitted to C.S. 6.11.18.

I shall have to countermand her as I am too helpless to take the long journey alone to Madras. H.C.

Home (Mis) 3188
6-11-18.

HOME DEPT.
6-NOV-1918
OF MADRAS

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Ex-

The Temple Trees
Colombo

2nd. Nov. 1918.

Secretary to Govt.
Home Dept. Madras.

Dear Sir.

I have to acknowledge your wire of yesterday's date:- "570 Passage allotted to you by S.S Dunkara sailing Madras 9th. inst. book passage through Binny Company Madras and report before sailing to Staff Captain Madras. Mr Gillan informed."

I have wired to Binny

of G., Madras. 99

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"Instructed by Government, book passage through you - may I have the single berth deck cabin promised by agents here before boat commandeered women - The Colonial Sec. here received permission for me to travel Home via the Mediterranean, & I was to have gone in the "Mandala", but was prevented through fracturing my arm. The agents then said the Merkara sailed in 3 weeks & I could have the same arrangements made for me viz:- a single berth deck cabin - as I am very helpless, & will be for some weeks & have to spend longer in my cabin than most people the deck cabin would be a great advantage.

Thanking you for your kind note. Yours faithfully
Helen Gillam.

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I. A. F. Z2010.
~~Gratis~~—Department.
~~Payment~~—Corps.

7 NOV 1918

SUBJECT Passages U.K.
S.S." MERKARA".

No. 2/3577/T.

Office of The Embarkation Staff Officer,

Station Fort St:George, Date 6th:Novr: 1918.

FROM

The Embarkation Staff Officer
Southern Brigade, Madras.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.
MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No:3040X 3 dated 5th:inst: forwarding ~~informing~~ list of passengers who have been allotted passages by S.S." MERKARA".

I have the honour to inform you that the S.S."MERKARA" is due at Madras at 10.a.m. on 8th: instant, and expected to sail P.M. same day.

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

L. Duffy
Captain,
Embarkation Staff Officer,
Southern Brigade, Madras.

8-11-18

Home (mis) 3217
8-11-18.
Home dept

7.11.18 7.11.18

Home (mis) 3229
8-11-18

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C. POSTS TELEGRAPHS.

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NOTICE.
This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay.	
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Office Stamp.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Jalarpat msm	8	11	30	X x	26

Recd. here at 14 H. 45 M.

TO Secretary Home Department Madras Fort St George

Communication cut can duly arrive this evening Prepared to join boat Colombo If necessary
= Pascol =

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.
Lal Chand & Sons—4706—17-12-17—1,63,000 Bks. (Edn. 11).

C.S./

Binny & Co inform me that the boat will not leave till tomorrow about 10. I have told Mr Young who is keeping him posted.

8-11-8

8.11.18

Ack. [illegible]
[illegible] 8/8

Sectt. II—8 (a)—160,004—16-1-17.

NOTES.

Home (Misc) Dept.

Telephonic Message

From the U.S. Home Dept
To Messrs. Binny & Co.

Please refer to the list of women and children in this presidency who ~~are~~ were allotted passages by the Morkara, and let me know the names of those ladies who actually embarked at Madras and at Colombo.

MDC
11.11.18

Issue
AP
11/11/18

Pdek
11-11.18

Home (Mis) Dept

Telephone Message

Fr. the U.S. Home Dept
To Messrs Binny & Co

Please refer to the list of women and children in the Presidency who ~~—~~ were allotted passages by the Merkara, and let me know the names of those ladies who actually embarked at Madras and at Colombo

M.P.

Passages

BINNY & CO., LTD.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)
MADRAS.

British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)
(Calcutta & London Line.)

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No. ....

Home Department 17 NOV 191

Mis

Madras, 11th November 1918.

Home (Mis) 3292
12-11-18

The Under Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
FORT ST: GEORGE

Sir,

s.s. "Merkara" sailed 9th November 1918

In reply to your telephone message of date reading:-

"Please refer to the list of women and children in "the Presidency who were allotted passages by the "Merkara" and let me know the names of those ladies "who actually embarked at Madras and at Colombo"

We have the honor to subjoin names of passengers for whom tickets were issued per above vessel out of the list verbally given to us on 4th instant.

1st Class	Mrs. Bourne Mrs. Maloney Mrs. Harding Pascoe	4
2nd Class	Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Hall & child Mrs. Spitteler & Son Mrs. Hensley Mr. & Mrs. Worsdell	8

We understand that Mrs. Gillan will embark at Colombo

We have heard nothing ~~from~~ of Mrs. Alexander.

Nor have we.

We have the honor to be, etc,
BINNY & CO., LTD.
Manager

We have the honor, to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants.

Agents.

B.J.

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