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[Despatch Abstract.]

Thaipusam festival, Penang.

Stating that the Government have no objection to Muni-
swami Naider^{ker} proceeding to Penang with 20 workmen, gunpowder
and materials for the ensuing-----

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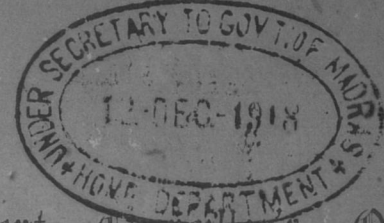
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It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. *MIS. Tam. 3838/18.*

Resident Councillor's Office,

Penang, 3rd December, 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter I have received from T.S. Saminathan Chetty and two others, on behalf of the Chetty Community, requesting me to approach you in the matter of (a) the export of 400 bags of boiled rice from Negapatam to Penang.

(b) the grant of passports to the priests named (1) Valia Pandaram, (2) Vyrava Pandaram, (3) Mutia Pandaram, (4) Kolanday Pandaram, and (5) Peria Samy Pandaram of Ramnad District and

(c) the grant of permission to one Moonesamy Naiker, with his twenty Assistants, to bring all the necessary gun-powder &c., for the manufacture of fireworks,

in connection with their Taipusum festival which falls on the 16th January next.

2. There is no objection on the part of the Penang Authorities so I hope you will be able to grant all these requests.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Beinchen Resident Councillor.

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
India.

Penang, 25th November, 1918.

The Hon. Resident Councillor,

Penang.

Sir,

On behalf of the Chetty Community of Penang we beg to inform you that our Tai Poosum Festivities will begin on the 16th day of January 1919, and in order to prepare for the same it will be necessary for us to send to India for the following:-

1. A large quantity of boiled rice will be required for the feeding of the poor during the four days festivities at the Waterfall Road Temple, and this rice being of a special quality is always imported by us from India. Owing to the War Restrictions we have been informed that permission to export this rice from Negapatam will not be given unless instructions are sent to the Government of Madras from this Government. The number of bags required will be 400.

2. We have always been accustomed to have 4 priests for the purpose of our Temple in Penang. Owing to the Influenza several of these priests have had to return to India and we have only one man to do all the work. Now that the Poosum is arriving it will be necessary to have more ^{men} for the extra work. We are desirous of sending for the following persons Valia Pandaram, Vyrava Pandaram, Mutia Pandaram, Kelanday Pandaram, and Peria Samy Pandaram who are all priests, and we are told that the Government of Madras will not grant passports unless the same are sanctioned by the Government of the Straits Settlements.

3. According to our custom there will be the usual display of fireworks and on this occasion we intend spending very much more owing to the victory of the British forces in Europe and the Armistice which has been signed. In all probability we hope that actual peace will be signed before our Taipeesum day and then we must have the celebrations on a larger scale. We import men specially from Madras for the manufacture of these fireworks, and they bring with them all the gunpowder, salt petre, nitre and the various things necessary for such fireworks.

Penang, 25th November, 1918.

The Hon. Resident Commissioner,

Penang.

Sir,

On behalf of the Chetty Community of Penang we beg to inform you that our Tai Pooam Festival will begin on the 15th day of January 1919, and in order to prepare for the same it will be necessary for us to send to India for the following:-

1. A large quantity of boiled rice will be required for the feeding of the poor during the four days festival at the Waterfall Road Temple, and this rice being of a special quality is always imported by us from India. Owing to the War Restrictions we have been informed that permission to export this rice from Negapatam will not be given unless instructions are sent to the Government of Madras from this Government. The number of bags required will be 400.

2. We have always been accustomed to have 4 priests for the purpose of our Temple in Penang. Owing to the influence exerted by these priests have had to return to India and we have only one man to do all the work. Now that the Pooam is arriving it will be necessary to have more men for the extra work. We are desirous of sending for the following persons: Vellu Ramanam, Vyrava Ramanam, Muthu Ramanam, Kandanam and Pulin Sany Ramanam who are all priests, and we are told that the Government of Madras will not grant passports unless the same are sanctioned by the Government of the Straits Settlements.

3. According to our custom there will be the usual display of fireworks and on this occasion we intend spending very much more owing to the victory of the British forces in Europe and the Armistice which has been signed. In all probability we hope that actual peace will be signed before our Tai Pooam day and then we must have the celebration on a larger scale. We import men specially from Madras for the manufacture of these fireworks, and they bring with them all the gunpowder, salt, petre, nitro and the various things necessary for such fireworks.

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4. We ask therefore that as in the former years, you will afford us all the facility for procuring these men and importing the said gunpowder &c. Our headman who is in charge of this is one Moonesamy Naiker and he will require to bring 20 men with him to Penang for these fireworks.

5. We pray therefore you will be good enough to communicate with the Government of Madras to grant the following:-

(1) Permit to export 400 bags of Boiled rice from Negapatam to Penang.

(2) Passports to the priests mentioned in paragraph 2 hereof to enable them to come to Penang.

(3) Permission to Moonesamy Naiker and 20 assistants all the necessary gunpowder, salt, petre, nitro and other to bring things for the manufacture of fireworks.

6. It will be necessary for the Government of Madras to communicate with the Collector at Madura in Ramnad District and authorise him to issue the necessary Passports to the Priests.

7. The Permit to export the Rice, we will be glad if you will hand over to us and we will send it to our Agents in Negapatam to ship the Rice.

8. We hope that you will be good enough as to obtain the above as soon as possible.

Sd, T.S. Saminathan Chetty
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and others

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Majumdar Festival Benang.

Home (misc) 3703-e

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Of the three requests in the
petition forwarded by the Resident
Councillor of Benang his dept is
concerned only with the grant of
permission to ~~Muniswami~~ Naicker
and his 20 assistants to proceed to
Benang. As in previous years this
permission may be accorded.

The 1st request for permission to
export 400 bags of rice from Negapa-
lam to Benang is for Revenue & Pl
Dept and the 2nd, namely the grant
of passports to certain priests the
Dt Magistrate had in himself
competent to grant. Home (misc)
will accord the necessary permission
to export gunpowder etc.

A draft order is sub d

It may be sent to the dt magistrate
for his signature.

Just & Rev (spl) for acceptance
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4. We ask therefore that as in Home (misc) 3703-e, you will
afford us all the facility for procuring these men and importing
the said gunpowder etc. Our headman who is in charge of this
is one Moonosamy Naicker and he will require to bring 20 men with
him to Tenang for these fireworks.
5. We say therefore you will be good enough to communicate
with the Government of Madras to grant the following:-
(1) Permit to export 400 bags of Bolled rice from
Negapatam to Benang.
(2) Passports to the priests mentioned in paragraph 2
hereto to enable them to come to Tenang.
(3) Permission to Moonosamy Naicker and 20 assistants
all the necessary gunpowder, salt, pepper, nitre and other
to bring them for the manufacture of fireworks.
6. It will be necessary for the Government of Madras to
communicate with the Collector at Madras in Ramnad District and
authorise him to issue the necessary passports to the priests.
7. The permit to export the rice, we will be glad if you
will hand over to us and we will send it to our Agents in
Negapatam to ship the rice.
8. We hope that you will be good enough as to obtain
the above as soon as possible.

sd, T.S. Saminathan Chetty
and others

Home (Indl) Dept.

U.S.

Paragraph 1 of the draft order as modified by the U.S. grants the necessary permission to take ^(and materials for fireworks) gunpowder from Madras to Penang and a copy of the order goes also to the Commr. of Customs. Submitted that it does not seem necessary to issue a separate order in this dept. for this purpose. If this is approved, para: 2 of the draft order ^{has to} be modified accordingly. The case may be passed on to the Revenue (Special) Dept.

Col
18.12.18

It was under the impression that a definite quantity of powder or wd. be specified but this does not seem to have been the practice in past years. So no separate order in Indl. seems necessary. The draft is amended to

Rev (Spl) no.

18th

Home (Indl) 3703e-1
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Rev (Spl) O.O. No. 236. 4
18-12-18

To Under

Rev. (Special) Dept

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To Under Secretary

Submitted that the draft order may be accepted and the file returned L.O. to Home (mis). On receipt of the Home ^{dept} Order, Mr. Wood may be asked ^{to allow} if the export can be allowed.

Com Cll
19.11.18 19/12/18

Of the Ancients are to get their rice by 16th Jan, this must be treated as urgent. Personally I can see no reason why an exception should be made in their favour, though the amount is small. Take an extract from the letters of the Chattris & the Resident Councillor & send it to Mr Wood v.o. As soon as copies have been taken the file can be returned to Home.

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20/12/18

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submitted for orders as to issue.

Com
20/12/18
H. S.
20/12/18

W. S.

Recd at
25.

Rev (sp1) U.O. No. (U.O) 236. II-18.1
20-12-18



Thaipusam Festival Penang

Home DEPARTMENT.
(Cue)

~~Inform~~ stating that the Govt have
no objection to transmission of raid proceeds
Remain with 20 ^(gun powder materials) witnesses for the enquiry —

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 3521, From the Resident Councillor, No. 3638, dated 5-12- 1918.

” ” ” ” ” ” 191

ORDER.

No. 959, dated 20.12.1918

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The Govt ^{permit} ~~has no objection to~~
Maniswami ^{Naicker} ~~Naicker~~ ^{for} ~~proceeding~~
to Penang with twenty workmen,
Compounders
and materials for the evening
Thaipusam festival.

2 separate orders with issue
in ~~Home (Trust) and Revenue~~
(Spl) Dept^y as regards permission
to export ~~gun powder~~ ^{bags of}
~~and~~ four hundred ^{price} bags
~~respectively~~ ^{Negapatnam} from ~~India~~ ports.

3. The Jt. Magr. Comd is requested to grant ^{except any} passports to the Pandarans mentioned in the Resident Comallors letter.

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 Commr. Police Dept.
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