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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport regulations.-

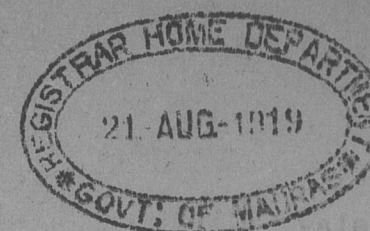
Recording correspondence relating to the question of the abolition of the passport system between the Madras Presidency and the straits.

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NEGAPATAM,

19th August. 19 19.

From

THE HON'BLE

A. K. G. AHMEDTHAMBY MARICAIR,

KHAN BAHADUR,

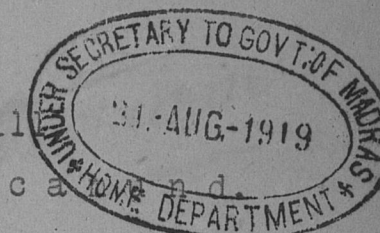
Negapatam.

The Secretary to Government,

Judicial Department,

Stone House Hill

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Sir,

In view of the termination of the world-war and the conclusion of Peace, may I beg to suggest that the system of Pass-ports for passengers proceeding from Ports in Madras Presidency to the Straits Settlements and Federated Malaya States, may be dis-continued as far as Indians are concerned. It is needless for me to point out the hardships and inconveniences the Indian passengers are undergoing in securing passports and in abiding by the Rules and Regulations laid down therein. I am aware of the fact that the system has been introduced for the purpose of preventing enemy subjects from travelling from India to the Straits and other places. This prohibition is certainly necessary in case of enemy subjects; but the Indians do not come under that category, and they may be easily distinguished from people of other countries. The continuance of the system may, perhaps, be considered necessary as regards Europeans for the reason that their nationality cannot be easily ascertained. That is the reason why I propose that the abolition of this system be considered favourably by the Authorities as regards Indian

Indian British Subjects.

Trusting my proposal will be acceptable to you,
and hoping to hear from you favourably in the matter,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. H. C. C.

P.S. From the stand-point of the Government, the abolition of the system will result in a large saving of expenses which is now incurred in connection with the staff maintained for the purpose.

W. H. C. C.

Home (H) Dep.

[5569]

Santhi Hathi A.C. & Ahmed Shambhi Narayan.

of 19.8.19

Re the abolishing the passport system for
Indians travelling to the S.S. & F. R.S.

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~~last letter~~ of ~~acknowledgment~~
is put up. I think issue the
various points raised in the letter ^{with} ~~may~~
be examined.

Actd D.D.
23.8.19

22.8.19

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It is simply the old
request on again. We
replied D.O. to him about
this before? The same D.O.
will do again.

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No previous letter from the Hathi member
Mr. Ahmed Shambhi Narayan, bearing on this
subject is readily available. Attention is,
however, invited to letter no 4501-139.619
in which ^{was a reply to} Mr. Durgappa Chetty's telegram
~~reference~~ regarding the abolition of the passport
system between India & the Nizam State.

This is what
meant.

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Similar reply may, perhaps, be
sent in the present case also
Draft letter submitted.

23. 8. 19

23. 8. 19

Issue
23/8/19

By
Please bring up
26/8/19

Reference made in
1.9.19

22.9.19 Home Secy
16.5.1919

vide statement at (P)

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The following additional note is
submitted with reference to Secy's
oral instructions:-

2. The number of passengers that
embarked for the Straits Settlements
(including the F. M. S.) during the year 1918
was 67,454. The number of passports
issued in the Madras Presidency for the
S. S. & the F. M. S. during the same
year was 7,098. Thus a little over
60,000 persons embarked for the S. S. &
the F. M. S. without passports and these
must have been bona fide passengers.
The S. S.
but passport regulation not yet as at 1906/1911
Home Secy 2.7.1919

(P)

3. As regards the additional expenses involved
it is only in the office of the Collector of
Tanjore that a temporary Clerk has

been sanctioned on Rs 20/- p.m. for work in connection with the issue of passports. Vide Nos 577 & 12-6-1917, 206 & 20-3-18 + 336 & 12-2-1919. In the Collector's office Madras, a Clerk on Rs 20/- p.m. + a Munchi on Rs 10/- p.m. were sanctioned for a period of six months in force on 9th & 11th August 1917. This temporary establishment does not seem to have been extended further as no further orders have been issued on the subject. [The Madras office has, however, been asked to ascertain from the Collector's office, ~~whether~~ whether ~~the~~ the temporary establishment is still in existence].

But the additional expenses thus incurred are more than compensated for by the receipts in the shape of passport fees.

In view ^{however} of the comparatively small number of persons that actually take out passports for the Straits Settlements & the F.M.S. under the present rules, it is for orders whether the Govt of India may be addressed ^{as to} the desirability of the abolition of the passport system between India & the Straits Settlements & the F.M.S.

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Parag 2 lines 1 & 2 out

and of the hardships & inconveniences referred to by the Hon. Mr. Ahmad Sahib Marakkayar in his current letter

Box 15
9.9.19

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This is a small matter & I see no reason to differentiate between Ceylon & the 7 M.S. And the number of pp holders to the total number of travellers is small.

May this proposal be put before India?

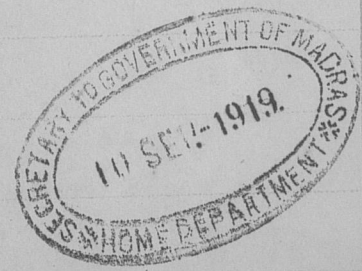
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8/9/19

Am.

A ask the G. of S. do. when they are likely to get out orders mentioning this report & the questions in the Dept Council

For the expenses the answer proposed by the office with the addendum that we are expending as at A

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9.9.19



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Draft do. to the Gov. of India submitted. The drafts letter to Mr. Ahmed Shamby Narayan has been asked to.

Rth
11.9.19

It is ridiculous to say that filling up a form & getting one's photo taken is a "hardship" especially as it need only be done once in ten years. It is, however, a mild sort of nuisance. It is also possible that the more ignorant class of applicant has to suffer a good deal of petty annoyance — possibly petty degradation? — at the hands of underlings.

[Signature]
13-8-8

A It is not these grounds that I base my recommendation. But the F.M.S is really "Further India"; communalism is so frequent; Burma & Ceylon are exempted. And whatever rationale there be for the pop. system, it does not apply to the F.M.S.

Some ~~letters~~
13/8/48

[Issued as 5569-1 A 13.9.1945 5379-2813-9]
[CNO 6074] From the Govt. of India P.P. No. 2016-G

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2.12.18

Home (Misc.) D.
D.O. 5569-181398

Dear Sir,

I am to invite attention to the correspondence ending with my letter, No. 229/dated the 29-1-19, and to enquire when the final orders of the Govt. of India on the permanent retention of the passport system may be exped.

2. In this connection I am to bring to notice that the desirability of discontinuing the passport system in the case of ^{Indian} passengers proceeding from this Presidency to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States has ^{again} been urged recently on this Govt. At a meeting of the Leg. Council held on the 19th November 1918 the Hon'ble ^{Khan Bahadur} S.R.M. Annamalai Chettiyar desired that D.Ms. should be instructed to issue freely passports to all bona fide persons travelling to the above ~~places~~. He was told in reply that passports were freely issued to all persons who had bona fide reasons of business for journeys to the countries referred to. At the meeting held on the 11th March 1919 ^{the same member also} ~~he and~~ the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur A.T.G.M. Ahma Thambi Marakkayar enquired whether in view of the termination of the war and of the great inconvenience that the travelling public are put to, the Govt. will be pleased to consider the desirability of withdrawing the passport regulations in the case of those proceeding to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. The Hon'ble Members were referred to the answer given to ~~an~~

question asked at the meeting of November 1918 and were told that the Govt. of India have under consideration the general question of the future of the passport question.

The Hon'ble Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar had also given notice of a resolution to be moved on the same subject; but this was disallowed by the Government to observe that bona fide labourers proceeding to the countries in question are already exempt from taking out passports and that the proportion of passport holders to the total number of travellers is very small, having been 7,098

and 67,454 respectively in 1918. There appears also to be no strong reason to differentiate between Ceylon and the F.M.S. in the matter of the issue of passports.

While the Govt of India cannot suppose that the existing system entails such hardships or inconveniences as is pretended, they are aware that the differentiation made between Ceylon and the F.M.S. cannot be frequently called in question. They desire, as far as possible, to abrogate conditions which are a source, if not of any very serious hardship, at least of considerable local discontent.

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for no 724 & no 906
8.4.19 16.5.19

for no 478
5.3.19

Further the Hon'ble Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar has again written to Govt. pressing for the abolition of the passport system between this Presidency and the F.M.S.

I am to enquire whether in case of delay in issuing the general orders the Govt. of India would be inclined to pass any orders in the case of travellers to the Straits Settlements & the F.M.S.

To The Lt. Col. R. E. Holland, C.I.E.
I.C.S.

Secy. to the Govt. of India, F & P Dept.

13/5/19

The Hon. Sir Alfred Hamilton
Frank, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.
Secy to Govt. of India

Dear Sir,

I am to invite attention to the correspondence ending with my letter, No.229 Home (Miscellaneous) dated the 29th January 1919, and to enquire when the final orders of the Government of India on the permanent retention of the passport system may be expected.

2. In this connection I am to bring to notice that the desirability of discontinuing the passport system in the case of Indian passengers proceeding from this Presidency to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States has again been urged on this Government. At a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 19th November 1918 the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S.R.M. Annamalai Chettiyar desired that District Magistrates should be instructed to issue freely passports to all bona fide persons travelling to the above countries. He was told in reply that passports were freely issued to all persons who had bona fide reasons of business for journeys to the countries referred to. At the meeting held on the 11th March 1919 the same member and also the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur A.T.G.M. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar enquired whether in view of the termination of the war and of the great inconvenience that the travelling public are put to, the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of withdrawing the passport regulations in the case of those proceeding to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. The Hon'ble Members were referred to the answer given to the question asked at the meeting of November 1918 and were told that the Government of India have under consideration the general question of the future of the passport question. The Hon'ble Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar and also given notice of a resolution to be moved on the same subject; but this was disallowed by the Government. Further the Hon'ble Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar has again written to Government pressing for the abolition of the passport system between this Presidency and the Federated Malay States. I am to observe that bona fide labourers proceeding to the countries in question are already exempt from taking passports and that the proportion of passport holders to the total number of travellers is very small the numbers having been 7,098 and

67,454 respectively in 1918.

I am to enquire whether in case of delay in issuing general orders the Government of India would be inclined to pass any orders in the case of travellers to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States.

Yours Sincerely,

R. Rammachandra Rao.

13-9-19

To

The Hon'ble Sir Alfred Hamilton Grant, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., *expd 12/9*

Secretary to the Government of India,

Foreign & Political Department.

NOTES.

Home Secy Dept

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Letter No. 5569-2 of 13.9.19

Sir, Manager,

With reference to your letter dated the 19th August 1919 regarding the discontinuance of the system of passports for passengers proceeding from the Madras Presidency to the Straits Settlements & the Federated Malay States. I am to inform you that it is understood that the Govt of India have now under consideration the general question of the future of the passport system.

Enquiry is now being made as to how being addressed as to final orders are likely to be passed.

Ret Honble
A. K. A. Ahmed Hamid, Marican,
Khan Bahadur,

R. E. S. Patani.

23.8.19

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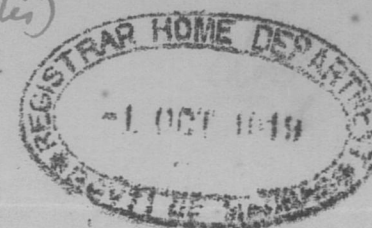
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D.O.No. 2016- G.

No. 6074 Home (Nis)

1. 10-29



Foreign and Political Department,
Simla, the 25th September 1919:

Dear Diwan Bahadur Sahib

Please refer to your demi-official letter, No. 5569-1, dated the 13th September 1919, regarding the question of exempting from the Passport Rules, Indian passengers to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. I am desired to say that the question of notifying further general exemptions from the Passport Rules is under the immediate consideration of the Government of India, and that a decision may be expected at an early date.

Yours sincerely
K. S. Fidge

To

M.R. Ry Diwan Bahadur

R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

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Please see the D.O. from the
Govt of India. It does not seem
necessary to give any further
reply to the letter from Shri. Thambi
Narayanan. The paper was
wrongly

Order No. 1372 of 4.10.49
His

Received -

2.10.49

2.10.49

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4.10.49

after perusal by the

(H.M.)

4.10.49

11. ante

He is getting
information in
the Reg. Council
(H.M. No. 11)

3.10.49

2.10.49

0 Circular
from S.S. under
H.M. No. 11

R.R.R.
1--10-19

Confidential.

Copy of demi-official letter No. 2016-G, dated the 25th September 1919 from K.S. Fitze Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department.

Please refer to your demi-official letter, No. 5569-1 dated the 13th September 1919, regarding the question of exempting from the Passport Rules, Indian passengers to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States. I am desirous to say that the question of notifying further general exemptions from the Passport Rules is under the immediate consideration of the Government of India, and that a decision may be expected at an early date.



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2/10/19*

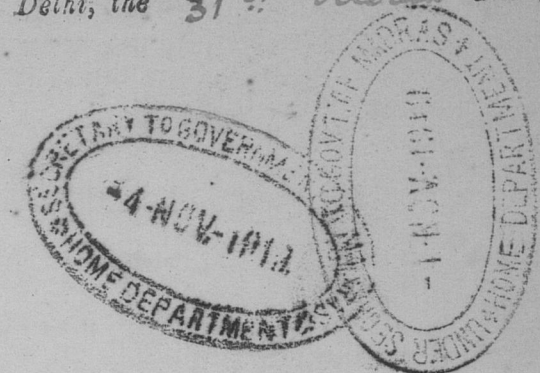
*In the original file I noted O.T. to Hm.
It need not be. May be
used in 4/10/19*

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D.O.No. 27- G.D.

Foreign and Political Department,
Delhi, the 31st October 1919

Handwritten: Mr. D. C. 6735A
4. 11. 19



Dear Sir

With reference to my demi-official letter, No. 2016-G., dated the 25th September 1919, I am desired to say that an enquiry has been addressed to the Government of the Straits Settlements with a view to ascertaining whether they are prepared to relax the present insistence on passports for Indians (other than bona fide labourers) entering the Colony or the Federated Malay States. It has at the same time been intimated that there would be no objection on the part of the Government of India to the immediate relaxation of this restriction which would be appreciated by the travelling public especially in the Madras Presidency. On receipt of a reply from Singapore a further communication

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will be addressed to you.

Yours sincerely
K. S. Tilg

To

M. R. Ry. Diwan Bahadur
R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

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5.11.19

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18-11-19
6/11/19 from material in
linked file -

Statement of the number of passports
issued during the year 1918.

By whom issued	number
Collector of Tanjore ✓	2,980
Collector of Madras ✓	1,842
Collector of Ramnad ✓	1,176
Collector of Palani ✓	372
Collector of Naduvu ✓	191
Collector of S. Arcot ✓	185
Resident in T & C. ✓	145
Collector of Tirunelveli ✓	99
Secretariat	108
Total.	7,098

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