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G.O. No. 262

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Certificate of naturalization.-

Informing Miss Christlieb of the London Mission, Anantapur, that the Government are unable to re-consider the orders passed in G.O. No. 1306, Public, dated 7th September 1915.

619 of 26.8.18
1316 of 7.9.18
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1148 of 11.9.24



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Guindy,

29th December 1918.

My dear Todhunter,

I am to send you for
examination the accompanying letter
from Miss Christlieb, Anantapur.

Yours sincerely,

K. M. M.
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The Hon'ble Mr. C. G. Todhunter, I. C. S.

Chief Secretary to Govt.,

Fort St. George.

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London Mission

Anantapur.

26th December 1913.

To

His Excellency Lord Pentland.

Your Excellency,

May I venture respectfully to renew my request to be allowed to naturalise as a British subject? The request was refused before "during the continuation of hostilities". This gives me reason to hope that now at the close a different answer might be given.

I am venturing to send in the request now, before peace has been actually declared, as I understand Your Excellency is leaving India shortly. Being conversant with all the facts of the case during the years of hostility Your Excellency's judgment would presumably be of great weight with the Government of India.

My desire to naturalise as a British subject is based on the desire to identify myself outwardly with the people with whom all my adult life I have been one at heart, and to break entirely such technical connections as still exist between myself and Germany. I desire to be allowed peaceably to spend the remainder of my life in British lands.

I was born in Germany, Bohn, Rhineland, and had a German father and an English Mother. Though German my father was always a lover of England, of English people and English institutions. To some extent this was a matter of reproach against him by his colleagues at the University. At school I was taught to love and honour Germany, the nett result of influences in the home was to love and honour England. From the age of fifteen I paid prolonged visits of six or more months at a time to England and chose that country as my own. Since my father's death in 1889 I have lived completely in British countries, England first - since 1892 India.

My sisters married Englishmen, and their sons served under the British flag. One was severely wounded in France early in the War, (being one of the early volunteers), and became unfit for active service, one served as an engineer in East Africa, the third is in the R.A.; the

fourth and last is not yet of enlisting age. During the War my personal losses of friends have all been in the English Roll of Honour, in the German army I have not one personal acquaintance.

My sisters and all other personal friends are living in England. It is over nine years since I saw them. As in 26 years I have only had 2 furloughs I am anxious to go home as soon as possible, but only to England. To go elsewhere in Europe would in no sense be a holiday and a rest to me. Yet, while technically a German subject, there would be difficulties in entering England, and, perhaps, in returning to India.

The future, as long as health and strength permit, I desire to spend in the work to which I have given myself in India in connection with a British Missionary Society, - such holidays, or years of retirement as may fall to my share, I earnestly desire to spend with my friends and relations in England. There is no possibility of a home-life to me outside India and England.

The exceptional nature of my so-called German nationality was recognised by the Government of India in their exemption of myself from repatriation orders. May I now earnestly and respectfully ask that the belief in my loyalty with which the Government honoured me, and which I have always done my utmost to justify, may be followed by its logical sequence, the permission to become technically, what I have always been at heart, a British subject.

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's
Most obedient servant

M. L. Christlieb.

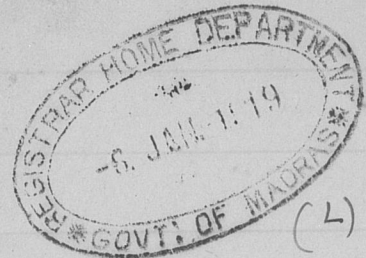
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May be transferred to Home (Mis) who deal with the subject of naturalization.

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Home (mis) Dept

Reference is solicited to G.O. no 1306
Pud-7-9-15 where the request of
Miss Christlieb for a certificate
of naturalization was refused.
In view of the altered condition
now she has again come up
to Govt with a request for the
grant of a certificate. Though
hostilities have ceased, no special
instructions have been received
from the Govt of India ^{in this Dept} as far as
to any change of attitude in
regard to the grant of these
certificates. Miss Christlieb
is still "German" and ~~her~~ her
present request for a certificate
is based on her desire to travel
to England to see her relations.

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It is not known whether German Subjects will be allowed to land in England ^{even} if this Govt. should with the previous sanction of the Govt. of India exempt Miss Christlieb from the defence of India Passport rules so as to enable her to travel to England.

The Remarks of the Revenue (Special) War Section might be invited as that dept. deals with questions about foreigners.

WJ
17.1.19.
Pde.
22.1.19

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I think it is far too early to remove this request - we may turn it down at once.

23.1.19
M
24 11/19

HM (ms)
HE

Yes: I don't feel sure, but unless I move on behalf of the City.



Adraft order is sub?

WJ
31.1.19
Pde.
31.1.19

28 JAN 1919

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C:24
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Certificate of Naturalization Homeless DEPARTMENT

Informing Miss Christlieb of the London
Mission, Amoy, that the Govt. are unable, ~~at present~~
~~to~~ ~~consider~~ ~~the~~ ~~order~~ ~~passed~~
to reconsider the order passed in
No. 1306 of 7-9-15

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1306, dated 7. 9. 1915.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 101, From the Miss Christies, No. , dated 26. 12. 1918

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ORDER.

No. 262, dated 3. 2. 1919

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The youth regret that
at present
they are unable to reconsider
their orders passed in the
proceedings read above.

Ans
31.1.18

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Miss P. L. Christlieb

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