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C No. 3223/18

Station Camp-Peermade

Dated the 30th December 1918

From (Name) H.L. Braidwood Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Resident in Travancore and Cochin

Chief

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Political Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter from the Revd. J.H. Osmaston B.A., G.M.S. of Alwaye, Travancore, asking for permission to go on a pilgrimage to Mount Kailas in Western Tibet. In G.O. No. 1141 Political dated 21st December 1918 a similar application from the Most Revd. Mar Timotheus of Trichur was refused; but it is not known whether such refusal was based on the fact that Mar Timotheus is a Turkish subject. I submit therefore Revd. Osmaston's



application for the orders of Government.

2. I enclose copy of a communication from the Right Revd. C.H. Gill, Bishop in Travancore and Cochin, from which it will be seen that Mr. Osmaston is absolutely to be trusted and that he is eminently fitted for an expedition such as he proposes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Braidwood

R e s i d e n t.

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C.M.S. Mission House,
Alwaye, Travancore,
16th December 1918.

From

The Revd. J.H. Osmaston, B.A.,
Church Missionary Society.

To

M.H. Braidwood Esquire, I.C.S.,
British Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Dear Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly obtain permission from the Government of India for me to make a short journey into Tibet next April or May.

I desire to go to Kailas in order to visit an old Christian Rishi who is said to reside in a cave there.

The route which I propose to follow is from Almora to Garbiang in the Almora (British) District, and thence across the frontier via Taklakot and the Manasarowar Lake to Kailas.

I expect to have as a companion an Indian Christian who by birth is a Sikh and by profession is a Sadhu, and whose name is Sundar Singh. He belongs to Ludhiana in the Panjab. My journey will not last more than a month or 6 weeks, and I should like to start in April, 1919.

I shall not carry any firearms or weapons or articles forbidden by Government.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly forward this my application as soon as possible to the Government of India in order that I may receive a reply by February.

My Bishop, the Right Rev. C.H. Gill, D.D., Bishop in Travancore and Cochin, is addressing you a letter supporting my application.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours most obediently,

Sd/ J.H. Osmaston.

P.T.O.

Bishop's House,
Kottayam, Travancore.

16th December 1918.

From

The Right. Rev. C.H. Gill, D.D.,

Bishop in Travancore and Cochin

To

H.L. Braidwood Esq., I.C.S.,

British Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in supporting an application which you will receive from the Rev. J.H. Osmaston, ^{B.A.} of Alwaye, Travancore, requesting permission from the Government of India to make a journey into Tibet, in order to visit an old Christian Rishi who is said to be living in a cave on Mount Kailas.

I have known Mr. Osmaston intimately for the last ten years, he belongs to an old Derbyshire family. Three of his brothers are, or have been, in the Indian Forest Service, and two are officers in the British Army.

He is a great pedestrian and possesses wonderful staying powers on long marches, I think he is eminently fitted for an expedition such as he proposes.

I need hardly say that he is absolutely to be trusted regarding any obligations laid upon him. His age is 37.

I earnestly hope that his request may be granted.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Sd/ C.H. Gill,

Bishop in Travancore and Cochin

(True copies)

H. Braidwood

Resident.

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17.1.19*

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Letter 350-1012-1-19
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To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Home Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Rev. J. H. Osmaston B.A., a member of the Church Missionary Society, living at Alwaye in the Native State of Travancore requests permission to go to Mount Kailas in Tibet in April ~~or thereabouts~~ this year to visit an aged Christian Sage reported to be living there. ~~The Resident at Cochin reports~~ ^{request} that the applicant has been strongly recommended by the Bishop of Travancore who states ~~that~~ ^{that} the Rev. Osmaston belongs to an old Derbyshire family and that he is absolutely to be trusted regarding ^{any} obligations laid upon him.

I am to request that the
~~for~~ permission sought
for may be granted.

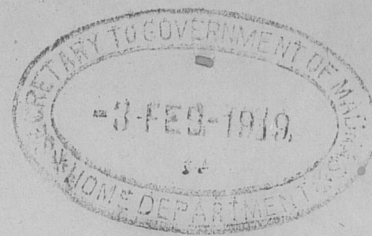
the Govt of India see no

objection to it.

2. A copy of the applicants letter
dated the 16th Dec. 1918, to the Resident
in T & B. is enclosed.

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Home (misc) 1505

No. 46-3-2419
-E.B.

From.

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. Ramchandra Rao Avl.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Dated Delhi the 29th January 1919.

Sir,

115-6.1. In reply to your letter, to the address of the
Secretary to the Government of India in the Home
Department, No. 350-1, dated the 17th January 1919, I am
directed to state that the Government of India regret
that they are unable to permit the Reverend J.H. Osmaston
to visit Mount Kailas in Western Tibet.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Pearce

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Permission to visit Mount Kailas.

[350] From the Resident in T.B. no 3223 D. 30. 12/18

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from the Most Rev. Mar Timotheus

A similar application was forwarded to the Govt. of India for their orders in G.O. no 1141 Pubd 21/12/18 but they declined to comply with the request. The Govt. of India did not even ^{state} suggest the ground for the refusal. Probably they considered that the nationality of the person on whose behalf the application was made in that G.O. ~~was a serious consideration~~ - namely his Turkish origin - was a bar to the grant of the permission.

In the present case, however, the Rev. J.H. Casmason B.A. is reported to belong to an old Derbyshire family and the Bishop of Traraneon states that he is absolutely to be trusted regarding any obligations laid upon him.

A draft letter to the G. of D. forwarding his application is subd. Perhaps it will be as well to ascertain from the G. of D. D.O. the reason why the application from the Most Rev.

NOTES.

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Rev. Mar Timotheus was refused. If the refusal is ascertained to be ^{based} on grounds of nationality then the present application may be forwarded.

By
11.1.19
Recd.
15.1.19

S.

I don't think we need bother about Mar Timotheus again.

Someone seems to have gone crazy. I have heard of the Sadhu Sunder Singh before.
LWS
16.1.19

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[Letter to the GPO, Home Dept., no. 34-1 of 17.1.19]

[1505]

From the GPO of India, Foreign Dept. no. 46 Dec/19

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In view of the GPO refusal, a draft order is subd. on the lines of the order in no. 1141 of 21.12.18.

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By
6.2.19
Recd.
6.2.19

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Passport to Mount Kailas Houliher DEPARTMENT.

Declining to permit the Rev J. H. Compton
to ~~proceed~~ ^{visit} ~~on our~~ Kailas in Western Tibet.

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The Resident in Travancore
and Cochin is informed
that the Govt of India
regret that they are
unable to permit the
Rev J. H. Osmaston to
visit Mount Kailas in
Western Tibet.

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The Resident in T. & C. (940)

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