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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport to Mount Kailas.

Declining to permit the Reverend J. L. to visit Mount  
Kailas in Western Tibet.



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S. P. G. Mission,  
RAMNAD,  
SOUTH INDIA.

26th December 1918.

From

The Revd. G.H.Lamb

S.P.G. Missionary,

Ramnad.



To

A.F.G.Moscardi Esq., I.C.S.

Collector of Ramnad.

at Madura.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you to be good enough to take the necessary steps to secure for me a pass-port to enable me to visit the Kailas Range of the Himalayas which is situated in Tibet. The object of my proposed visit is to <sup>see</sup> ~~visit~~ an old Christian rishi who is said to be inhabiting a cave on that range of mountains. An Indian Christian sadhu named Sadhu Sundar Singh, who has visited the rishi several times before, has promised to accompany me and act as guide. The starting base would be Almora, and the route to be followed would be Almora to Garbiang in the Almora (British) District, thence across the frontier via Taklakot and the Manasarowar Lake to Kailas. The journey from Almora to Kailas and back would probably occupy about two months, and I should start about the end of April 1919. I may add that my journey would not include any proselytising work.

I trust that there will be no objection to granting the pass-port.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

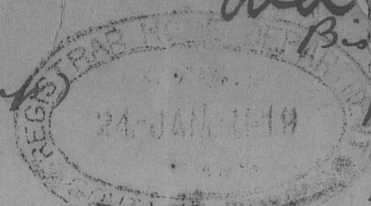
*G.H. Lamb*

S.P.G. Missionary,

Ramnad.



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Palamcottah.

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From

At Rev. E.H. M. Walter  
Bishop in Diocese of Madras.  
Palamcottah.

To A. F. G. Muscardi Esq. D.C.S.  
Collector of Ramnad.

Dear Mr. Muscardi,

I write to support Mr. Lamb's application for a passport to Kailas. The Government need apprehend no difficulties arising from proselytizing, as Mr. Lamb is not acquainted with the language of these parts & his purpose is entirely different, namely, to try to discover the dwelling of an old Christian hermit who is said to live at Kailas. As a man who has lived among the people of India for many years, Mr. Lamb knows enough of Indian customs to avoid giving offence to the local inhabitants through ignorance. So I can confidently



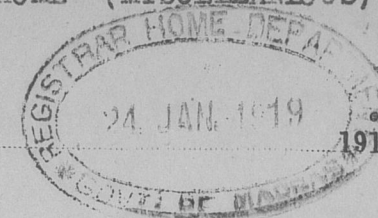
Edith Waller



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Subject.

Forwarding the application of Rev.G.H.Lamb of the S.P.G. Mission, Ramnad, for a passport to go to Tibet.

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Station Madura, Dated the 17th January 1919

From (Name) A.F.G. Moscardi Esquire, I.C.S.

(Designation) District Magistrate of Ramnad.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith an application from Rev.G.H.Lamb of the S.P.G.Mission, Ramnad, --- supported by the Bishop in Tinnevely and Madura, for a passport to go to Tibet to visit a christian hermit inhabiting a cave in the Kailas Range of Mountains.

2. If Government decide to grant a passport, I shall obtain from Mr.Lamb his declaration in the prescribed

form



form with 2 photographs and a chalan for Re.1/-.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

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Chief

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

Madras,

16<sup>th</sup> January 1919.

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From

The Right Reverend E. H. M. Waller,  
Bishop in Tinnevely & Madura.

Bishopstowe,  
Palamcotta, S. India,

Jan 14. 1919. 191.

My dear Moir,

I do not know whether I am wrong in writing to you but I want to ask about the possibility of getting a passport for the Rev. G. H. Lamb of the S. P. G. Mission in Ramnad to visit Kailash in Thibet. He has applied through his collector in the ordinary way but everyone down here seems so in the dark about the rules which govern the granting of passports for Thibet that I thought I would write to you.

You have probably heard of Sadhu Sundar Singh the Christian sannyasi. He is a perfectly genuine man who does a lot of good going about preaching and gathering large crowds of Christians to his meetings. He has had a very adventurous life and among other stories he is said to have found at Kailash an aged Christian hermit. This story has roused great interest and he has invited people to go with him to visit this man and incidentally to prove the truth of the story. Several missionaries are anxious to go. They have no intention of doing a preaching tour or anything to excite the displeasure of the people. They only want to follow the caravan route find the cave and if possible the hermit. Lamb wants to go in March or April. He thought that if we explained to you and through you to H. E. the meaning of the request which will I presume come up in the ordinary way it would be useful. I do not know whether this is quite unconstitutional. If it is you will of course say and do nothing and forgive my



From

The Right Reverend E. B. M. Waller,  
Bishop in Tinnevelly & Madura.

Bishopstowe,  
Palamcottah, S. India,

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inacquaintance with constitutional propriety.

yours very sincerely,

*E. B. M. Waller*

Bishop in Tinnevelly and Madura



*lis*

the official request for the  
Grant of permission to the Rev. C.H.  
Lamb to visit Mount Kailas, referred  
to in the D.O. on pages 2-3 which  
may be awaited. In another case,

that of the Rev. J.W. Gismaston, we have  
addressed the G.O. for permission

Dec.  
22.1.19

*Yes Sir*

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From the D. Magistrate no. 1775 P  
9.12.11.19

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*Linka Case*

We have made a reference to the  
G.O. in a similar case to which a reply is awaited.

A draft letter to India on the  
same lines is sub<sup>d</sup> for approval.

Dec.  
28.1.19  
Dec.  
1.2.19

*Done Sir*

*lis*

The f.c. of the letter to India  
has been signed. Submitted for orders  
whether it should issue in view of the  
reply from the G.O. in the linked case  
just received. S. I think not: the w<sup>d</sup> refers

Dec.  
3.2.19 Dec.  
3.2.19

placed  
in the  
linked case



decline permission with  
regret. May 4/2/19

A draft order is subd for approval

by  
6.2.19.  
P.H.K.  
6.2.19

Issue for



Sectt. II-10 (a) -5,002 13 1-19 (5) Passport- to my own Kailash (Haveli) DEPARTMENT.

Deciding to permit the Rev. Mr. Lamb to  
visit ~~proceed to~~ Mount Kailas. on Western  
Tibet.

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No. 294, dated 6.2.1919

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The Govt regret that they  
are unable to permit the  
Rev. G. H. Lamb to visit  
Mount Kailas in western Tibet.

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