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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passports---

Stating that reference to the native district is necessary unless applicants for---- from the Punjab, North West Frontier Province and Bengal can produce satisfactory and trustworthy evidence.

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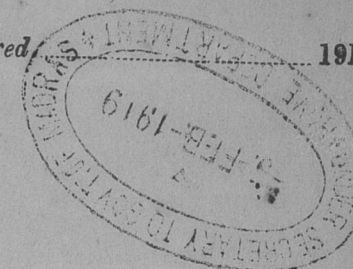


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Subject.



Requesting orders in the matter of forwarding applications for passport of persons coming from the Punjab and North West Frontier Province whose bona fides there is no reason to suspect.

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Re No. 103.
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Station Madras, Dated the 4th February 1919.

From (Name) F. Armitage, Esq.,
(Designation) Commissioner of Police.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Mis.) Department.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to request the orders of Government as to whether less strictness may now be observed in granting passports to the Straits Settlements and F.M.S.

A considerable number of persons come from the Punjab and North West Frontier Province intending to go to the Straits who have not provided themselves with passports from their native districts, owing, they say, to ignorance of such procedure being necessary.

I request to be informed whether under the present conditions I may recommend them for passports when I have

for Commissioner of Police.

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PASSPORTS

(C.No. 1599) From the Commissioner of Police, Madras
No.103, dated 4th February 1919.

The Govt. of India have not so far issued any instructions modifying the restrictions enjoined in their Memo No.507, dated 1st May 1918 (G.O.No.431, dated 9th May 1918) on the issue of passports. The object of the passport system being partly to prevent undesirable persons from leaving India, the exercise of an amount of care in recommending applications for passports, of intending travellers, would appear to be essential. The verifying officer has been made responsible in this behalf by having to state that a particular person applying for a passport is from his "personal knowledge" a fit and proper person to receive a passport. In G.O.No.400, dated 22nd April 1918, the Govt. have directed that actual personal knowledge is not necessary and that it would in most cases be enough if the verifying officer satisfies himself by such reasonable enquiries as he thinks proper of the nationality, status and bona fides of the applicant. The Commissioner has already brought to the notice of Govt. that men from Northern India very often come to Madras without proper credentials and with a view to obviating disappointment to such men the Governments of Punjab and United Provinces have been addressed to give wide publicity to the advisability of persons providing themselves with passports before leaving those provinces.

As instances of the kind brought to notice in the Commissioner's letter are not likely to be many, though the Commissioner says that their number

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is considerable the Government may perhaps agree with the Commissioner that when there is no reason to suspect the ^{bona} fides of an applicant for a passport his application may be recommended.

Submitted for orders whether he may be informed accordingly.

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Yes? Although the

Restrictions on pp's are still technically in force we have, in all classes of cases, been making wide allowance.

not.

True: but in the case of persons from the Punjab & the N.W. Frontier Province (I would add Bengal also) special care is necessary. The pp rules have now been in force for some time & there is no hardship in enforcing them.

2 With regard to A alone the Comm. speaks of a considerable number

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of persons,

3. The G of India orders are clear
4. I should certainly say that
a reference to the native district
is necessary unless the applicant
can produce a local reference
satisfactory & trustworthy in the
Commissioner's opinion

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Honorable DEPARTMENT.

Passport

Stating that ~~a~~ reference to the
native district is necessary ~~unless~~ ~~in certain~~
~~cases~~ ~~in regard to~~ applicants for passport to
from the Punjab North West Frontier
Province and Bengal can produce satisfactory
and trust worthy local references.

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ORDER.

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In the case of persons from the Punjab, North West Frontier Province, and Bengal applying for passports through the Commr. of Police, made, the Govt. consider that a reference to the native district is necessary unless the applicant can produce a local reference satisfactory and trustworthy in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police.

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