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READ—the following papers:—

## I

G.O. No. 691, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 2nd July 1917.  
G.O. No. 1012, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 20th August 1917.

## II

Endorsement of the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department,  
No. 1064 G, dated Simla, the 14th May 1920.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Government of Madras, Home Department, for information, in continuation of the endorsement from the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, No. 1160 G., dated the 8th August 1917.

By order, etc.,

C. P. SKRINE,  
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

## ENCLOSURES

(1)

No. 167.—THE PASSPORT ORDINANCE, 1920.

GENERAL PASSPORT REGULATIONS.

(Vide Gazette No. 15 of 30th January 1920.)

In exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 2 of the Passport Ordinance, 1920, the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following Regulations and to rescind the General Passport Regulations published as Notifications No. 794 and No. 1019 in *Gazette Extraordinary* of the 4th July 1917, and the 18th August 1917, respectively:—

1. No passenger, whose age exceeds, or appears to exceed, fifteen years coming from any place outside the Malay Peninsula shall land in the Colony, unless he produces a valid passport, which has been issued or renewed to him not more than two years before his arrival in the Colony by or on behalf of the Government of the country of which he is a subject or a citizen, and which, in the case of a foreign passenger coming from a foreign country, has been issued or vised by a British Consular Officer in that country, and, in the case of a foreign passenger coming from any part of the British Dominions, has been issued or vised by some public official thereof duly authorized in that behalf. Such vise will be valid for any number of journeys taken within *twelve months* of the date thereof and will not be required in the case of passengers in transit who desire to land temporarily only while their vessel is in port. This clause does not apply to Asiatic passengers.

2. No Asiatic passenger, whose age exceeds or appears to exceed fifteen years, coming from any place outside the Malay Peninsula shall land in the Colony unless he produces either such a passport as aforesaid or a *certificate of nationality*, which has been issued to him not more than two years before his arrival in the Colony by or on behalf of the Government of the country of which he is a subject or a citizen, and which, in the case of a foreign passenger coming from a foreign country, has been issued or endorsed by a British Consular Officer in that country, and, in the case of a passenger coming from any part of the British Dominions, has been issued or endorsed by some public official thereof duly authorized in that behalf. In such certificate the name, nationality and description of the passenger must be stated, and in the endorsement thereon the destination of the passenger, the name of the vessel by which he is travelling and the date of the sailing of such vessel must be stated.

3. Every such passport and certificate of nationality as aforesaid shall have a photograph of the person to whom it relates so affixed as to obviate the possibility of its removal and the substitution of another.

4. Any passenger, who lands or attempts to land or is reasonably suspected of having landed or being about to land in the Colony in contravention of the regulations, may be taken into custody by any port officer or police officer and may be forcibly returned to the vessel from which he landed or may be forcibly prevented from landing.

5. Any passenger who lands or attempts to land in the Colony in contravention of these regulations, and any passenger having so landed who resists arrest or who refuses to return to the vessel from which he landed when ordered so to do by any port officer or police officer, and any person who aids or abets any such passenger in any contravention of these regulations or who knowingly harbours any such passenger whom he knows or has reasonable grounds for supposing to have acted in contravention of these regulations, shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

6. Any person who—

(a) forges, alters or tampers with any passport or certificate of nationality, whether issued in the Colony or elsewhere, or any endorsement thereon, or without lawful authority uses or has in his possession any such forged, altered or irregular passport or certificate or any passport or certificate with any such forged, altered or irregular endorsement; or

(b) personates, or falsely represents himself to be or not to be a person to whom a passport or certificate of nationality, whether issued in the Colony or elsewhere, has been duly issued or, with intent to obtain a passport or certificate of nationality or any endorsement thereon, knowingly makes any false statement; or

(c) allows any other person to have possession of any passport or certificate of nationality issued for his use alone, or without lawful authority has in his possession any passport or certificate of nationality issued for the use of some person other than himself,

shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

7. Any person guilty of an offence against these regulations shall be liable on conviction before a Police Court to imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or to a fine not exceeding eight hundred and fifty dollars or to both imprisonment and fine.

8. These regulations shall not apply to any passenger coming from any place in the Malay Peninsula or to any bona fide Chinese or Netherlands Indian labourer, and shall in no way affect the Regulations published as Notification No. 785 and as Notification No. 581 in *Gazette Extraordinary* of the 29th June 1916, and the 12th May 1917, respectively, nor shall anything in these Regulations be construed in diminution of any powers conferred by the Passenger Restriction Ordinance, 1919.

9. These Regulations may be cited as the General Passport Regulations, 1920.

Council Chamber, Singapore,  
the 30th January 1920.

G. L. HAM,  
Clerk of Councils.

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#### No. 440.—THE PASSPORT ORDINANCE, 1920.

##### PASSPORT REGULATIONS (INDIANS).

(Vide Gazette No. 31 of 12th March 1920.)

In exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 2 of the Passport Ordinance, 1920, the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following Regulations:—

1. No Indian other than a bona fide labourer shall enter or attempt to enter the Colony unless he is in possession of a passport.

2. No Indian shall leave or attempt to leave the Colony for a destination other than the Federated Malay States, Johore, North Borneo or Sarawak without a passport issued, endorsed or vised by the competent authority in the Colony or the Federated Malay States provided that this regulation shall not apply (a) to any bona fide labourer returning to India; or (b) to natives of Southern India who are bona fide labourers proceeding to Kelantan, Kedah or Perlis.

3. No Indian shall leave or attempt to leave the Colony for North Borneo or Sarawak without a pass issued, endorsed or vised by the Chief Police officer of any Settlement of the Colony.

4. Nothing done under the authority of any law for the time being in force relating to the engagement of persons for service on merchant ships shall be deemed to be an offence against these regulations.

5. Any person who—

(a) forges, alters or tampers with any passport or certificate of nationality, whether issued in the Colony or elsewhere, or any endorsement thereon, or without lawful authority uses or has in his possession any such forged, altered or irregular passport or certificate or any passport or certificate with any such forged, altered or irregular endorsement; or

(b) personates, or falsely represents himself to be or not to be a person to whom a passport or certificate of nationality, whether issued in the Colony or elsewhere, has been duly issued or, with intent to obtain a passport or certificate of nationality or any endorsement thereon, knowingly makes any false statement; or

(c) allows any other person to have possession of any passport or certificate of nationality issued for his use alone, or without lawful authority as in his possession any passport or certificate of nationality issued for the use of some person other than himself,

shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

6. Any person guilty of an offence against these regulations shall be liable on conviction before a Police Court to imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or to a fine not exceeding eight hundred dollars or to both.

7. The fee for a passport issued under these regulations shall be 50 cents. No fee shall be charged for a vise or for a pass or vise issued under Regulation 3.

8. For the purpose of these regulations:—

“Competent authority” means any person authorized by the Governor, or by the Government of the Federated Malay States, to exercise the power of a competent authority under these Regulations.

“Labourer” means a person who is a servant in husbandry, artificer, miner or domestic servant or otherwise a member of the labouring classes;

“Native of Southern India” means a person of the Tamil, Telugu or Malayalam race.

“Passport” means a valid passport issued or renewed to the holder not more than two years before his arrival in the Colony by or on behalf of the Government of the country of which he is a subject or in which he has resided and which in the case of a passenger coming from any part of the British Dominions has been issued, endorsed or vised by some public official thereof duly authorized in that behalf and in the case of a passenger coming from a foreign country has been issued, endorsed or vised by a British Consular officer in that country.

9. Nothing in these regulations shall apply to any person whose age is, or appears to the competent authority to be less than 15 years or to any Indian entering the Colony from a Malay State under British Protection.

10. These Regulations may be cited as the Passport Regulations (Indians), 1920.  
Council Chamber, Singapore,  
the 10th March 1910.

G. L. HAM,  
Clerk of Councils.

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#### NOTIFICATION.

No. 000.—In pursuance of the Passport Regulations made by His Excellency the Governor on the 10th March 1920, it is hereby notified that His Excellency has been pleased to authorize the Deputy or the Assistant Superintendent of Indian Immigrants at Penang, and the Assistant Superintendent of Indian Immigrants at Singapore, respectively, to exercise the powers of competent authorities for the issue and vise of passports for the purposes of the said Regulations.

Order—No. 1017, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 25th May 1920.

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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,  
Secretary to Government.

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