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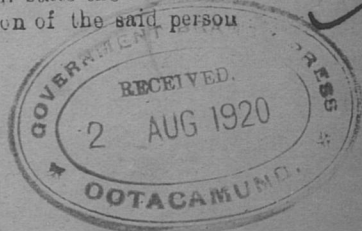
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and his photograph so affixed as to obviate the possibility of its removal and the substitution of another, and every certificate of nationality shall in addition state the destination of the person, the approximate date of departure, and the port of departure and the name of the vessel in the case of persons travelling by sea.

3. Foreigners arriving from Rhio and its dependencies whose passports do not bear a British visa will be permitted to land at Singapore upon such conditions as the Chief Police Officer may consider desirable.

4. Any person who enters or attempts to enter or is reasonably suspected of having entered or being about to enter the colony in contravention of these regulations may be taken into custody by any port officer or police officer and may in the case of a person entering by sea be forcibly returned to the vessel from which he landed or may be forcibly prevented from landing.

5. Any person who enters or attempts to enter the colony in contravention of these regulations, and any person having so entered 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 person in any contravention of these regulations or who knowingly harbours any such person 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. When an alien seaman is under the provisions of these regulations prohibited from landing at any port the Master Attendant or Harbour Master may, after consultation with the Chief Police Officer, grant him temporary permission to land upon such conditions as he may consider desirable.

7. Any person who—

- forges, alters or tampers with any passport or certificate of nationality, whether issued in the colony or elsewhere, or any visa or 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 visa or endorsement; or
- 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 visa or endorsement thereon, knowingly makes any false statement; or
- 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.

8. 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.

9. These regulations shall not apply to any person whose age does not exceed or appear to exceed fifteen years or to any bona fide Chinese or Netherlands Indian labourer, and shall in no way affect the regulations published as Notification No. 440 in Gazette of the 12th March 1920 nor shall anything in these regulations be construed in diminution of any powers conferred by the Passengers Restriction Ordinance, 1919.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SINGAPORE,
7th June 1920.

A. CAVENDISH,
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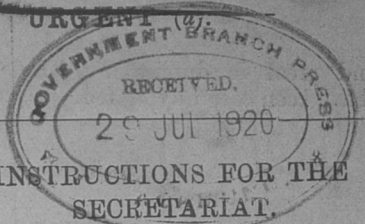
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