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My dear Ramachandra Rao,

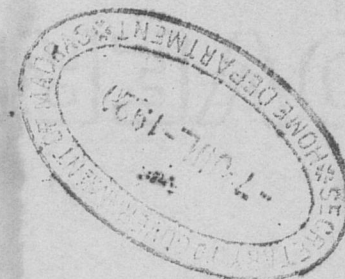
Rao Sahib P.K.A.C.T. Veerappa

Chettiar is to have an interview with His Excellency at Madura during his next tour, and wishes to ask for the abolition of the rules relating to the obtaining of passports for proceeding abroad, particularly the abolition of the rule requiring that passports should be taken out for the journey between India and the Straits Settlements where many of his community carry on business and are continually passing to and fro. I am to ask you to let His Excellency have a very brief note on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

A. de Braki.

for Mr. Duff.



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Home (misc.) Department.

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Please see the speech of the Hon.
 Mrs. Dobbs in connection
 with the introduction
 of the Bill -

in Part II of the Gazette of India
 Vol. 44, p. 10

The present passport rules were framed in 1917 under the Defence of India Act of 1915 which expires six months after the end of the war. Under these rules it is obligatory on all persons entering or leaving India by sea to be in possession of properly issued and valid passports not more than two years old, subject however, to exemptions in certain cases e.g. bona fide labourers travelling between India and the Malay States. ~~and~~ The system is reported to have worked satisfactorily and ~~was~~ to have fulfilled its object, viz. to check the movements to and from India of actual or potential spies and Bolshevik propagandists. In view of this fact and of the fact that the United Kingdom, the Dominions of Canada and Australia and certain foreign nations such as the United States and Sweden have decided to retain their war regulations controlling entry into those countries, the Govt. of India, at the invitation of His Majesty's Govt. to bring the system ^{in India} into line, so far as is possible, with that of the United Kingdom, have introduced the Indian Passport Bill ~~on the 25th~~ at the meeting of the Imperial Legislative Council held on the 25th February 1920. Under this bill the obligation to obtain a passport at present imposed on persons leaving India is being ~~definitely~~ abandoned. The discussions in connection with the introduction of

this bill are contained on pages 987 to 992 of the proceedings of the Indian Legislative Council (part up.)

2. As regards entry into the Straits Settlements, the restrictions were ^{first} imposed by ^{Govt.} ~~that~~ in 1917. Under the regulations issued by the Govt. of the Straits Settlements, bona fide labourers have, from the commencement, been exempted from taking out passports. In 1919 the desirability of the abolition of the ~~system~~ passport system between India and the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States was urged on this Govt. by interpellations in the Legislative Council and the Govt. replied that the future of the passport system was under the consideration of the Govt. of India. Towards the close of 1919 the Govt. of India, at the instance of the Madras Govt., enquired of the Govt. of the Straits Settlements whether the existing restrictions were to be relaxed in any way; but the latter replied that they did not propose to relax the existing measure of insistence on passports in the case of persons entering the colonies. The Straits Settlements Govt. have also since issued the Passport Ordinance 1920 insisting on passports for ~~wigress~~ ~~and~~ except in regard to bona fide labourers.

3. At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 20th November 1919 the Hon. Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marikayar brought forward

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