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Passport - Regulations - United States and Canada - Instructions  
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Cu From *19/1*  
The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India  
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
- The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Central Provinces.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam.
- The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Delhi.
- The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
- The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
- The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
- The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Central India.
- The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana.
- The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan.
- The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Ajmer-Merwara.
- The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor General in the North West Frontier Province.
- The Resident at Baroda.
- The British Envoy at the Court of Nepal, Kathmandu.
- The Resident in Kashmir.



Dated Delhi, the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1921.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose for the information of the  
your  
local Government a copy of a private letter dated 13th  
information  
October 1920, from the Passport Officer, British Embassy,  
Japan, emphasizing the desirability of impressing upon  
applicants for Indian passports the necessity for compliance  
with regulations in force in the countries to which they  
desire to go.

2. Under Section 31 of the United States of America,  
Passport

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Passport Regulations 1918, a copy of which was forwarded to you under this Department endorsement No. 1661-G., dated 20th June 1919, no alien is allowed to enter the United States of America unless his passport has been duly vised by an American Consul.

I am to request that the necessity of obtaining this visa should be impressed on all persons to whom passports for America are granted.

3. As regards Canada the immigration laws of that Dominion prohibit the entry of any immigrant "who has come to Canada otherwise than by continuous journey from the country of which he is a native or naturalized citizen and upon a through ticket purchased in that country or prepaid in Canada". Asiatic immigrants generally are also required to be in possession of at least 200 dollars.

4. The first of these conditions appears to preclude the entry of any Indian immigrants into Canada and, though it is not intended that the Indian Passport system should be used to further the Immigration Policy of any Foreign Country or British Dominion, it is very desirable that Indian applicants for passports to Canada should be made clearly to understand the risk of exclusion and recommended to defer their departure until they are in possession of some guarantee that they will be permitted to land.

5. The provisions of the Immigration Law relative to continuous journey and possession of 200 dollars do not, however, apply to "non-immigrants", among whom are included tourists and travellers merely passing through Canada to another country, and students entering Canada for the purpose of attendance at any recognised educational institution. The Government of Canada have further accepted the Resolution of the Imperial War Conference, 1918, recommending inter alia that British citizens domiciled in any British country, including India, should be admitted into any other British

country

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Under Section 51 of the United States of America,

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British Consulate General,  
Yokohama,  
13th October, 1920.

Dear -----

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it through official channels.

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ports issued in India. On three of these passports the issuing  
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Failure to do this entails a long, costly and fruitless journey  
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to do so by H.M. Consul General.

As I was writing above two more Indians have come in under similar circumstances, and I attach copy of their petition for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- C.C. Gumm, Lt.-Col.,

Passport Control Officer, British Embassy, Japan.

The Passport Control  
Officer, Foreign Dept.,  
Govt. of India, Simla.

Yokohama, 4th October, 1920.

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to

British Consulate General, Y O K O H A M A.

The humble petition of Dalip Singh and Khazan Singh.

Most respectfully sheweth:- That your petitioners are illiterate and poor British subjects, who left India to seek livelihood for themselves as well as their families and children, who solely depend on them. As the ill luck would have it, your petitioners being uneducated did neither know that States' doors are shut against Asiatic Labour, nor were informed by the Authorities there which might have escaped the Authorities' notice. That your petitioners are unfortunately placed in such a miserable position, which can better be imagined than described, on one hand they are thousands of miles away from their home, on the other hand their limited means are being diminished, and the Death by starvation in foreign lands is staring at them. That your petitioners will never forget as long as they are living this favour, if you will please endorse their Passports valid for Mexico, in case you want to get some information regarding them from Government of India shall do so, though poor they are they shall anyhow manage to deposit the charges for cable to India. For this act of kindness your petitioners shall never forget, it is like giving life to a dead man, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray for your long life and prosperity.

Your obedient Servant

(Sd) Dalip Singh

(Sd) Khazan Singh.

True copy.

Supdt. Fd. & Pol. Dept.

Home (Mis) Dept.

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Passport - Regulations - U.S.A. and Canada.

C-272 From the Govt. of India, F.P. Dept, No. 67-9 of 14.1.21.

For U.S.

Every British Subject who takes out a passport from this Govt. for proceeding to a foreign country is invariably advised to obtain the visa of a Consular Officer of that country before embarking from British India.

2. The Canadian Prohibition against the landing of emigrants of skilled or unskilled labour has already been given wide publicity - vide G.O. 1148 Home (Mis) of 28.7.19, and so far we have had no application from this class for passports to proceed to Canada.

3. It would appear from India's letter that as the above restrictions do not apply to non-emigrants, passports for Canada may now be freely issued to bonafide merchants, tourists and students.

4. No specific action on the letter seems necessary. A Draft order, recording the instructions, is submitted for approval.

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(F) READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1082 Home (Mis), dated 7. 7. 1919.  
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