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[Despatch Abstract.]

Immigration----Straits--inconveniences to Bonafide labourers
Letter from the Hon'ble Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar--
Papers recorded.

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NEGAPATAM,

15th October 192

From

THE HON'BLE KHAN BAHADUR,

A. K. G. AHAMEDTHAMBY MARICAIR,

Negapatam.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Miscellaneous) Department,

Fort St. George,

Madras.



Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your kind notice that the Police Officers who scrutinise the Passports at these Ports for passengers proceeding to the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States are insisting upon the ~~passengers~~ possession of Passports by all passengers including "bonafide Labourers". In this connection I beg to invite your kind attention to Section 1 of the Passport Ordinance 167 of 1920 vide. Gazette dated 30th January 1920 issued by the Government of Singapore wherein they distinctly state the exemption of passports to "bonafide labourers". I also invite your kind attention to Section 8 clause (2) D of the Defence of India Passport Rules of 1917. I have been bringing this subject to the notice of the Government ^{on} ~~of~~ various occasions by means of interpellations and resolutions none of which were given any effect. I may mention here that all emigrants shipped at this Port through the Straits Emigration Camp are exempted from passport regulations. The inconvenience and hardships the ordinary passengers are put to in securing the passports are so great that the interest of the travelling public should be safeguarded by Government. I therefore earnestly invite the kind

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attention of the Government to this very important ques- 3
tion and request you to remedy the evils referred to above.
in getting the exemption to "bonafide labourers" such as
domestic servants and other members of the labouring classes
from the passport regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Macleod

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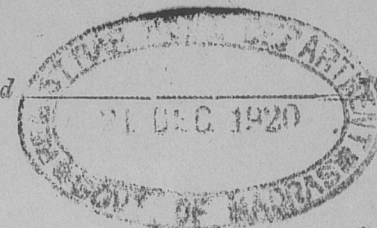
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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Replying to Government Home (Miscellaneous) Department endorsement ~~455~~ 4568-2 dated 26th October 1920 on the reference made by the Honourable Khan Bahadur A.K.G. Ahmed Thambi Maracair regarding the inconvenience felt by the bona fide labourers proceeding to Straits Settlements.

ENCLOSURE

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D.D.No. 847/M of 1920.

Station Tanjore., Dated the 18th December 1920.From (Name) P.C. Dutt Esquire, B.A., I.C.S.(Designation) District Magistrate Tanjore.

To The SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

HOME (Miscellaneous) DEPARTMENT

M A D R A S.

Sir,

With reference to Government Endorsement No. 4568-2 dated 26th October 1920, I have the honour to report as follows:--

2. Bona fide labourers are no doubt exempted from the operation of the Passport Rules, but they have to get the permission of the Emigration Agent before they emigrate, as enjoined in Government Memorandum No. 1185-1 dated 30th March 1918. When a passenger experiences any inconvenience it is because he tries to emigrate without either a passport from a competent authority or a permit from the Emigration Agent.

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3. The enclosure received with the Government
Memorandum is resubmitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

By K. K. K.

For District Magistrate.

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Home (Misc) Dept

Telegram

[To.]

Foreign,

Delhi.

5608 Please refer [to] your
telegram [No.] 2423-G dated
11th December [1920.] Exemption
of British Indian Subjects
from passports ^{for travelling to and from} Straits
~~Government~~. Request early
orders.

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From the Honble Mr. Alwar Saini Marakayar

8/10-10. 1920.

Proposals to the S.S. — bona fide labour

exemption of.

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W.S.

The difficulty complained of by the Honble Mr. Marakayar ought not really to exist as, according to the rules, bona fide labourers to & from the Straits Settlements & the F.M.S. are exempt from the operation of the passport regulations. Rule Regulation (1) of the passport regulations (Indians) printed on p 2 of G.O. 1017 Home (Mis) of 28-5. 1920. Please also see in this connection pages 3-5 of the notes to G.O. 1365 Home (Mis) of 8.9.20. wherein this matter has been fully discussed. If the Police post inspecting officers at Negapatnam really insist on the possession of passports even in the case of bona fide labourers their action would certainly be wrong & it would seem desirable to circulate all this regarding the fact that bona fide

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25.5.20

The Police at Negapatnam either do not know the rules or are indiscreet. A few months ago while I was Divisional Officer there they put up before me some 50 return emigrants from the Straits ^{for travelling without passports}. They were mostly coolies returning from the rubber estates. I set them free as soon as I learnt who they were.

25/10/20

Labourers proceeding to or returning
from the Straits Settlements are
exempt from passport regulations.
But before doing so it would, perhaps,
be well to refer the current
to the D. M. Tanjore, for
remarks. Draft endorsement
submitted. ²// The following draft
D.O. to Mr. Marakhan a chowdary
in receipt of his letter is also
submitted.

D.O. 4566-1 of 26/10/20.

Dear Wmanner,

A line to let you know that your letter of the 25th October regarding the exemption of bona fide labourers from the passport regulations has been received & that the matter is receiving attention.

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[Enst No. 4566-2 926-10-20 to the D.M. Tanjore]

C-5859 From the D.M. Tanjore D.D. 847/M 17 18-12-20.

For U.S.

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The emigration of bonafide labourers to the Malay Peninsula has to be covered by a permit from the Emigration Agent either at Madras or at Negapatam since this control was found necessary to prevent unauthorized emigration. Now that the question of exempting ^{En masse} British Indian subjects travelling thither is under the consideration of the Govt. of India, the necessity for this permit will cease if that question is favourably decided. As orders from the Govt. of India are imminent, it is submitted that the reply to Mr. Marakayal may be postponed till the decision of the Govt. of India is known.

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CR.
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A reply may be sent to Mr. Marakayal to the above effect.

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submitted. Attention is solicited to the telegram

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from the Govt. of India at p 7 of in the
linked file.

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8-1-21

Issue a reminder telegram
to the above teleg. referred to

11/1/21

For U.S.

A draft telegram is submitted

OK
11-1-21

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Now that the question referred to
on p 3 ante has been favourably decided by
the Govt. of India, a reply to Mr. Manakkayar's
letter may now issue.

The draft below is submitted
for approval

OK
2-2-21

Not necessary.

When Mr. Manakkayar saw me last
week he said that he was perfectly
satisfied & that he was going to withdraw
his resolution in the Council of State.

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Home (Mis) Dept

Letter / Ref. No. 07

To The Hon'ble A.K.G. Ahmed Thambi Manikavasagar
Sahib Bahadur,
Negapatnam.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 15th October 1920 regarding the difficulties experienced by bonafide labourers in particular and passengers in general, in proceeding to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, I am directed to inform you that with a view to prevent unauthorized emigration, bonafide labourers, though exempt from passports, were required to provide themselves with permits issued by the Emigration Agent either at Madras or Negapatnam and that a passenger experienced ~~an~~ inconvenience only when trying to emigrate without either a passport from a competent authority or a permit from the Emigration Agent. I am however to point out that all these inconveniences have disappeared now that the Govt. of India have exempted from

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Vide DM's letter on p 4 of
+ p 3 of notes

That Emigration Agent
at Negapatnam
is directed to issue permits
to bonafide labourers
and passengers
proceeding to the Straits
Settlements and the
Federated Malay States
without the necessity of
a passport from a competent
authority or a permit from
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between India and the colony in
question.

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