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Please refer to the copies of correspondence attached.

With regard to the question of servants of Military and Civil officers I consider that these should have passports from India. It is not advisable to allow such people into this country without supervision at present and the alternative to passports, i.e., forbidding discharge without police permission is open to many objections. Besides difficulty, inconvenience and friction in working such a scheme is the consideration that a most objectionable state of affairs may arise in the case of a servant who for harshness or other reason may, contrary to his master's wishes, wish to leave the latter's service.

I think these considerations outweigh the inconvenience to officers of obtaining passports for servants.

Order—No. 72, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 21st January 1921.

Communicated to all District Magistrates, the Collector of Madras, the Commissioner of Police, Madras, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, and the Political Agents for Pudukkottai, Banganapalle and Sandur, who are requested to give wide publicity to the matter.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

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