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*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th October 1857.*

No. 12. From E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George ;  
to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 8th October  
1857, No. 1302.

SIR,

Under the orders issued by the Government of India, on 24th November 1856, No. 1729, the Passport Regulations previously in force in this Presidency were set aside. Those rules prescribed the forms which foreigners were to follow who wished to travel in the interior, and authorised Magistrates to grant Passports to persons of respectability among our native subjects, when they applied for this protection, on having occasion to visit other districts, and carry a few weapons as a defence against robbers.

2. In the present state of India, the want of Passport Regulations is much felt, and the subject has been brought before this Government in several ways. By the secret Despatch of the Honorable Court (1837) dated 25th August last, ordering measures to be taken to prevent foreigners traversing the country. By a letter from the Commissioner of Police at Poonah, to the Magistrate of Bellary, intimating that in the Bombay Districts, the Passport system has been brought into operation for the protection of loyal subjects, and the detention of suspicious strangers, and that all travellers must consequently be so prepared unless, from being well known, their identity could be readily established. Lastly, by applications from private individuals, who asked for this protection on having occasion to proceed into the interior for business or other purposes.

3. Under these circumstances, I am directed to bring the subject before the Government of India, but meanwhile, as the orders of the Honorable Court, and the events in Northern India require such a course, this Government will cause Passports to be issued to parties who apply for this protection and can be safely permitted to travel through our provinces.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,  
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

Exd. H. Morgan.

1837.

Secret

To

The Right Honorable  
The Governor in Council  
at Bombay.

Under the present circumstances  
of India, we deem it of the utmost importance  
that vigilant measures should be  
adopted for preventing any subject of a  
Foreign State from penetrating into the  
interior of that Country, and from  
entering it except at one of the presidency  
Capitals, where there are the means  
of keeping all suspected persons  
under strict surveillance.

We are &c

East India House,  
London.  
August 25<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Signed R. Mangles.  
of F. Currie  
of G. Mills.

True Copy

Thos. Munro  
Secretary to Government.

Copied by Baptista  
W. Munro.

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1857  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1857  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 1857  
To the duty to the  
Govt of India  
Noted 2<sup>nd</sup> Decr 1857  
F. A. 49/58.

Dispt 8<sup>th</sup>

Sw. Dept

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Fort St George, 8  
8<sup>th</sup> October, 1857-2



Just to the City of New York  
No 2 of 1858 - Dec. 11

In 84. Am: 12 October  
Judicial 1857, Sep. 18

18. 13. 1857

To the Secy. to the Hon. Board  
India  
18. 18. 1857

C. L. No. 14/58. Cont. of the 1857/58. 12. 14. 1857.

With reference to the  
present state of affairs, upon the  
necessity of business the passport  
Regulations into force.