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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 9. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Canara; to EDWARD MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 1st October 1857, No. 43.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, copy of a letter addressed at the instance of the Bombay Government, by the Commissioner of Police at Poonah, to the several Magistrates and Superintendent of Police, directing them to issue Passports to all travellers passing to and fro, through the provinces of the Bombay Presidency, with a view to check, and bring under observation, suspicious fugitives, and other bad characters, as well as relieve the loyal and peaceable, from detentions and other vexatious interference.

2. The present crisis has doubtless rendered such a measure expedient, but as it is opposed to the orders of Government of India, dated 24th November 1856, I have considered it to be my duty to solicit the instructions of Government before venturing to introduce it into a district which from its relations and position to the Bombay Presidency, would be materially affected by its operation.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

Circular from the Commissioner of Police; to the Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, No. 47 of 1857, Political Department, dated Poonah, 22nd September 1857.

GENTLEMEN,

The Government direct the issue of Passports, both as a check on bad characters, and for the protection of loyal subjects pursuing their usual avocations, or travelling through, or to and from this Presidency or from one province to another in the Presidency.

2. You will be pleased to issue a Notification, that Passports can be obtained from the Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, by application direct, or through the district officers, and that after (*enter date, say fourteen days from issue of notification*) all persons travelling without a Passport, will be liable to detention.

3. The Passport for the time specified therein will enable the bearer (*enter descriptive roll*) with his family, (*enter number*) and servants, (*enter number and descriptive roll*) to pass from _____ to _____ and return, or otherwise as the case may be.

4. It is unnecessary, that persons passing from one point to another, where they are well known, and where their identity can be easily established, should supply themselves with Passports.

5. The measure is one of precaution with regard to those whose identity cannot be established, and who may or may not be emissaries or runaways, or doubtful characters of any kind, and to afford protection and prevent unnecessary detention to those who are bona fide travellers following their usual pursuits.

6. Intimation has been given to the Officers beyond the frontiers of the Presidency.

(Signed) A. BETTINGTON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 56 of 1857.

True copy forwarded to the Collector and Magistrate of Canara, for his information.

(Signed) A. BETTINGTON,
Commissioner of Police.

Poonah, }
23rd September 1857. }

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 1348; dated 15th October 1857.

The Magistrate of Canara is authorized to comply with the request of the Commissioner of Police at Poonah, and grant Passports to respectable parties who apply for them on having occasion to proceed into the Districts of the Bombay Presidency.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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To Mr. George,
15 October, 1857

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Copy to Magistrate of Canara

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