

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1464	Press
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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th November 1857.

No. 10. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th October 1857, No. 142.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 7th Instant, No. 1296, *Herewith returned. Judicial Department: forwarding a petition* addressed to Government, by a merchant named Hajee Mohamed Cassim, and to state, that he is understood to be a respectable person, and I believe the circumstances set forth in his address to be substantially correct; with reference however to his request to be furnished with a Passport to travel with arms, and to the views of the Government on the subject, I beg to observe that, although I deem it objectionable to grant Licenses or Passports to travellers generally to carry arms, yet I quite concur with the Government that cases may occur in which the furnishing of Passports after due and careful inquiry, may be deemed necessary, and when Section V of Act XXXVIII of 1857 comes into operation, the Commissioner of Police will then be vested with power of granting the same to such persons as Hajee Mohamed Cassim, and to others of whose character and reputation no suspicion or doubts are entertained.

Merchants and respectable Natives travelling from one place to another, may be furnished with a Passport, which they ought to be required to deliver over within a prescribed time to the Police authorities, on their arrival at their destination.

Respectable Natives and their families may also be furnished with Passports when travelling with money, jewels, &c., on account of marriage or funeral ceremonies, or visiting the shrines, temples, &c.

In addition to the usual description of the traveller, the Passport ought to contain the number of followers, the number and description of arms, &c.

As to Foreigners, I much doubt the propriety of their being allowed to travel about the country armed, or unarmed, except under surveillance, but an exception will have to be made with respect to some classes, such as horse and cattle dealers, whose visits at the Presidency it is desirable to encourage.

Merchants and others in Madras are in the habit of sending large sums of money up-country in charge of armed Gollahs, I cannot refrain from stating that I look upon bodies of armed men not in Government employ, moving about the country, as highly objectionable, this might in some measure be obviated by the more safe method of remitting money by Bills on Provincial Treasuries.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 1444; dated 5th November 1857.

The Commissioner of Police is requested to give a Passport to this applicant Hadji Mahomed Cassim.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

C. No. 7. 1296
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The Commissioner of Police is
requested to give a Passport to
this applicant Hajee Mahomed
Cassim.

Fort George -
5 November 1857

To Comd of Police
" Hajee Mahomed Cassim Merchant }
" Madras - South Beach } Despatch 10th