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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 10th to 16th September 1859.

No. 21. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 22nd July 1859, No. 1479.

From Madras No. 1302, dated 8th October 1857.
To Madras No. 2057, dated 29th December 1857.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to transmit the accompanying extract (paragraph 25) of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 62, dated the 9th Ultimo, and with reference thereto to enquire whether the practice of granting Passports in the Madras Presidency is still continued, and whether the Madras Government still considers it desirable to maintain it.

Extract from a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in the Public Department, No. 62 of 1859, dated the 9th June.

(81 to 83). Revival of the Passport system in the Madras Presidency.

Para. 25. It does not appear in the letter from the Madras Government that it was contemplated that it should be compulsory on any individual wishing to proceed into the interior of the country to provide himself with a Passport, but only that "Passports should be issued to parties who apply for this protection, and can be safely permitted to travel through our provinces." "The Passport system," as you remark "affords no security whatever to a Government unless it is worked by a much more numerous and efficient Police than any part of India possesses, whilst it is open to very great abuse," and you informed the Madras Government that you would not object to the adoption of the course proposed by them in these exceptional times. The necessity for these precautions has now, I hope, ceased to exist.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 22. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 12th September 1859, No. 1230.

In reply to your letter, 22nd July last, No. 1479, I am directed to state for the information of the Government of India, that the practice of granting Passports is not continued in the Madras Presidency, nor do the Madras Government desire it. Since the passing of Act XXXIII of 1857, Foreigners have not been allowed to travel in or pass through any part of the Madras territories, without a License—but *Native* subjects of the French and Portuguese Settlements, as well as the subjects of the Cochin, Travancore and Hyderabad States have been exempted from the operation of the Act.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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