Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 7th July 1860.

REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF PASSPORTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1859.

No. 30. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mufassal Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st June 1860, No. 436.

I have the honor to submit my report on the issue of Passports, for the 2nd half-year of 1859. The exceeding irregularity that marks the transmission of these returns by some of the Magistrates has retarded the submission of this summary so as to make it almost useless. I refrain on this occasion from submitting the dates on which the last returns reached me from certain Magistrates—several of them after repeated reminders.

2. A glance at either these returns, the smallest attempt to trace individuals on their journey will at once disclose the fact that the Passport system is as nearly as possible a dead letter. The question suggests itself shall we give it life ? If so, it must become the duty of the new Police to enforce the Law with strictness, and I will prepare Police Regulation for their guidance.

3. I beg to submit a correspondence with the Magistrate of Madura, on the subject of Messrs. Fain de Fondclair, I now doubt the propriety of my decision ; not as regards the individuals in question, but with reference to the state of the Law.

From T. CLARKE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Mufassal Police, Madras, dated 4th October 1859, No. 200.

I have the honor to inform you that there are residing in this District two French gentlemen the sons of the late Mr. Fain de Fondclair. The latter gentleman was born at Pondicherry, his mother afterwards married General Hall and Mr. De Fondclair was educated in England and returned to this country where he was engaged for several years in Madras and Pondicherry on trade and Commercial transactions ; the sons were educated in France, and the eldest for a short time held a situation in that country under the Government ; neither the father nor the sons have ever been naturalized, the sons hold land in this District and since their return from France have chiefly resided in it.

I have the honor to request you will inform me whether when they leave the District, I have to provide them with Passports.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mufassal Police, to T. CLARKE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura, dated Chittúr, 10th October 1859.

The circumstances of the Messrs. De Fondclair, I think, exempt them from the necessity of taking out a Passport as Foreigners on the occasion of moving about the Company's Territories, with which they have been so long domiciled.

I will mention the nature of the reference and my reply when submitting to Government in my next statement of Passports issued.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Mufassal Police.

Judicial Department.

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Read the following Letter from the Inspector General of ~~Police~~ Police.—

(Here enter 21st June 1860 No. 426)

thereon 7th July 1860 No. 847.

The Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the operation of Act XXXIII. 1857 has been extended by Act XXVIII of 1859 for a further period of two years, or until the 5th Decr. 1861. So long as it is in force its provisions must be duly observed. The Inspector General will therefore issue a Circular under orders of Government to all Magistrates calling their attention to the Proceedings of Government 2nd September last No. 1220

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and requiring the punc-
tual transmission
to him of the monthly
Statements therein pre-
scribed of licences is-
sued by them under
Sec. VI of the Act as
well as of the reports
of the arrival of foreigners
made to them under
Section I.—

2.— He will also in-
struct his Superintendents
of Police in the Districts
which have been brought
under Act XXIV - 1859 to
see that the provisions
of the Act are complied
with within their seve-
ral ranges but without
causing any unneces-
sary molestation to
individuals.—

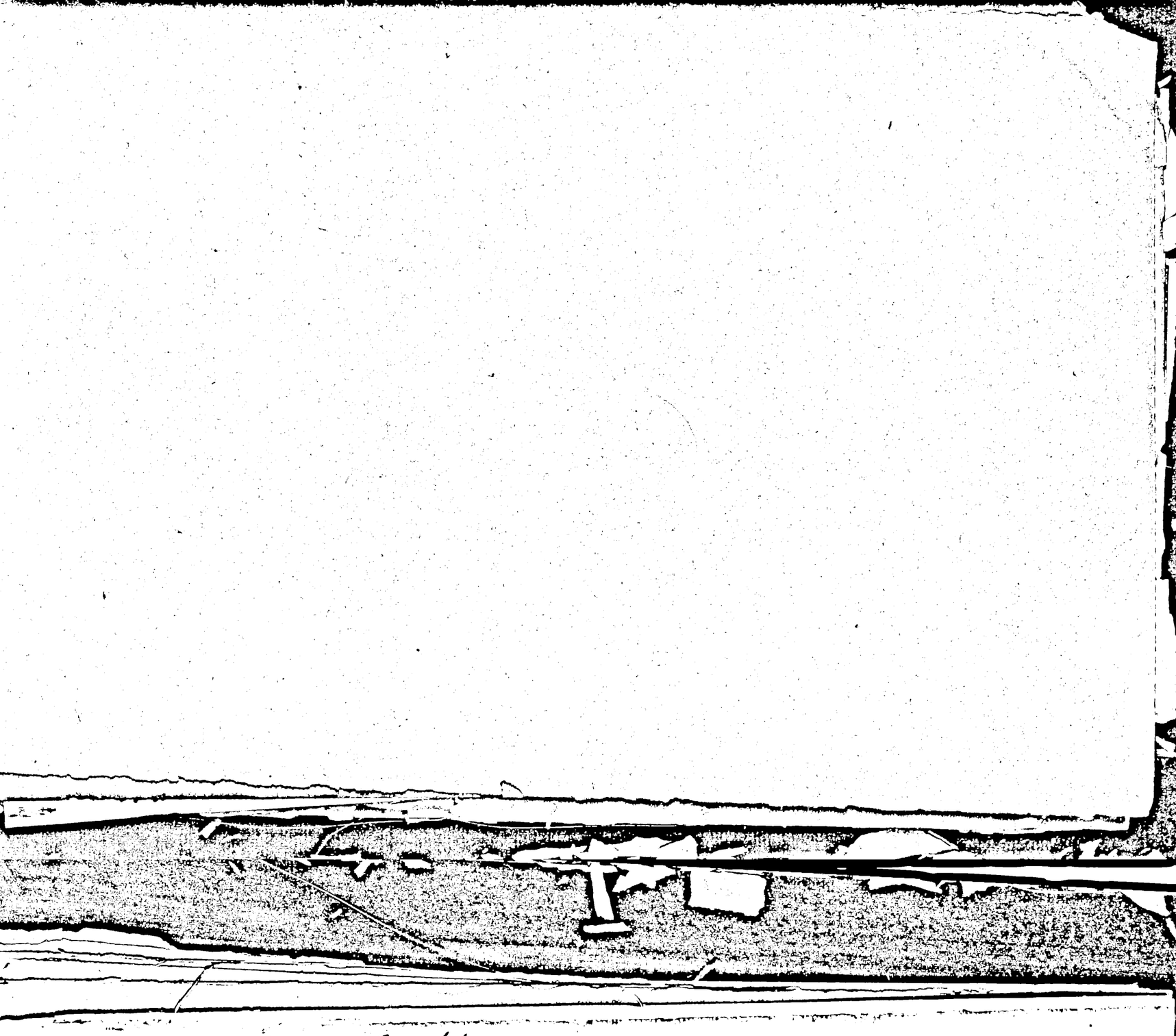
3.— With respect to
the Messrs Jaie de Fonclair
there can be no doubt
of their being foreigners
within the meaning
of the Act — but under
the circumstances, the
Honorable

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No. 1484.

Honorable the Governor
in Council is pleased
under Section XXIV to
exempt them from its
provisions.—

J.P.

The Inspector Genl. of Police &c &c &c



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