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[Despatch Abstract.]

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of certain rules issued under the —, and
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From A. H. L. FRASER, Esq., c.s.i., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 8th July 1899, No. 2152.

I am directed to state that the Government of India have decided, with reference to a report on the Haj of 1897, received from the Vice-Consul at Jeddah, to substitute the following for note 1 on the Pilgrim Passport form:—

Although the authorities in the Hedjaz will allow pilgrims from British India to land without a passport, this passport is issued to enable pilgrims to obtain the advice and assistance of the British Consul at Jeddah, and every pilgrim is recommended to provide himself or herself with one.

2. The Vice-Consul also observed that the majority of pilgrims have no knowledge of the provisions of rule 31 of the rules framed under the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895 (XIV of 1895), and suggested that shipowners and captains, considering the work of supplying food to the pilgrims an unnecessary and troublesome task, wish to avoid it and therefore like to keep the provisions of the rule out of the knowledge of pilgrims as much as possible. I am accordingly directed to request that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, the purport of rule 31 may be made widely known. The Government of India consider it desirable that, among the measures to be adopted, (a) a copy of the rules should be given to the pilgrim with his passport, and (b) pilgrim-brokers should be asked to make the rule known to pilgrims. The Government of India also propose to amend rules 31 and 66 of the rules issued with Home Department notification, No. 262, dated the 5th October 1896, as shown in the enclosed copy of Home Department notification No. 2150 of this date.

3. I am to add that, as Indian pilgrims are no longer required to have their passports visaed by the Turkish authorities, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the General Instructions to Pilgrims on page 1 of the Pilgrim Manual and Appendix B on pages 7 to 9 have been cancelled.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTIFICATION of the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), dated Simla, 8th July 1899, No. 2150.

The following draft of a notification, which it is proposed to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by section 58 of the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895 (XIV of 1895), is published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration by the Governor-General in Council on or after the 8th September 1899.

2. Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the draft before the date aforesaid will be considered by the Governor-General in Council.

Draft Notification.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 58 of the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895 (XIV of 1895), the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that the following amendments be made in the rules published with the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 262, dated the 5th October 1896:—

(1) For the last paragraph of rule 31, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“A sign-board written in bold letters in the Persian, Urdu and Guzarati characters shall be displayed at the place, to be approved by the Inspector, at which stores are dispensed, announcing that food can be procured there. At the same place shall be posted a table of the rations of food and water in Persian, Urdu and Guzarati, and a price list in the same languages of the articles of food offered for sale.”

(2) In rule 66, after sub-section 2 (b), the following shall be inserted, namely:—
“and (c) the words *food is procurable on board the ships*.”

ORDER—No. 810, Public, dated 21st July 1899.

Communicated to the Marine Department, to District Magistrates of Maritime districts, the Protector of Emigrants and the Surgeon-General in view to effect being given to the orders of the Government of India.

2. The Government of India notification will be republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Marine Department.

„ District Magistrates of Maritime Districts.

„ Protector of Emigrants.

„ Surgeon-General.

Copy to Messrs. Hajee Muhammad Badshah Sahib & Co.,
(through the Protector of Emigrants).

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