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INDIA OFFICE;
London, 25th April 1889.

His Excellency the Most Honourable the Governor General of India
in Council.

MY LORD MARQUIS,—I forward herewith, for the information of Your
Excellency in Council, a copy of a letter
from the Foreign Office, and enclosure,
relative to the action taken by the Porte in reference to abuses perpetrated on
pilgrims in the Hedjaz.

Dated 1st April 1889.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD MARQUIS,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

CROSS.

Dated Foreign Office, London, 1st April 1889.

From—RT. HON'BLE SIR J. FERGUSSON, BART., G.C.S.J., M.P., Under-Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs,

To—The Under-Secretary of State for India.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to
you, to be laid before Viscount Cross, the
accompanying copies of a Despatch and
enclosure as marked in the margin with regard to the Javanese pilgrim
monopoly.

*Consul Wood, No. 3 (Commercial), dated 11th
March 1889.*

No. 3 (Commercial), dated Jeddah, 11th March 1889.

From—C. G. Wood, Esq., Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Jeddah,
To—The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

I HAVE the honour to report that the late Vali of the Hedjaz, Safvet Pasha,
during whose time Indian and Javanese pilgrims were forced to buy Korans
at a fixed price, which was reported by Acting Consul D. Abdur Razzack in
his Despatch No. 14 (Commercial), dated 11th September 1888, was removed
and succeeded by Nafiz Pasha on the 6th of January last.

This Vali, it was reported, had special instructions from the Porte to
reform the Hedjaz and to root out those evils which were said to prevail to the
injury of the interests of pilgrims in general, and the existence of which lowered
the prestige of the Sultan as Caliph of the Faithful in the eyes of the Muham-
madan world.

Among other measures, the present Vali has thought fit to issue a proclama-
tion, printed copies of which in Turkish and Arabic were posted up in the
principal thoroughfares of Jeddah and Mecca.

From a translation of the above, which I herewith beg to enclose,
Your Lordship will perceive that the proclamation has been issued with the
object of breaking up the Javanese pilgrim monopoly, the existence of which,
though it appears to have been officially denied by my predecessor, who seems
to have considered it as commercial competition, is now proved to be a reality
by the necessity which the Vali has found of denouncing it publicly.

Soon after the issue of the above notification, a number of Malay pilgrims having arrived here, Mr. P. A. Vanderchys, the Honorary Dutch Vice-Consul and Consul for Norway and Sweden, who is the principal partner of the Monopoly Company, demanded from them the deposit of the return passage money as usual.

The pilgrims having been informed of the above notice refused to comply, but Mr. Vanderchys insisted on the deposit, and, in his capacity of Acting Dutch Consul, withheld their passports.

The Caimakam of Jeddah on this went over to Mr. Vanderchys' place, and, referring to the Vali's proclamation, tried to expostulate with him on behalf of the above pilgrims, but was told that as long as they were Dutch subjects, the authorities had no right to interfere. The pilgrims have not deposited the money, and (? but have) gone on to Mecca without their passports. In the meantime it appears that Mr. Vanderchys has obtained, as he says, the sanction of his Government to his proceedings in upholding the monopoly.

Under the above circumstances, in the interests of those Malay pilgrims who annually come on the Haj from Singapore and Penang in considerable numbers, and who have hitherto been allowed to submit to the yoke of the Javanese Monopoly Company, I would beg most respectfully to urge the Government of the above two places be advised to provide all Malay pilgrims who are British subjects, or the subjects of States under British protection, with passports, and to instruct them to have their passports *viséd* at this Consulate on their arrival here, which will enable me to distinguish and afford protection to those Malays who are not Dutch subjects.

Translation of a Notice by NAFIZ PASHA, Vali of the Hedjaz,—dated 12th February 1889.

While fully aware that the wishes of our lord, the Great Caliph, are to protect from every wrongful interference and oppression all Mussulman pilgrims who come from all countries with the intention of performing the Haj to this land of security and safety, whether subjects of the Sublime Government or those of Foreign Governments, and of the declaration of His Majesty that it was an obligation to afford facility in their affairs to all the Faithful with all the honours due to them, and to regard them as our beloved guests in all matters, information has reached the Sublime Portals that on the arrival of all Javanese pilgrims from their country at Jeddah, a certain sum of money is being taken from every one of them by a Company formed at Jeddah as passage money for steamers which are to carry them back to their own country after the Haj; and certain sums are likewise taken from them at Mecca, and even from those who intend to reside for the attainment of learning, for the benefit of the Sheikhs and the chief of the Sheikhs by means which are illegal. Besides this certain sums are also taken from them over and above the rates of camel hire fixed by the Sublime Government for carrying them to Arafat, to Medina, the Glorious, and for their return journey to Jeddah.

All these things are contrary to the exalted opinion abovementioned, and therefore it has become necessary to issue this public notice that all Javanese pilgrims, including those who intend to reside in Mecca, are from this moment and henceforth free, just in the same way as are the other pilgrims who arrived in this holy land for performing the Haj, to do what they like without there being any restraint upon their actions with regard to the hiring of camels wherever they may wish to go, and with regard to the securing of passage by steamers for their return through whomever they may desire to engage, with the most complete freedom in these matters, and they shall not be interfered with either by the said Company or by the Sheikhs in any one of those matters which have been related above.

In order that these measures may be carried out in the manner abovementioned, and to avoid having any ground for the repetition of those illegal practices, I have abolished the post of the Chief Sheikh and of the inferior

Sheikhs of the Javanese altogether, and there remains no longer any cause for anybody to interfere or to take anything by any reason whatever either from Javanese pilgrims or the pilgrims of any other country; and the gates of Government are open at all times for those who may desire to complain or relate anything which may happen contrary to what has been established.

Scaled with the seal of the Vilayet of Hedjaz.

No. 181.

COPY forwarded to the

Government of Madras
Government of Bombay
Government of Bengal
Chief Commissioner, Burma,

for information.

By order,

HOME DEPARTMENT

(SANITARY);

Simla, the 15 June 1889.

J. P. W. H. H.

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

To The Govt. of Madras.

