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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 29th October 1896, No. 7-Sanitary—370-379.

With reference to your letter, No. 611, dated the 11th June 1896, regarding the treatment of pilgrims in the Hedjaz, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a notice may be published giving the widest publicity possible to the fact that, although it is left entirely optional with intending pilgrims to supply themselves with passports or not, passports are obtainable from all local authorities in India without payment of any fee, and that the consequence to a pilgrim of arriving at the Hedjaz without a passport will be that, under the Turkish Passport Regulations, he will be required, at Jeddah, to pay a double fee of 40 piastres (about four rupees ten annas) before he can get one from the British Consulate, and that if he neglects to get one there he runs the risk of being debarred from visiting the holy places in Turkish territory. It is therefore to save pilgrims from the trouble, inconvenience and needless expense which they will incur that the Government wish to impress upon them the desirability of supplying themselves with passports before they leave India.

In paragraph 13 of the Resolution in this department, No. 9-329-339, dated the 28th September 1883, the Governor-General in Council desired that instructions should be issued to local authorities to grant passports at sub-divisional stations and tahsils as well as at Sadr stations. It was stated that any officer exercising magisterial powers might be authorized by Local Governments to sign passports. I am to request that local authorities who are thus authorised may be furnished with an adequate supply of passport forms to meet all requirements.

2. With reference also to Home Department Circular, No. 9-Sanitary—252-261, dated the 27th August 1895, I am to ask that the desirability of possessing return tickets and money sufficient to defray all expenses to the holy places and back may be notified. It should be made clear that the possession of adequate means and of a return ticket will not be insisted on by the Government of India, but the disadvantages to pilgrims of finding themselves in the Hedjaz in a destitute condition and without the means of returning to their homes may appropriately be referred to.

ORDER—No. 1241, Public, dated 20th November 1896.

The following notification will be published in English and the vernaculars in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that intending pilgrims to the Hedjaz can obtain passports free of charge from any divisional magistrate in the Presidency. Although it is optional for intending pilgrims to supply themselves with passports, a warning is hereby given that trouble, inconvenience and needless expense invariably result from the neglect to obtain passports before leaving India.

(2) A pilgrim arriving at the Hedjaz without a passport is, in accordance with the regulations of the Turkish Government, required to pay at Jeddah a double fee of 40 piastres (about Rs. 4-10-0) before he can obtain a passport from the British Consulate there; and, should he fail to secure a passport there, it is very probable that he will be prevented from visiting any of the holy places in Turkish territory.

(3) Pilgrims are further advised to provide themselves with return tickets and sufficient money to defray all expenses to and from the holy places. This should not be considered in any way as an order, but as an expression of the desire of Government to remind intending pilgrims of the great inconvenience and trouble which they are likely to incur on finding themselves in the Hedjaz in a destitute condition and without the means of returning to their homes.

2. With reference to the second portion of paragraph 1 of the letter from the Government of India recorded above, it is observed that by G.O., No. 2066, Public, dated 22nd October 1883, all divisional magistrates were authorized to grant passports under their signatures. Owing to the small number of pilgrims who proceed from this Presidency, the Government, as at present advised, does not consider it necessary to extend further the authority to issue passports. All District Magistrates will, however, be requested to report, at an early date, whether they consider it advisable to extend the power of granting passports to the subordinate magistracy.

3. The form of passport at present in use is embodied in G.O., No. 611, Public, dated 25th July 1882. Officers who are authorized to sign passports should apply direct to the Superintendent, Government Press, for any further supply of forms they may require.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates.
„ the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
„ the Protector of Emigrants.
„ the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal.
„ all Translators to Government.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press.

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 2. Protector of Emigrants.
 1. B.C.A., Pondy & Kanikal
 2. All Translators to Fort
 3. The Supdt, Fort Pres.

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