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CURRENT No. 3335

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From

The District Magistrate
Malabar.

For Orders

Whether the Gov. of India
should be moved to
relax the rule in the
work in G.O. 1243 P.B.
d. 4/11/88 so as to
permit pilgrims from
Malabar to go to Mecca,
embarking from a port in
Malabar, provided that
before embarkation they
undergo are detained in
a segregation camp for
ten days.

Referral No. 1548
on 99.

Dated 28 - 11 - 99.

Received } 1. 12. 99
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Enclosures inc.

Spare copies.

SUBJECT,

Pilgrimage to Hedjaz.

Forwarding a petition from the
Mughals & recommending that
the petitioners may be allowed
to make their own arrangements
for a vessel to take them to Jeddah
from Bombay.

I think the request might

will be Hon. Mr. Winterbottom
who knows the Dept. please give
his opinion. At 4.12.99.

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be allowed, though I doubt if more than 20 or 30 of the petitioners really intend to make the pilgrimage -

Probably they may be able to obtain a sailing vessel which could furnish the promised accommodation required by law -

H.D.
4-12-99

H.M. again.

H.M. 11/12/99.

The petn. had better be forwarded to the Govt. of India for orders.

H.A. 6.12.99.

Very W.H.

A.S.H.
8.12.99

Dy. Secy.
11/12/99.

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Ref on P. No 1548
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From,

G. W. Dence Esq. J.C.S.

District Magistrate of Malabar



The Chief Secretary to Government,

Public Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith a petition from several hundred Moplas begging that they may be allowed to go direct to Jeddah from a port on the Malabar coast.

2. The Government of India has recently prohibited the pilgrimage to Mecca from any part of India. I respectfully request that this prohibition may be withdrawn with regard to Malabar. There is no plague in the District, and only one isolated case was imported more than a year ago. Under these circumstances there is really no more reason for prohibiting persons from going to Mecca from Malabar than there is for prohibiting them from going there from London.

3. I submit that the continued enforcement of the prohibition against Malabar is likely to cause misunderstanding. The Moplas have been very well behaved for some time past, which renders it still more impolitic to unnecessarily cast in their way a stumbling-block of offence.

4. I would respectfully recommend that the petitioners may be allowed to make their own arrangements for a vessel to take them to Jeddah from Beypore. I would include in the concession all natives of Malabar. Intending pilgrims could be detained in a segregation camp at Beypore for 10 days before sailing, to prevent any.

Notified in
G.O. 1243 Pub-
4.11.99

any possibility of accidents.

5. I respectfully request the favour of very early orders.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

[Signature]
District Magistrate

To

The Collector of Malabar, Calicut.

Honoured and Respected Sir,

The undersigned persons beg to present this petition before your honour for your favourable consideration and favourable orders.

1. That the petitioners are musalmans of this district residing in Shernad and Ernad.

2. That under the law of the prophet followed by these musalmans, it is enjoined that every musalman if he can must go on a pilgrimage to Mecca and become a Haj during his life time. So prevention or inability from going to Mecca is accompanied with great sorrow and disaster to that individual.

3. The musalmans of this district used to embark for Jiddah through steamer from Bombay as no steamers ply from any of the ports of Malabar direct to Jiddah. Owing to the plague in Bombay, the embarking from that port to Jiddah has been completely stopped by that Government for the past three years now become impossible for these persons to go on a pilgrimage to Mecca from any other port.

4. That these persons find themselves utterly incapable to embark from the ports of Karachee or Chittagong as they are too poor to pay the fare and defray expenses in going to those ports first and thence to Mecca.

5. That the petitioners pray therefore that in the interest of these musalmans residing in Malabar, one of Her Majesty's most loyal subjects be allowed to go on pilgrimage to Mecca from a port in Malabar coast and beg your honour to consider generously over this request and in the interest of a large body of musalmans devise measures to redress this grievance of a large number of their class; for which act of kindness and charity, the petitioners shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

25th November 1899.

(Signed)

[Signature] Alisson
Marakar,

&c. &c. &c.

[illegible]

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John Mc
9-12-98 9/14/98

Letter No 1369 8/12.12.89

With copy of Ct
of pet in original

Sir, 12/12/91
I am directed to
forward, for the orders

of the Govt of India, a
petition addressed by certain
moplahs of Malabar to
the Collector of that district
praying that they may
be allowed to go direct to
Jedda from a port on the
Malabar coast.

2. ~~From the letter from~~
The Collector of Malabar states,
in his letter
Ref on M. P. No. 1548 / M. and

dated the 28th November
1899, (copy enclosed), which
gives cover to the petition,
it will be seen that there
is at present no plague
in the district and
that there is no danger
in complying with the
request of the petitioners.

The Collector recommends,
I am, therefore, ~~directed~~
to request that the restrictions
imposed in Home Dept
Notification No. 2936

(Sanitary - Plague), dated
the 20th October 1899, may
be withdrawn so far
as Malabar is concerned

after a detention in a
segregation camp for
ten days previous to
the date of sailing

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Muhammadan from
and that ~~all natives of~~
Malabar ~~may who~~
~~intend to undertake~~
~~a pilgrimage to Mecca~~
may be permitted, to
embark at Beypore in
a vessel to be arranged
for by the pilgrims themselves

(~~in order~~)
to proceed direct
9/12/99 ~~to~~ 9/12/99 to Jedda, embarking
from ~~an authorized~~
~~at the port of Beypore.~~
I am hereby that the
Govt Council address the
D. H. S. view, & to support the
the Dept. No. 2936 d 20/10/99
should be modified accordingly

Mk
9/12/99

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