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Passports.

Directing the republication in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes of the Government of India notification, dated the 27th November 1847, enjoining on all British subjects proceeding to foreign countries to provide themselves from Government with a certificate attesting their title to British protection, and issuing certain further orders in view to ensuring the grant of — by the Government of Bombay to only such persons from the Madras Presidency as are entitled to British protection. Copy to the Government of Bombay.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From S. W. EDGERLEY, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to Government of Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 16th May 1899, No. 2909.

With reference to your letter No. 328, dated the 15th March last, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of the papers noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the Government of the Punjab issued orders in 1889 to ensure the grant by this Government of passports to only such persons from the Punjab as are entitled to British Consular Protection, and I am to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of Madras, the advisability of similar orders being issued to safeguard the issue of passports to applicants from the Madras Presidency.

ORDER—No. 685, Public, dated 20th June 1899.

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

NOTIFICATION.

The following notification by the Government of India, dated the 27th November 1847, is republished for general information :—

FORT WILLIAM, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, THE 27TH NOVEMBER 1847.

British Consular Agents in foreign countries having difficulty in distinguishing between individuals who have a right to their protection as subjects of the British Crown and others who claim that protection without any legitimate title to it; and it being considered desirable, in order to obviate, as far as possible, this difficulty, that British subjects proceeding to a foreign country should provide themselves with a document attesting their title to the protection of the British Crown, the Honourable the President of the Council of India in Council is pleased, under instructions from the Honourable the Court of Directors, to notify that British subjects, Native or European, intending to embark for a foreign country, will, on applying at the office (if the place of embarkation be Calcutta) of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, or (if the place of embarkation be Bombay or Madras) at the offices of the Chief Secretaries to Government at Bombay and Madras, respectively, be furnished, after due inquiry, with a certificate attesting their right to protection as British subjects. British subjects, Native or European, intending to embark at any of the subordinate ports of the different Presidencies, are to apply to such officer at the port as the Local Government shall have notified to be the proper authority for granting the certificates.

(By order, &c.)

(Signed) G. A. BUSHBY,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

2. British subjects proceeding to foreign countries from Madras, *via* Bombay, are advised to provide themselves with passports prior to leaving the Presidency. Passports are procurable at the office of the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, but travellers from the Madras Presidency who apply at Bombay will not be granted passports by that Government without the production of a certificate of nationality signed or countersigned by an officer of the Madras Government of not lower rank than a Tahsildar.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates.
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" the Superintendent, Government Press.
Gazette.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 686, Public, dated 20th June 1899.

Copy to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

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The Govt of Bombay

No. 2909

Dated 16 May '97

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SUBJECT.

*Suggesting the issue of orders
similar to those issued in the
Punjab in 1889 to safeguard
the issue of passports to applicants
in the Madras Presidency.*

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No. 7105 of 1898
Political Department.
Bombay Castle, 21st October 1898

From

W. Lee Warner, Esquire,
Secretary to Government,
Bombay;

To

The Secretary to the
Government of the Punjab.

Sir,

I am directed to state, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, that an application was recently made on behalf of one Ghulam Russel of Gera Gaji Khan, described as a respectable merchant about to visit Constantinople and Bokhara, for a passport as a British subject. On inquiry being made of the District Superintendent of Police, ~~regarding~~ Gera Gaji Khan, it appeared that the individual in question had no fixed trade but lived on alms. Under the circumstances the passport has not been granted.

2. I am now to inquire whether in the opinion of the Punjab Government

A passport should be given in this case, and whether His Honour the Lieutenant Governor has any suggestions to make which would facilitate the issue of passports to British subjects of the Punjab who may be entitled to them. On the one hand some passports have been misused of late, and occasionally have been given to persons who were not British subjects, so that Government are anxious to investigate claims with greater care than formerly. On the other hand inconvenience might be caused by unnecessary inquiry, and the question arises whether British subjects from the Punjab requiring passports at Bombay might not be required to procure a certificate of their nationality or naturalisation from their own Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
(sd) W. Lee Warner.

Secretary to Government.

N^o 598 of 1889

Political Department,
Bombay Castle, 24th January 1889.

From

W. Lee Warner, Esquire,
Secretary to Government,
Bombay;

To

The Secretary to the
Government of the Punjab,
Home Department.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter N^o 74 dated the 11th of January 1889, I am to invite a reference to my letter N^o 7105 dated 2nd October last which referred to the case of an applicant for a passport as a British subject who was proceeding to Europe. Occasion was taken to explain the difficulties of this Government when suddenly called upon to give a passport to a resident of the Punjab claiming to be a British subject. It was observed that such passports were occasionally applied for by persons not

entitled to them because they were not British subjects, and His Honour was invited to consider the expediency of issuing a notice advising persons who wished to apply for passports from this Government to procure a certificate from a responsible official of their own province either that they were British subjects by birth or were naturalised.

2. In so far as your reply deals with the subject of Mecca pilgrims, I am to observe that the reference made by this Government has been misunderstood. I am further to explain that it was not intended to suggest that travellers from the Punjab should take out a passport in the Punjab to be used as a certificate of nationality here. The provisions of Foreign Office circular 1871 dated 3rd of March 1863 enable the Punjab Government to give passports, and it is quite possible that an unsuccessful applicant for a passport in your office might apply to this office for one. It seemed therefore to this Government to be

reasonable to require subjects of the Punjab Government who neglect an opportunity for providing themselves with passports from an office which can easily satisfy itself as to their status to support an application made in Bombay by the production of a local certificate. The circular, it is true, seems to be content with an affidavit on the part of the applicant, but recent events have shown that this is insufficient. Both from Egypt and elsewhere complaints have been received of the grant of passports from India to persons not entitled to British protection. To prevent such mistakes it is the practice here to insist on adequate proof of a British nationality, and the object of my letter was to enable this Government to dispose of applications for passports from persons residing in the Punjab without the delay of a reference to the Punjab.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
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Circular No. 7.

No. 1288, dated Lahore, 27th August 1884

From - C. L. Gupper, Esquire, Secretary to Government,
Punjab,

To - All Commissioners and Superintendents of
Divisions in the Punjab, and Protectors of
a) Patiala, b) Ferozepur, c) Nabha, and (d)
Bahawalpur.

The Bombay Government has brought to notice
that both from Egypt and elsewhere complaints
have been received of the grant of passports from
India to persons not entitled to British protection.
In order to prevent such mistakes in future,
the Bombay Government will insist on adequate
proof of a nationality carrying with it the
right to such protection, before the issue of
passports to persons applying for them.

2. I am now directed to advise you of the
despatch to your address of copies of a notice
drawn up on the lines of the Notification of
the Government of India

Vide page 266 of Punjab Government Gazette, 1863.
in the Foreign Department, No. 71, dated the
2nd of March 1863, from which it will be seen
that travellers who apply at Bombay will not
be granted passports by that Government

without the production of a local certificate of nationality or affidavit signed or countersigned by an officer of not lower rank than a Tahsildar. I am to request that you will [For Motamids] with the permission of the (a) Patiala
(b) Jind Dabir] have
(c) Nabha
(d) Bahawalpur

these copies posted as far as possible at all rural Post Offices and Thanas, the Civil and Revenue Courts, Headquarters and Sub-Divisional Courts, and distributed in any way which will ensure full publicity being given to the regulations.
(For (1) Delhi
(2) Jullundur
(3) Lahore) Extra copies of the notice

for distribution in the (1) and (2) Native States
(3) Native State under your control are also enclosed.

3. Printed forms of the certificates and passports are forwarded herewith for use in your office and distribution among Deputy Commissioners as you think fit.

4. I am to add that cases have occurred of this Government being put to considerable expense for the repatriation of destitute Punjabis. Accordingly, passports should not be granted to persons intending to proceed to Egypt or Europe, unless they have such means as will make it improbable that they will subsequently apply for home passages at the public expense.

5. Applications for additional copies of the notice should be made to this office.

Notice

As British subjects travelling or residing in foreign countries are frequently subjected to much inconvenience and loss from their inability to prove their claim to British consular protection, all British subjects and subjects of Punjab Native States intending to proceed into foreign territory west of the Indus or beyond the seas are hereby advised to provide themselves with passports which may be had at any of the under-mentioned offices:-

Office of Secretary to Government, Punjab.

Offices of all Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab.

Offices of all Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.

Persons applying for passports will be charged a fee of one rupee.

All Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners are authorised to issue passports at their discretion, but when the nationality of the applicant and consequently his claim to British consular protection are doubtful, the applicant should be required, before a passport is granted, to prove his claims by production of a reliable affidavit and of the evidence of the same.

witness. Passports are also procurable at the office of the Secretary to Government, Bombay; but travellers who apply at Bombay will not be granted passports by that Government without the production of a certificate of nationality signed or countersigned by an officer of the local administration of not lower rank than a Tahsildar.

Sd/ C. L. Gutter,
Secretary to Government, Bombay

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R. Denham-Cutler
Superintendent

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Public DEPARTMENT.

No. 1532 From the Govt. of Bombay, No. 2909, dated 16.5.1899.

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For order

It will perhaps be unnecessary to publish the whole of the Report forwarded by the Govt. of Bombay on the Govt. of India notification of 27.11.47, at D, which has been republished for general information, and a passage might be added to the effect that "British subjects proceeding to foreign countries from Madras, via Bombay, are advised to provide themselves with passports prior to leaving the Presidency. Passports are procurable at the Office of the Secretary

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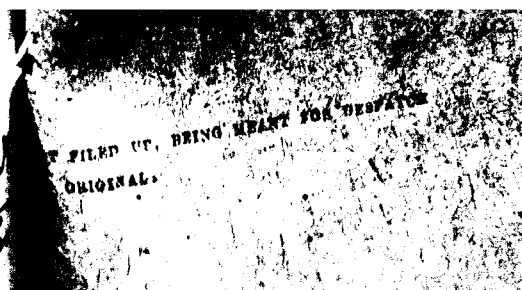
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 by an officer of the
 Madras Govt. of not
 lower rank than a
 Subaltern.

Copy to the Govt. of
 Bombay, Political Dept
 17/1/1901
 W. H. P.



To all Dist. Mag.
 the Commr. of
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 A. J. P.

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