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UNDER SECRETARY
14 FEB 1920
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INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1,

22 January, 1920

DEAR SIR,

With reference to paragraph 2[1] of the Secretary of State's Public Despatch No. 119, dated 28th July 1916, I enclose copy of a letter[2] from the Foreign Office regarding the application of the following to enter on missionary work in India:—

Volbrecht Nagel, German subject, for Cochin State and Madras Presidency.

As this case appears to be in some respects exceptional it was not considered advisable that permission should be refused by the Secretary of State for India without reference to the Government of India.

The views of the Government of India on the subject will be awaited.

Copy of the present letter, with enclosure, and copy of application form of **& testimonials of Mr. Nagel** is being communicated also to the Government of **Madras.**

Copy of a letter addressed to the Foreign Office is also enclosed.

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Mr.
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Yours faithfully,

[illegible] J. E. FERARD,

Secretary, Public Department.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.

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[1] "I propose to transmit applications as received to your Home Department, and in order to minimize the delay that must necessarily take place, I would suggest that in cases where you see no objection to the application you should advise me briefly by telegram to that effect."

[2] Dated **27 September** 19**20** with ~~enclosure~~ **-copies of five testimonials.**

Dewan Bahadur C.T. Vurgese

Retired Deputy Collector.

Calicut,

dated 1st December 1919.

I have known Mr. V. Nagel for some years past. He first came out to India as a Missionary of the Basel Mission which he left 25 years ago. Since then, he has been carrying on independent Missionary Work in certain parts of the Native States of Travancore & Cochin and in British Cochin in Malabar He identified himself fully with the Indians amongst whom he lived and worked. During the last 5½ years his work has greatl suffered owing to his absence. The Work requires his presence on the field.

(Sd.) C. Vurgese.

Ernakulam,
19th November,1919.

Having known Mr. V. Nagel for over fifteen years, and being acquainted with the Christian work he has done in the Cochin State, I desire to express my opinion, that it is absolutely necessary for the spiritual welfare of the people in the congregations of the various Mission stations he opened, that he should be permitted by the authorities, to return to South India, to resume his life-work. He is well known in the State, where his missionary labours have left a deep impression in all parts he has visited, for the past twenty-five years. According to my information besides the seven Mission stations he opened, two orphanages have been founded by him. During the past 5½ years, the whole of this undertaking has been left without adequate supervision. I can say with confidence, that he is a man entirely free from those national aims that have been so tragically associated with his contrymen, and his two eldest sons have shown their loyalty to the crown, by enlisting for active service in the Empire's cause. The one motive that actuated his life in India was the welfare of the souls of her people for which end he laboured unceasingly with much self-denial.

(Sd.) V. I. Vamp.
Puisne Judge
Chief Court of Cochin.

I have known the Rev. V. Nagel for many years. He came out to India about thirty years ago as a member of the Basel Mission, but after four years he severed his connection with the above Mission, and since then he has been doing independent evangelistic work for nearly twenty-four years in Cochin and Travancore with head-quarters at Trichur. Latterly he has been working in conjunction with the evangelistic body known as "The Brethren". His wife is an Angle-Indian and a British subject. Mr. Nagel went to Europe five years ago to take his two eldest sons to London, and settle them there for their education. From London he happened to visit Germany, and shortly after war broke out. But he was able to get away at once to Switzerland where he has been ever since, not being allowed to return to India.

Both Mr. Nagel's sons, after finishing their apprenticeship as engineers in London, enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in July, 1918, add have ever since been in active service in France. It will be seen from the above account, that though Mr. Nagel is by birth a German, his work has all along been in Southern India where he has spent about thirty years of his life, for the most part of which period, he has had no connection whatever with the Basel Mission, and has been working in conjunction with British Missionaries. He had seven stations in his charge together with two orphanages, which were the result of his labour, in Cochin and North Travancore, and in his absence the work is being carried on by his wife and her sister, assisted by a New Zealand lady Missionary. It is very necessary, therefore, that Mr. Nagel should return to India, for the welfare and continuance of the work he has started, and has been carrying on so successfully for the last quarter of a century in this part of South India.

(Sd.) C. Matthai

Chief Inspector of Schools,
Cochin State.

Trichur
Cochin State
November 1st, 1919.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANY LANDS,
BELGAUM, India.

The Secretary of State for India,
India House,
London, England.

Sir,

I have been authorised by the Missionaries whose names are herewith appended to sign on their behalf the following Petition concerning our fellow-missionary Mr. Volbrecht Nagel. Many more would doubtless have had their names appended but for their absence on furlough.

With three or four exceptions all our Missionaries workigg throughout India and Ceylon in connection with "Christian Missions in Many Lands" are British subjects.

Mr. V. Nagel, who is a German by birth, came to India as a missionary in 1893. He was in Germany on furlough at the outbreak of war. In November 1914 on account of his hatred of German militarism he fled the country and has since resided in Switzerland. His wife, born in this country, is an Anglo-Indian and is still in Trichur, where Mr. Nagel laboured in the Gospel. Before war broke out he had taken his two eldest sons to England and had apprenticed them to an engineering firm in Greenwich. They have both served as non-combatants, one at least being sent to France.

Years ago Mr; Nagel applied to the British Resident of Travancore and Cochin to have his five children registered as Britis Indian subjects, but as they were living in a Native State he was no able to accomplish his purpose.

Believing that his case is an exceptional one and being assured of his loyalty to the British Raj (he has expressed his

intention

intention of, if permissible, becoming a naturalised British subject) and knowing his desire to live for God in India, whose people he loves, we would beg your gracious consideration of our earnest request that permission may be granted to him to return to his work in India and to his wife and family.

I am etc.

(Sd.) Wm. C. Irvine

(Secretary for India)

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Names of the Missionaries in connection with "Christian Missions in Many Lands" who have authorised their names being appended to enclosed Petition concerning the re-admittance of Mr. V. Nagel to India.

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Mr. and Mrs. E.S.Bowden
do J.H.Aston
do C.H.Beer
do J.M.Boyd
do E.B.Bromley
do H.T.Gander
do A.E.Perkins
do G.H.Watson
do. H.Rees
do. W.M.Theobald
do J.H.de Carteret
do A.E.Storrie
do F.J.Brown
do R. Norton
do C.T.Wright
do F.Rowat
do W.H.King
do R.W.Rawson
do. M.J.Wark
do T.Patient
do S.O.Peake
do W.C.Irvine

Mrs. Bromley Sr.
do F. Rose
Dr. C.E.Pring.

Mr. W.T.Revell
" A. Young
" A.T.Witty
" E.C.Bury
" Cough
Miss H. Bowden
- E.A.Collins
- E.Starck
- H. Mitchell
- R.M.Bridger
- K.Hindman
- F. Bird
- A.M.Clarke
- K.E.Bygrave
- A.Braden
- D.Shrimpton
- M.Robertson
- M.J.Marshall
- M.L.Teague
- J. Treweek
- B. Townley
- R. Lynn
- W.M.Morgan
- E.Fryer
- I.M.Davies
- L.M.Baker
- Pollard

Signed on behalf of the above

(Sd.) Wm. C.Irvine.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANY LANDS,
1, Widcombe Crescent,
BATH Sept. 13th 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagel have been working as Missionaries in India for many years in connection with "Christian Missions in Many Lands" of which we are the Treasurers. Mr. Nagel, who is a German by birth, went to India in 1893. He was in Europe on furlough at the outbreak of war. Since November,1914, owing to his abhorrence of German militarism, he went to Switzerland, where he has resided since. Mrs. Nagel is an Anglo-Indian born in India, and is still continuing her missionary service in Trichur.

Prior to the outbreak of war, Mr. Nagel came to England bringing his two eldest sons, and had them apprenticed to an Engineering Firm in London. They both served as non-combatants with the British Forces in France. It was Mr. Nagel's desire years ago to have his five children registered as British-Indian subjects. For this he made due application, but, as they were living in a Native State, his application was not successful.

We can certify that both Mr. and Mrs. Nagel are entirely free from national prejudice. They have never taken any part in politics, nor have they acted in any way favourable to German interests. Evidence can likewise be given by their fellow-missionaries in India, who are of British nationality, and who are anxious for Mr. Nagel's return. The extremely valuable service that they have rendered, their freedom from all national and political bias, together with the needs of the people amongst whom they have laboured and the constant extention of the various branches of their service, render Mr. Nagel's return essential for the continuation and the development of the work. We therefore earnestly request that permission may be granted for Mr. Nagel to return to his service with his wife in Cochin.

(Sd.) W.E.Vine, M.A.
(Sd.) W.K.Lewis
(Treasurers)

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J.& P.347.

22 January 1920.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of Earl Curzon of Kedleston, copy of an application from Mr. Volbrecht Na German subject, for permission to return to the Cochin State and the Madras Preside where he had been engaged on missionary work for many years. Th application was brought here by Mr. T. Roberts, Solicitor, who had previously addressed to this Office the letter of which a copy is enclosed.

Dated 27.9.9 with copies of five testimonials. (2 of each)

dated 16 Sept. '19

Mr. Montagu would be glad if the papers were communica to His Majesty's Minister of Berne with the request that he will be so good as to report whether he has information regarding Mr. Nagel which would lead him to support his application for return to India, as an exceptional concession. It is stated he has been residing since November, 1914, in Switzerland.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) L. E. FERARD.
Secretary,
Judicial & Public Department.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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THEODORE ROBERTS,

14, Queen Victoria Street,
Bank, London, E.C.4.

16th September, 1919.

The Under-Secretary of State for India,
India Office, Whitehall, S.W.

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Sir,

I am writing to ask you if you would be good enough to accord me an interview with someone in your Office who has in charge the matter of the return of German born Missionaries to India.

While travelling in Switzerland at the beginning of the present month I met Mr. Nagel. Owing to objection to his return to India he has now been separated from his Wife and his younger children for more than five years.

I promised Mr. Nagel that on my return to this country I would obtain an interview with a responsible Official of the India Office and see what could be done on his behalf.

I enclose a statement with reference to Mr. Nagel signed by the two acting Officials of the Missionary Society with which he was connected in India.

I should like you wuite to understand that I am not taking up this matter in any legal or professional way whatever, but purely as knowing and valuing Mr. Nagel, and being well acquainted with the work of the Society to which he has been attached.

I am acquainted with the regulations contained in two memoranda issued by your Office with regard to Missionaries of alien nationality, but venture to think that this is a case which stands on a different footing to the cases to which these regulations are intended to apply, as I shall be pleased to show you at the interview which I seek.

I am, etc.

(Sd.) Theodore Roberts.

300—30-10-19.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Revenue (Special) Department.

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Memorandum No. 679 W-1, *dated* 16 - 2 - 20

The accompanying copy ~~copies~~ of an application ~~applications~~ from Volbrecht Nagel, German subject, for permission to enter India is ~~are~~ forwarded to the District Magistrate of Malabar ~~Commissioner of Police, Madras,~~ The Resident in Travancore and Cochin who is requested to report at a very early date after consultation if necessary with the local members of the mission whether the permission sought may be granted having regard to the attitude of the mission and the career and character of the applicant himself (~~herself~~) ~~applicants themselves~~

2. copies of testimonials of Mr. Nagel are ~~is~~ also enclosed.

(By order)

~~Under Secretary to Government.~~

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To

The District Magistrate of Malabar
~~Commissioner of Police, Madras.~~
Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

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UNDER SECRETARY
20 FEB 1920
CHIEF SECY.

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No. 428

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CURRENT NO.
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From

A. Macleod,
~~G. M. YOUNG,~~ Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras.

Home Department.
(Public).

Delhi, the 16th February 1920.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the papers

Letter from the India Office, No. J.& P. 317/20, dated the 22nd January 1920 and enclosures.

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noted on the margin relating to Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, a German subject, who desires to enter India for missionary work. I am to request that the Government of India may be informed ~~by telegram~~ whether there is any objection to his being permitted to do so.

2. As the Government of Madras are already aware it is desirable that most careful enquiries should be made wherever possible into the career, character, and nationality of each applicant, as well as the attitude of the Mission which he or she intends to join.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A Macleod.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Memo; 679 W-2 d/ 2.3.20

Foreigners – return to India – Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, German subject – Memo: No 679 W-1 dated 16-2-20

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The Collector of Malabar
Resident in T & C
is requested to expedite his reply to the reference quoted above.

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To

The Collector of Malabar
" Resident in T & C.

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Malabar Dt. Magistrate's Office,
Calicut, 6th March 1920.

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From

E. F. Thomas, Esq., I.C.S.,
District Magistrate.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Revenue (Special) Department,
Madras

Sir,

Reference Govt. Memorandum No.679-W-1 dated 16-2-1920.

p16 infra

I have the honour to submit copy of a report from the Revd. Dr. Banninga, Executive Secretary, Malabar, Church Council. Permission may be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E.Smith
for ~~Dt.~~ Magte.

P.V.K./6-3.

Copy of letter dated 28-2-1920 from the Revd. Dr. Banninga, Executive Secretary of the Malabar Church Council to the District Magistrate, Malabar.

In reply to your favour of the 24th instant, I beg to say that I have just returned from Camp and found it awaiting me. I know nothing about Mr. Nagel personally. He was at one time connected with the Basel Mission, but several years ago severed his connection with them and joined the Mission called "Xtian Missions in Many Lands". He is known here as a most devout and single-minded worker who devotes his whole time and ability to strictly spiritual work. I have met some of his Indian fellow-workers and have found them very devout. As far as I can learn there would not be the least reason why he should not return to India.

As his work has lately been in Cochin and Travancore it might be well to communicate with the C.M.S. Missionaries there, such as Revd. ~~Mr~~. Bower of Trichur, who woul be able to give personal testimony of his work in recent years.

E F Smith
for Collector, &
Dt. Magistrate.

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Telegram

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Resident.

Trivandrum

183 Please expedite reply memo: 679 W-1 - 16th ultimo regarding Volbrechet Nagel.

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Please expedite reply.

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Subject.

Regarding application for permission to Mr.Volbrecht Nagel to return to India.

ENCLOSURES.
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R.O.C. No. 627/20.

Station Camp-Mattupatti, *Dated the* 9th April 1920.

From (Name) H.L.Braidwood Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

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Referring to your Memorandum No.679 W-1 dated 16th February 1920 calling for report on the application of Mr.Volbrecht Nagel, a German subject, for permission to return to India, I have the honour to report that as it appeared that Mr. Nagel was an independent Missionary in Cochin State, I made a reference to the Darbar about his character and antecedents. I am informed that the Darbar has no objection to his being permitted to return to work in the State, that his character and antecedents prior to his return to Germany in 1914 were satisfactory and that he was doing good work as a missionary.

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2. With reference to the copies of testimonials sent with your reference I notice that Mr. W. C. Irvine, Secretary of the Mission for India in his letter to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State writes of Mr. Nagel as a "fellow missionary", as if he were an enrolled member of the Mission known as 'Christian Missions in Many Lands' (alias 'Open Brethren'). It seems however that Mr. Nagel never actually joined that mission but was merely working in conjunction with it as an independent missionary. Thus Dewan Bahadur G.T.Verghese states that "he has been carrying on independent missionary work". Mr. C. Matthai states that Mr. Nagel left the Basel Mission and "has been doing independent evangelistic work x x x x x and has been working in conjunction with British Missionaries". Similarly in her application for permission to reside presented to the Resident in October 1914 Mrs.Nagel wrote: 'as we are ~~indepe~~ independent missionaries we have no "head of the Mission" or Committee who rule us, so I could not get it (the application) countersigned'. In column 10 of his application for permission to work in India Mr.Nagel states that he will be attached to the "Christian Missions in Many Lands". I have called attention to the above points to show that he has never been a member of that society up-to-date.

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3. With regard to Mr.Nagel's character there is no evidence to show that his sentiments are pro-British rather than pro-German except the fact that he took his sons to be educated in England. That might have been due to the fact that the training given in Mechanical Engineering in England was notoriously superior to that obtainable in Germany. It is a noticeable fact that his sons did not enter the British Army as combatants; probably their father was unwilling for them to fight against Germany; they were possibly allowed to enlist for non-combatant service as being conscientious objectors. Mr. Irvine's statement that Mr.Nagel fled from Germany in 1914 on

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account of his hatred of German militarism may be a mere presumption. It is just as likely that that he fled the country to escape being compelled to serve in the army. He was then only 47 years of age and had done military training, so might have become liable to service if he had stayed.

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4. I only know of one member of the Open Brethren Mission. He is Mr.E.H.Noel residing at Tiruvella ~~and~~ in Travancore and I have heard that he is quite unobjectionable, but his recommendations of Mr.Nagel would not be of much value. If recommendations of fellow Missionaries are to be relied on, there is already a long list of names appended to Mr.Irvine's letter. I do not know what the general character of the Mission is. An entry on page 552 of the Indian Year Book shows that the Open Brethren occupy 46 stations in various parts of India. I fancy they are of the 'Bible Christian' and Revivalist' type. In Politics they are probably Pacificist and Internationalist.

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5. There is not to my mind much force in the argument that Mr. Nagel's converts cannot get on without him. Obviously the Mission could send another man to take his place. 'No man is indispensable.' The strongest ground for allowing Mr. Nagel to return to India is perhaps the fact that his wife is an Anglo-Indian and a British subject by birth and that she and her young children are in India. It would presumably be difficult for Mr. Nagel to maintain them in England or Germany.

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6. In view of the above considerations I find it difficult to make any definite recommendation on the question whether Mr. Nagel should be permitted to return to India. I think the question will have to be decided on grounds of general policy by higher authorities. Mr. Nagel's case is a fairly strong one and since the Right Honourable the Secretary of State can decide each case on its merits there is no danger of its

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being used as the thin end of the wedge. I remember to have seen a newspaper report that no Germans would be allowed to reenter India till the expiry of three years from the end of the war. If there is to be a general readmission of Germans after any such brief interval there would not be the least harm in readmitting Mr. Nagel now.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Resident.

APR 1920

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Linked Case

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Rev. Spl. War Dept.

C.679] pp1-11 cf From the India office No. J&P 317 d/ 22.1.20
p12 cf memo to ~~Dm. Malabar~~ Resdt. in T&C No. 679 W-1 16.2.20.

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p13 cf C.753] From the Govt. of India. No. 428 d/ 16.2.20
p15 cf C.953] From Dm. Malabar. L.Dis. 2779 d/ 6.3.20
C.1347] pp19-22 cf From the Resdt. in T&C. Roc No. 627 d/ 9.4.20

Subject: Permission to Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, German to return to India for missionary work

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Please see G. of I. letter No. 939 d/ 12.9.19 laying down the policy to be followed in regard to the admission ~~of~~ to India after the war of neutral foreigners - page 2 of G.O. 451 Rev. Spl. (War) d/ 4.x.19. The G of I. state that "permission will ordinarily be refused in the case of Germans who have merely acquired neutral nationality to avoid disabilities imposed on Germans". This ~~pron~~ pronouncement accordingly makes the exclusion of Germans ~~[illegible]~~ from India after the war ~~requisite is~~ imperative.

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~~Attention is also solicited~~

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2. At the interdepartmental Conference of the Foreign ~~office~~, Colonial and India offices which was held under the presidency of Lord Islington it was accepted as a common principle that no Society or Organisation of Enemy nationality and no member of such Society who is of Enemy nationality can be admitted to certain parts of the Empire (including India) for a period after the war to be defined hereafter – vide pages 45-6 Cf in Linked case. Mr. Ellis was of opinion that there was ample reason for the refusal to allow Germans even after that period has expired – vide para: 2 of his D.O. of 26-2-20 at pages 13-14 of Notes in Linked case.

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The Entry into India of Mr. Nagel seems thus to be objectionable.

3 The India office however consider Mr. Nagel's case exceptional. The D.M. Malabar recommends that permission may be granted. The Cochin Darbar has no objection (to Mr. Nagel returning to his work in the State). The Resident in Travancore & Cochin does not

Mr Thomas mentions page [illegible] a missionary's report to say permission may be granted || He evidently p. 15 Cf has not troubled himself p. 19 Cf much with pros & cons
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make any specific recommendation; he is sceptical about the ~~need~~ absolute necessity for the return of Mr. Nagel to undertake missionary work.

Para: 5, p.21 Cf.

Orders are solicited whether permission may be granted as a special case in view of the absence of any adverse report about Mr. Nagel & favourable testimonials.

None worth anything. I submit //
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The common principle laid down by Lord Islington Committee was that no member of a missionary society who was of enemy nationality should be allowed to enter India for a definite period to be fixed.

Mr Nagel is a German ~~[illegible]~~ & acc. to the general principle should not be allowed to return till after the expiry of the definite period whatever that may be.

It is said that

(i) Dr Nagel sent his children to England for education

(ii) fled from Germany because of his abhorrence of German militarism

(iii) is indispensable to his converts

(iv) is vouched for by a number of missionaries

& that for these reasons the case should be treated as a special one.

But the criticism of Resident Cochin & Travancore on these points appear to be pertinent, & except for the fact that he has a wife & children in India there seems to be no strong reason why Nagel should be treated differently from other Germans.

When all German Swiss missionaries connected with the Basel mission

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have been made to sever their connection it seems rather anomalous to allow a pure German to enter India esp. when he was once a member of the Basel Mission

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Submitted that there is no sound reason for making an exception in Mr Nagel's favour & Govt should recommend that the ordinary rule of exclusion should apply

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H.M.

I agree.

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Recd in M.O.
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Drafts submitted

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Revspl war DEPARTMENT.

Foreigners: Entry of — Mr. Volbrecht Nagel – German Subject — Permission refused

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. , dated 191

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READ ALSO:–

C. No. 679, From the India office, No. J&P 317/1920 dated 22-1-1920

II

" " " " Memo to D.M., (Malabar) Resdt. in T&C 679 w-1 " 16-2-1920

III

" " 753 " " Govt. of India " 1128 " 16-2-20

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953 D.M. Malabar Lr. 2779 d 6-3-20

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Resdt. in T&C Roc 627 d 9-4-20

ORDER.– No. 169, dated 4-5-1920

mis.

The following letter will be sent to the Govt. of India.

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D.M. Malabar }
Resdt. in T&C } 9+0 with copy of Letter. infra

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Rev. Spl. (War) Dept.

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Letter No. 170 of 4.5.20

To

The Secy to the Govt. of India
Home Dept. (Public).

Despd
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6.5.20

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Macleod's letter No. 1128 of 16.2.1920 regarding permission to enter ~~into~~ India on behalf of Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, ~~a~~ ~~German subject~~, I am directed to state that the Govt. of Madras do not see any sound reason for making an exception in his case and that the ordinary rule of exclusion of German subjects should apply.

p.13 Cf.

p5 N.f.

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the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

with reference to my letter of the 22nd. January,

1920, J. & P. 347. ~~169-70~~ ~~/20~~

Secretary,

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J.& P.3624/20.

10 June 1920.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 22nd January last, J.& P.347/20, I forward, for information, copy of the papers noted in the margin, on the subject of Volbrecht Nagel, German missionary who desires to return to the Cochin State and the Madras Presidency.

From Foreign Office 3rd June 1920
and enclosures.

Copy of this letter, and enclosures, is being sent to the Government of Madras.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) J. E. FERARD.

Secretary,
Judicial and Public Department.

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Home Department.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

June 3rd 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to refer to your letter No.J.and P.347/20 of January 22nd last, regarding the application of Mr.Volbrecht Nagel for permission to return to the Cochin State and the Madras Presidency for missionary work, and to transmit herewith for your information a translation of a report which has been forwarded by the Passport Control Officer in Zurich. The Passport Control Officer states that after enquiries at Consulates and at all the addresses given, this is all the information he can obtain.

I am etc.

(Sd) H.E.Spencer.

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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Translation. Rämismühle

To the British Passport Office,

Zurich.

In reply to your favour, we have to inform you firstly by reference to our books that Herr Volbrecht Nagel missionary, stayed in our house the following dates:-

1914.	Dec. 29 --- Feb. 20, 1915.
1915	March 9--- 25.
	April 7--- May 3.
1916	Nov. 13--- Dec. 19
1918.	May 6---------29
	Nov. 8--- Feb. 14, 1919.
1919	April 21---------26
	May 22---------28
	June 4---------17

Herr Nagel spent the remainder of the time in making missionary journeys in Switzerland, giving lectures and engaging in preaching, Ministry of Evangelising.

He came into close contact with us in our house by assisting temporarily in preaching and ministry, and we can testify, on the basis of our experience of him, that his reputation is unassailable.

Trusting

Trus~~gint~~ting that the above facts will furnish you with the information desired.

We are etc.

(Sd) Rämishühle Home of Rest.

J. & P. 4998.

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the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras,

with reference to my letter of 10th, June last,

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INDIA OFFICE,
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J. & P. 7998/20.

10 December, 1920.

Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, German Missionary.

Dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter of the 27th October last, No. 66, Public, I forward, for information, copy of the papers noted in the margin, on the subject of Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, German subject who desires to return to the Madras Presidency for missionary work.

To Foreign Office 7.12.20)
To Mr. I. Roberts 7.12.20.)

Copy of this letter, and enclosures, is being sent to the Government of Madras.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) F. H. DUMBELL

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The Secretary to the
Government of India,
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J.& P.7998/20

7 December, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter of the 3rd June last, C.4769 I am directed to enclose for the information of Earl Curzon of Kedleston copy of a letter from the Government of India on the subject of the return to India for Missionary work of Mr. Volbrecht Nagel, a German subject. If Lord Curzon sees no objection the Secretary of State would suggest that copy of the letter be communicated to the Passport Control Officer at Zurich, with instructions to inform Mr. Nagel that permission cannot yet be granted to him to return to India to resume his missionary work.

Dated 7.12.20 [illegible] Copy of a letter sent to Mr. Theodore Roberts, Solicitor, who has been in correspondence with this Department regarding Mr. Nagel's application is enclosed for information. I am to suggest that the Passport Control Officer at Zurich should be sent this also.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) J. E. FERARD.

Secretary,

Judicial & Public Department.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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J. & P. 7998/20.

7th December, 19

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding Mr. Volbrecht Nagel I am directed to inform you that after consultation with the Indian authorities the Secretary of State for India is unable yet to recommend that facilities should be granted to Mr. Nagel to return to India to resume his missionary work. Arrangements are being made for the communication of the Secretary of State's decision to M through the British Passport Officer at Zurich.

I am to state that the Government of India understand that the case has special features and would be prepared to reconsider it if some responsible authority in England would guarantee Mr. Nagel's good faith and loyalty to Government as established in British India.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) J. E. FERARD.

Secretary,
Judicial & Public Department

Theodore Roberts Esq.,
14 Queen Victoria Street,
E.C. 4.

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