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## Coll 27/22 'Passports. Permits issued by H.M. Consular Officers in Iran on passports of Indians travelling to Iran.'

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The file contains papers relating to permits issued by HM Consular Officers in Iran to British Indians.

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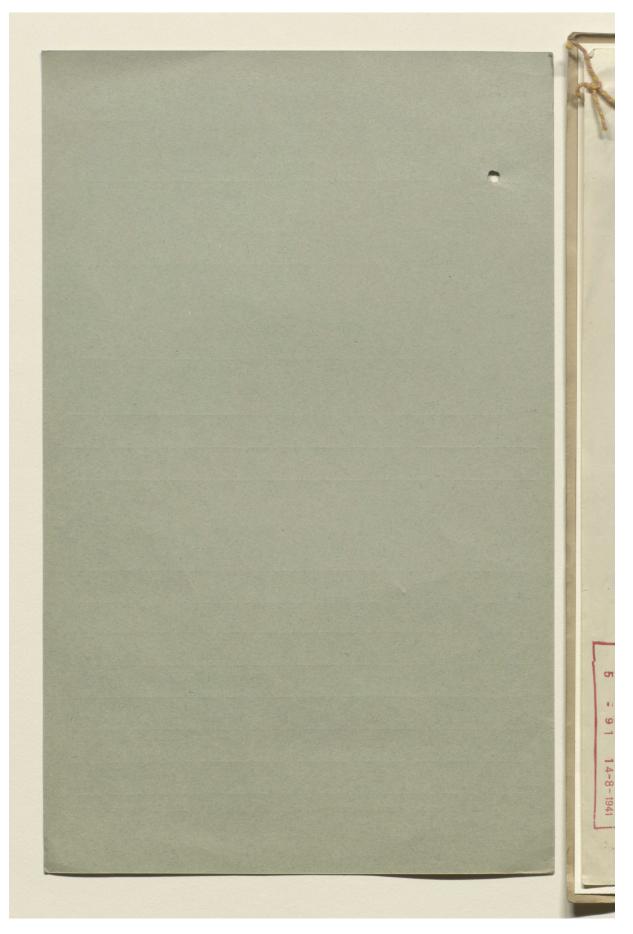


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#### Coll 27/22 'Passports. Permits issued by H.M. Consular Officers in Iran on passports of Indians travelling to Iran.' [2r] (3/28)

Enclosure

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Consular officers in Khuzistan, and to transmi copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Consul at mile I am not in a position to offer an doin 841 2. the value of taking deposits as a safeguard, I am in agreement with Mr. King that it is not only inconvenient, but in present circumstances ander undesirable that His Majesty's Consular officers should be responsible for the large sums at present collected under this system. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's 3. Consul at Ahwaz. Copy of letter No.48., dated 17th June, 1940., from British Consulate, Ahwaz, to Sir Reader W. Builard, KCMG., CIE., His Britannic Majesty's Minister, etc., British Legation, Tehran. With reference to correspondence ending with despatch No. F.633-G/39 addressed to you by the Secy. to the Govt. of India in the External Affairs Department, regarding theissue of permits to Indians by His Majesty's Consular officers in Khuzis tan, I venture to submit that the system of taking repatriation deposits of Rials 300 from British-Indians in this district has outworn its utility and should be discontinued. The system was instituted many years ago, when Indians OREIGN UN O ENCL were flocking to this country to work for the Anglo Iranian Oil SECRETARY'S Co. or the railways. Both these concerns now engage Indians only 9 on contract from India and the present lack of prospects in Iran N combined with the difficulty of obtaining a Persian visa at all is 4-8 RECE INDIA LETTER sufficient to deter all those who would merely come to seek - 194 employment. In the last four years three persons have been repatriated 3. to India from Ahwaz but their expenses were borne by the

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local Indian community. In the same period four persons have been repatriated from Khorramshahr but they were all strangers from other districts and none of them had deposits.

4. Moreover it is inconvenient, and may be more so in future, for His Majesty's Consulates to be responsible for the large amounts of currency to which these deposits have accumulated. In Ahwaz alone I hold seventy three deposits amounting to Rials 21319.55. 5. I propose therefore paying back these deposits to their owners and instructing Khorramshahr to do likewise but before doing so I should be grateful if you would ascertain whether the Govt. of India have any objections.

6. If it is still desired to exercise some slight control over Indians coming to Iran I suggest it would be quite sufficient if the Govt. of India would make it a rule to communicate with the consular officers concerned before granting passport facilities to any person whose ability to maintain himself in Iran was in any way in doubt.
Enclower would be for a support facilities to any person whose ability to maintain himself in Iran was in any way in doubt.

(Sub-enclosure to enclosure No.2) Copy of circular letter No.F.611-6/40., dated the 3rd Jan., 141., from the Under Secy. to the Govt. of India in the External Affairs Department, to the Passport Issuing Authorities in India.

Issue of permits to British Indians by His Majesty's Consular Officers in Khuzistan.

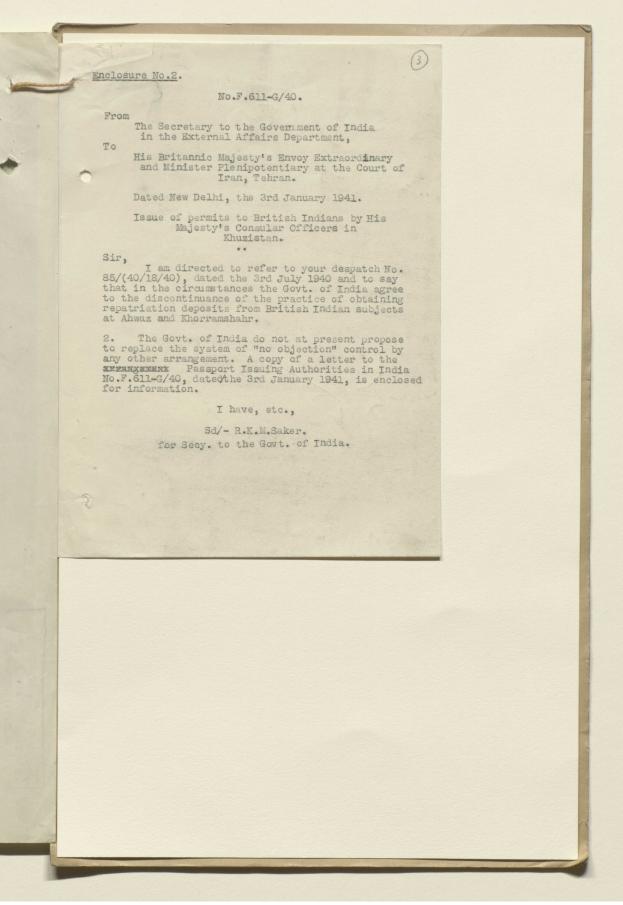
I am directed to refer to the letter from the Govt. of India in the External Affairs Dept. No.F.633-G/39, dated the 14th June '39 and to say that the Govt. of India now consider that the arrangement whereby His Majesty's Consul Ahwaz and His Majesty's Vice-Consul Khorramshahr obtain deposits from British Indian subjects and issue receipts to denote that there is no objection to their return to Iran has outlived its utility and should be discontinued. 2. In order however to safeguard against destitution and repatriation at Govt expense; I am to request that the financial status of applicants for travel facilities for Iran should be investigated carefully before passports are granted.

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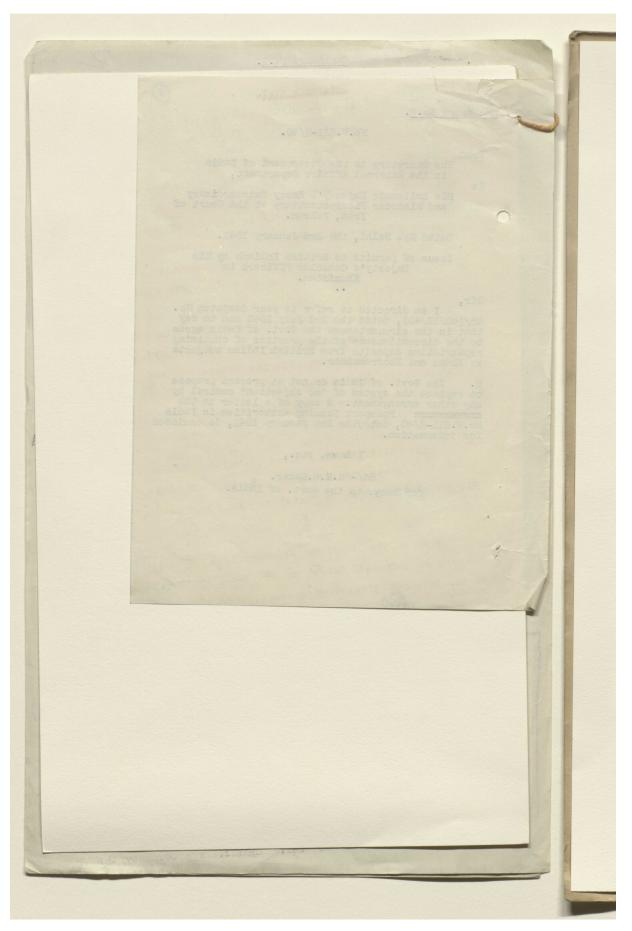


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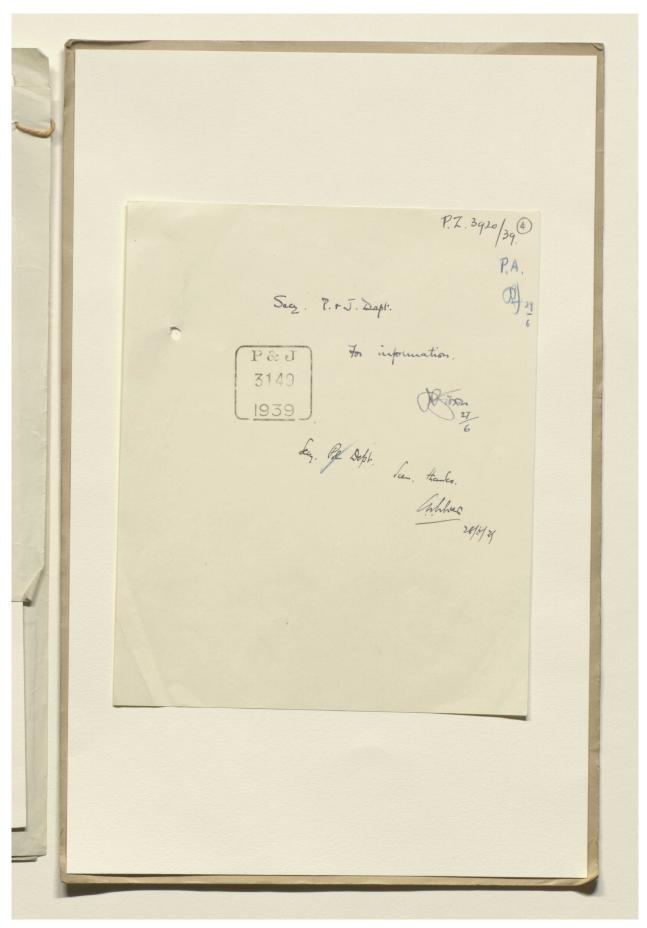


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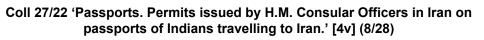
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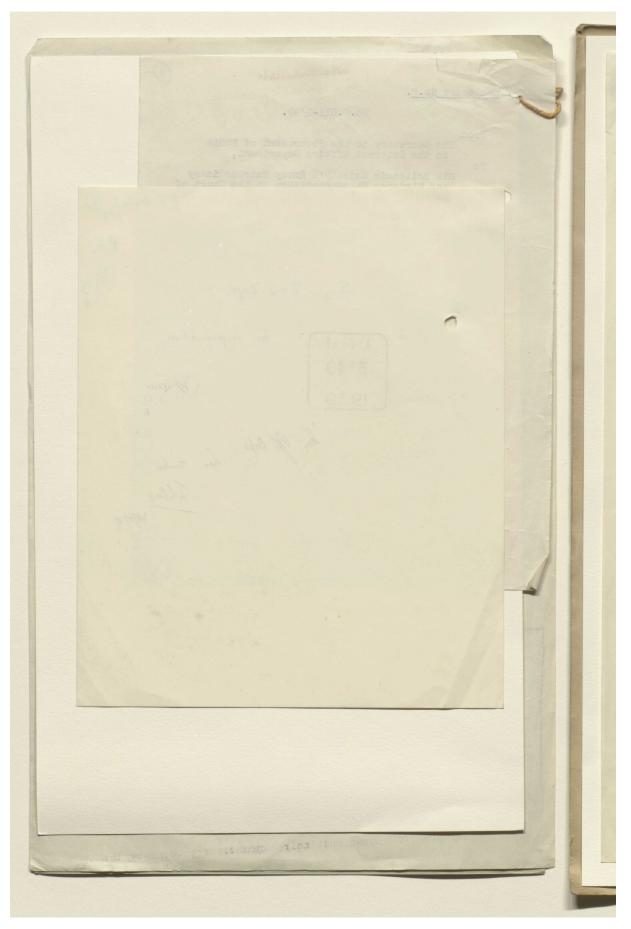


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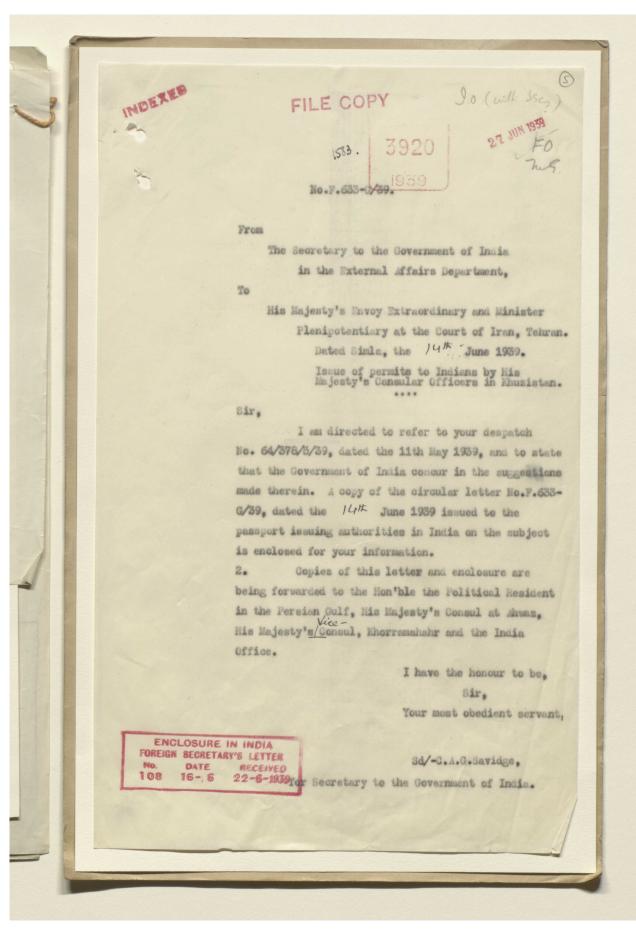


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ITAEEXEN) 28 MUL 5 3 Dated Similay the ) 4th June 1939, \*\*\*\* introded to refer to your despatch No. 64/378/3/39, dated the 11th May 1939, and to state 1 \*\*\*\*\*\*\* FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER .030/-0.1.9. Savidge. 22-6-193 a Secretary to the Gevernment of India.

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#### Coll 27/22 'Passports. Permits issued by H.M. Consular Officers in Iran on passports of Indians travelling to Iran.' [6r] (11/28)

6 3920 No.F.633-G/39. From The Under Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department, To The Home Secretary to the Government of Madras. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political and Services Department. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal. ""the United Provinces. ""the Punjab. ""Bihar. ""the Contral Provinces and Provinces and Berar. 11 Assam. the North-West Fronțier 11 - 5 - 5 - 5 = Province. 11 Orissa. 11 11 The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General, Resident and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan. The Chief Commissioner, Corg. Beihl. 11 The Chief Commissioner, forg. " Deihi. " Deihi. " Andeman and Nicobar Islands. The Hon'ble the Resident at Hydorabad. " in Mysore. " for Contral India. Rajputana. " The States of Western India. " The Resident for Baroda and the Gujarat States. " the Madras States. " the States of Rempur and Banaros. " the States of Rempur and Banaros. " The Political Agent, Eastern Kathle war Agency, Wadhwan. The Political Agent, Sabar Kantha Agency, Sadra. Deted Simla, the 14th June 1939. Reference to permits issued by His Majesty's Consular Officers in Iran on the passports of Indian artizans etc. travelling to Iran. Sir, I am directed to refer to the letter from the Government of India in the External Affairs Department No. F./ ( P.T.O.)

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F.633-G/39, dated the 20th April 1939, and to state that the Government of India have had under consideration, in consultation with His Majosty's Minister in Tehran, the nccessity for continuing the existing system whereby permits are issued to British Indians by His Majesty's Consul at Ahwaz and His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Khorramshahr stating that there is no objection to the holders' return to Iran. It is considered undesirable to discontinue the practice, as such permits act as a check on the number of Indians proceeding to Khorramshchr and also enable His Majosty's Consular Officers to keep in touch with them after their arrival. Moreover, the fact that a deposit of Rials 300 is taken from each person before he is granted a permit, is a guarantee that, should be become destitute, sufficient money will be available for his repatriation to India.

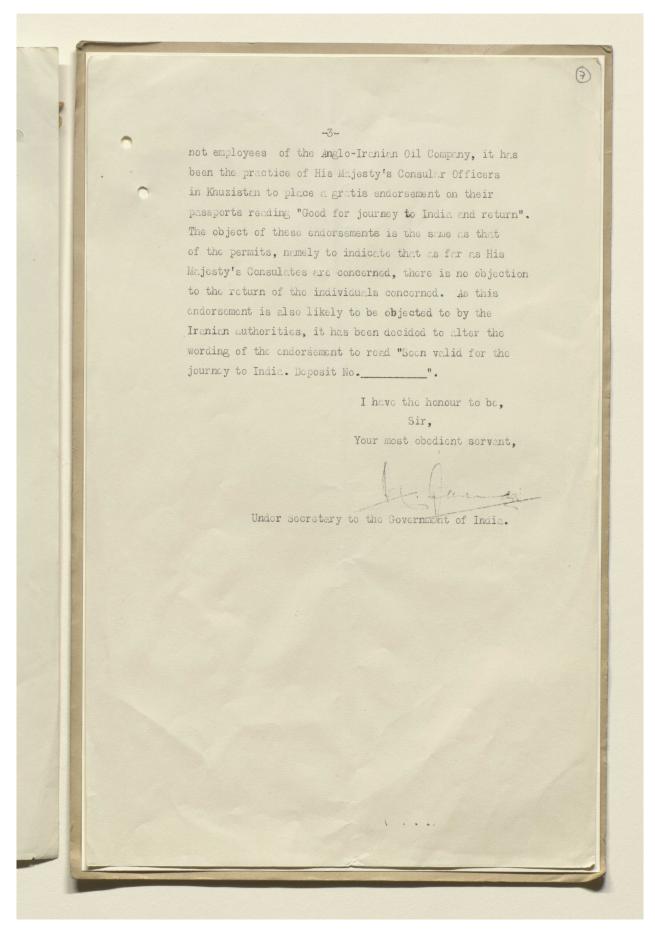
In view, however, of the objection of the Iranian 2. authorities to the issue of such permits, it has been decided to modify the present procedure on the following lines. In future each applicant will receive from His Majesty's Consul concerned, instead of a permit, a receipt showing that the deposit of Rials 300 has been made. The receipt will bear a scriel number and either the letter "4" to indicate the Ahwaz series, or the letter "K" for the Khorremshehr series. This receipt will constitute sufficient evidence that there is no objection to the individual concerned returning to Iran and on its authority a passport may be issued in India, endorsed simply "Deposit No \_\_\_\_\_", under the heading "Observations". This will enable His Majesty's Consular Officers in Iran to keep control over the Indians going to their districts. 3.

I am to add that in the case of Indians who are not/

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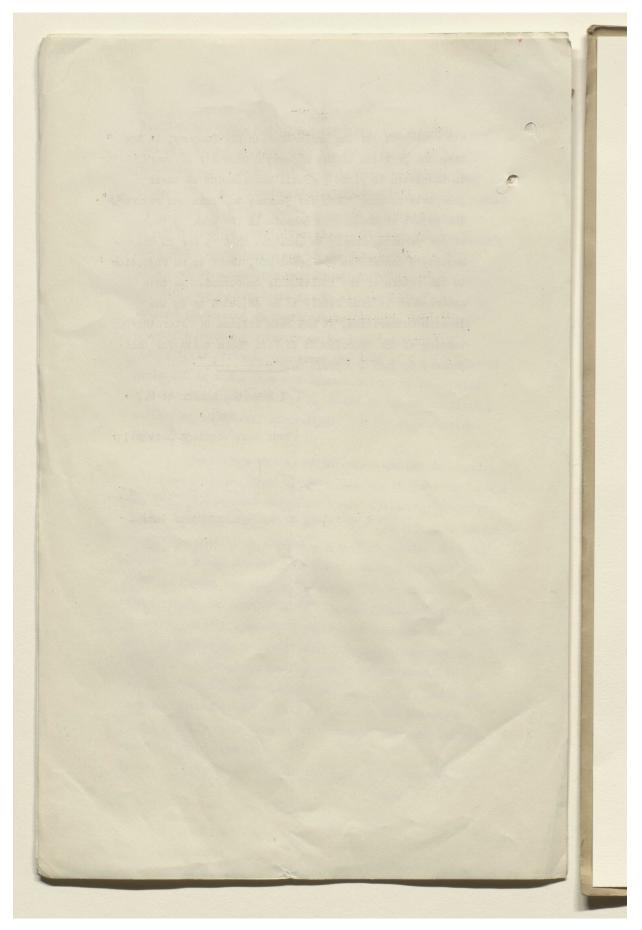




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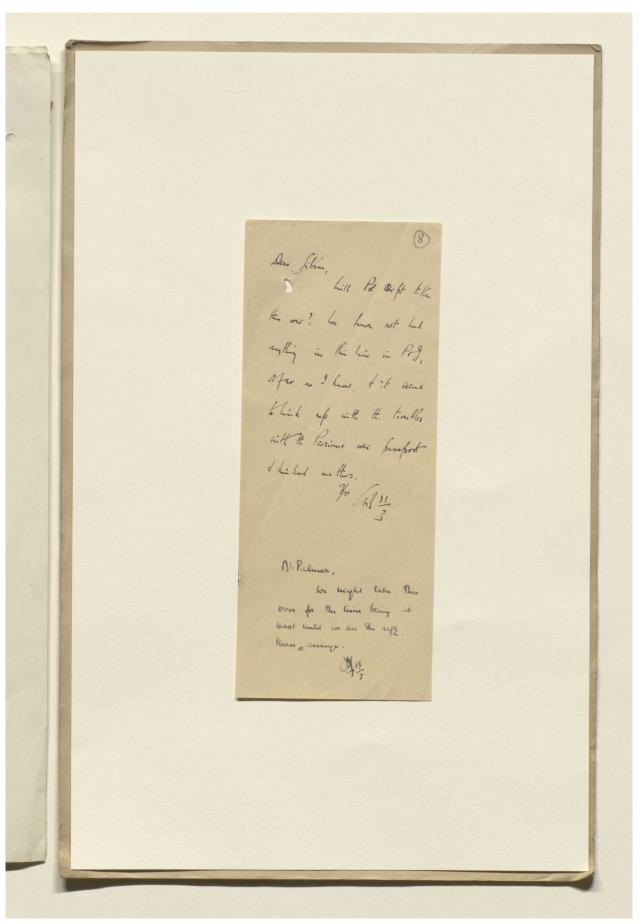




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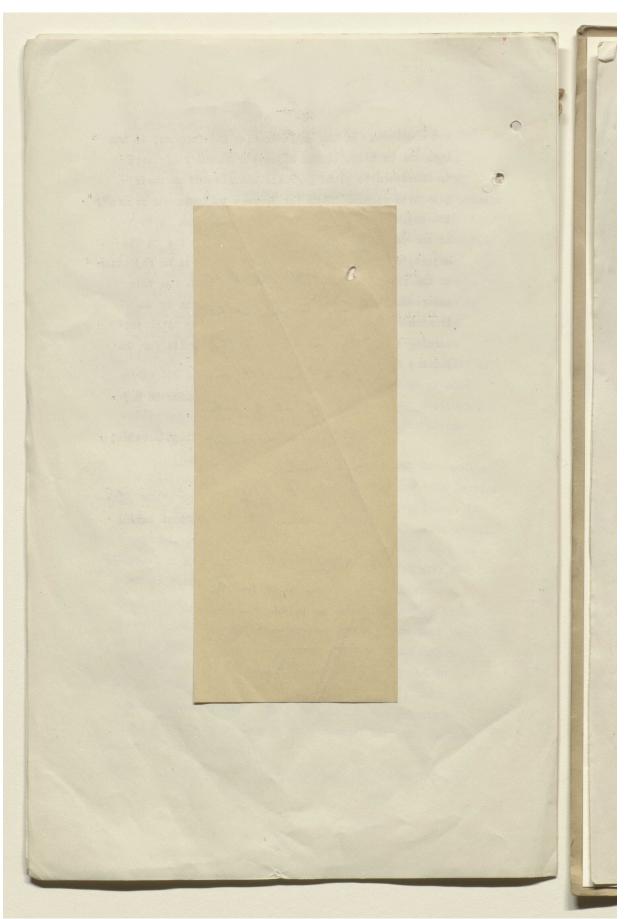


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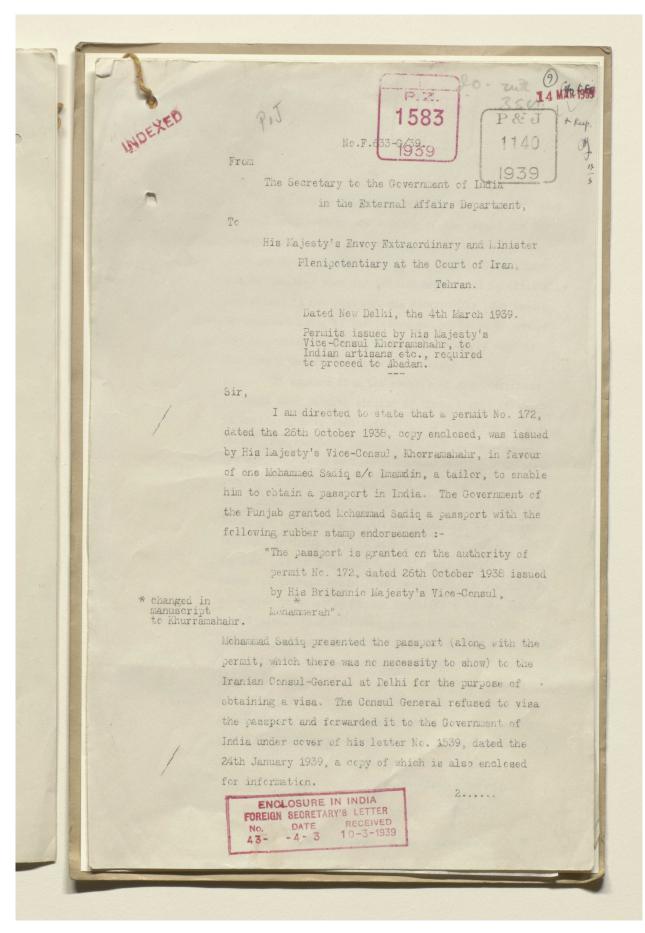


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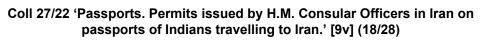
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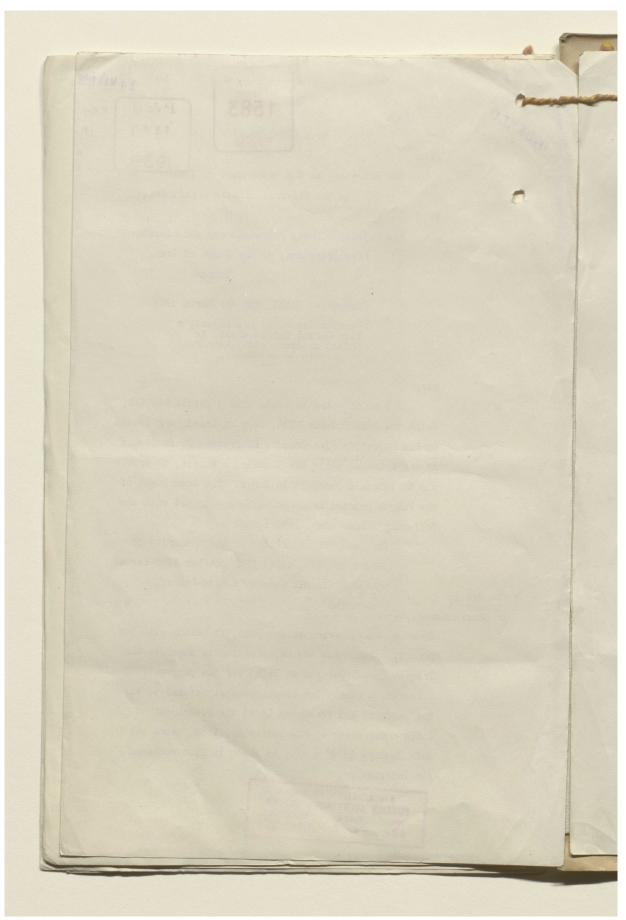


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Efforts were made to convince the Iranian Consul

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the Consul General's letter is enclosed.

General that neither the wording of the permit nor the endorsement in the passport were meant in any way to derogate from the authority of the Iranian Government, but he insisted that the endorsement should be officially cancelled. A new passport has accordingly been issued to Mohammed Sadiq by the Government of India to enable him to proceed to Iran. A copy of the reply sent to

3. It appears from the records of the Government of India that permits similar to that, a copy of which is enclosed, have been issued by His Majesty's Vice-Consul, Khurranshahr (Muhammarah) ever since 1916 if not earler. It is not known whether the issue of these permits is still necessary and I am to request that this matter may kindly be examined. The Government of India are also making enquiries regarding the procedure followed in India and, if necessary, will address you further. It is suggested that if it is decided to continue the present system, the permit employed should be so worded as to avoid giving any offence to the Iranian authorities. Meanwhile we propose to instruct the

passport issuing authorities in India to discontinue the

4. Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, His Majesty's Consul, Khorramshahr, and the India Office.

> I have the honcur to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant.

for Secretary to the Government of India.

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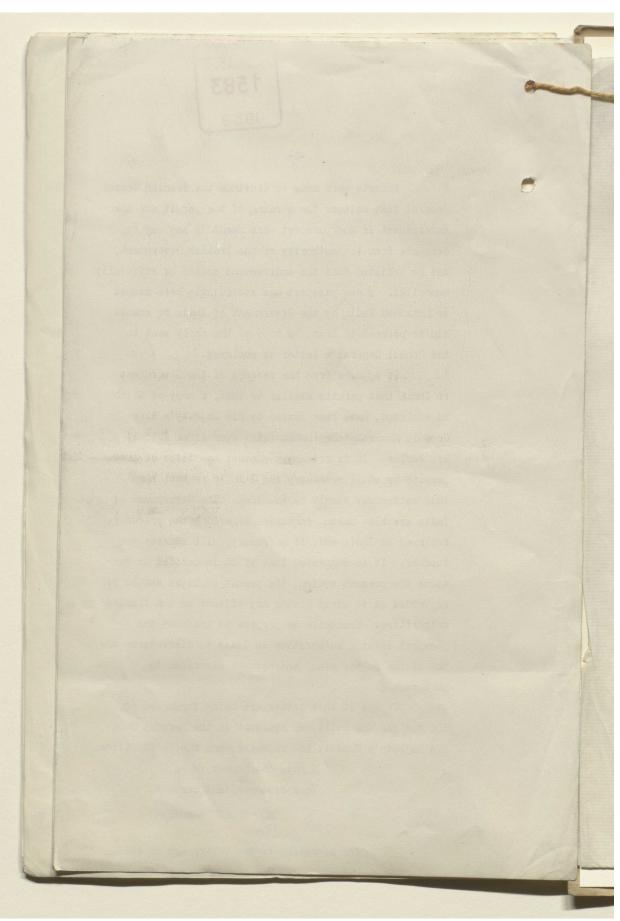
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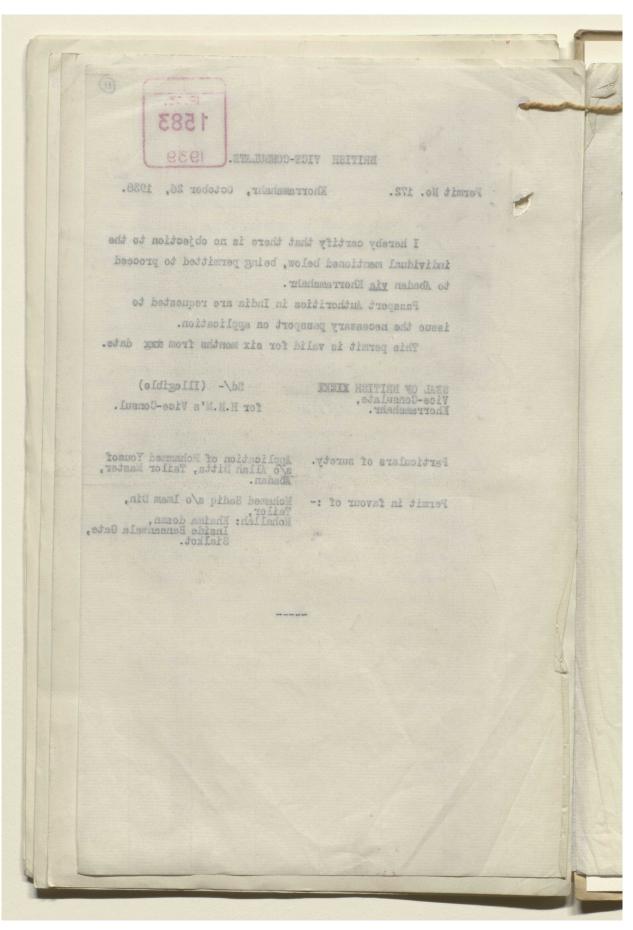
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1583 BRITISH VICE-CONSULATE. 1939 Permit No. 172. Khorramshahr, October 26, 1938. I hereby certify that there is no objection to the individual mentioned below, being permitted to proceed to Abadan via Khorramshahr. Passport Authorities in India are requested to issue the necessary passport on application. This permit is valid for six months from dax date. SEAL OF BRITISH XXXX Sd/- (Illegible) Vice-Consulate, Khorremshahr. for H.B.M's Vice-Cons for H.B.M's Vice-Consul. Particulars of surety. Application of Mohammed Yousof s/o Allah Ditta, Tailor Master, Abadan. Mohamed Sadiq s/o Imam Din, Tailor, Mohallah: Khaima dozan, Inside Bansanwala Gate, Permit in favour of :-Sialkot.

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Copy of a letter No. 1539, dated Net 95181, the 24th January 1939, from the Consul General for Iran in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department, New Delhi.

Enclosing herewith a British Indian Passport No. 74119 granted by the Punjab Government to Mohd.Sadiq, I have the honour to draw your attention to the Permit No. 172, dated the 26th October 1938, issued to him by His Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul at Khorramshahr certifying that there is no objection to the individual being permitted to proceed to Abadan via Khorramshahr, and also the Page 7 of the passport where it is specified that the passport is granted on the authority of this Permit No. 172 referred to above.

As Abadan and Khorramshahr are in Iran I am sure you will agree with me that such and an authority should be issued by a respective authority of the Imperial Government of Iran and not by His Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul at Khorramshahr, and that is why a visa cannot be granted to Mohd. Sadiq, the holder of this ware passport, unless the specification in question on Page 7 is cancelled.

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Copy of a letter No. 1539, dated No. 951Ri, the 24th January 1939, from the Consul General for Iran in India, to the Secretary to the Coverament of India in the External Affairs Department, New Delhi.

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No.F.633-G/39.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

in the External Affairs Department,

To

The Consul General for Iran in India, 24, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi.

Dated New Delhi, the 27th February 1939.

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#### Sir,

I am directed to refer to your latter No. 1539, dated the 24th January 1939, and to our conversation on the 18th instant in connection with Mohammed Sadiq's passport. In order to avoid further delay Mohammed Sadiq has been issued with a new passport No. 243, dated the 23rd February 1939 and has been instructed to apply to you for a visa for Iran on it. I am to request that a visa may now kindly be granted.

I have etc.,

Sd/- W.R. Hay,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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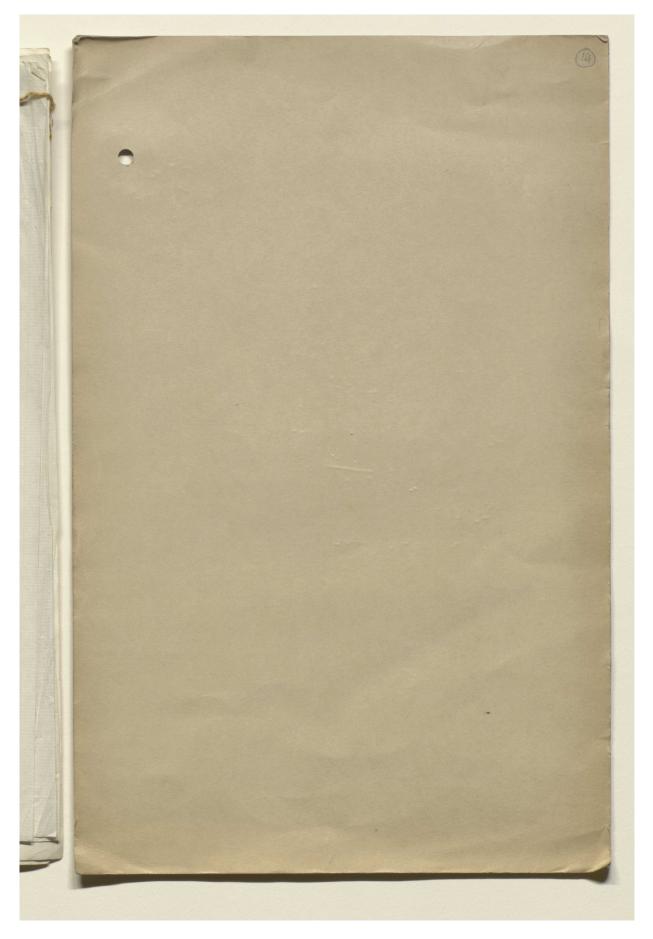
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