

EAST AFR. PROT.

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MacJohn, M.

1914

5th October

Last previous Paper.

RETURN TO PROTECTORATE
VIA MARSEILLES

Requests passports to enable himself and wife
to travel through France.

Mr. Bottomley

Mr. MacJohn called this
morning and left these two pages. He
is, as will be seen, a Russian but has
lived nearly all his life in India, Burma,
& E. Africa; owing to some technical
point, he was unable to obtain naturalization

I gathered that he intends
to sail from Marseilles on Nov 12, to catch
the boat where he will be leaving England
about the 1st or 2nd of next month. His
luggage, however, must be sent on earlier,
and he naturally does not wish to despatch
it until he has secured passports and is
sure that he will be able to carry out
his intention of returning.

There seems to be no objection
of his bona fides.
The passport to travel through
France

Genl. to Comd. to Mr. Bottomley
to Mr. Hamilton on 20 Oct 14

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France must be obtained from F.O.
& for the permit to enter B.E.A. I believe
the Gen. Dep^o can supply a model form,
which should be filled up from the
particulars given in his letter.

? Copy of letter & enclosure to
F.O., saying that there appears to be
no doubt of Mr. MacToby's "bona fides",
and ask that the required passport or permit
(if in E.S. has no direction
may be prepared and forwarded to us
for transmission to the applicant.

And to Gen. Dep^o for the
Mombasa permit.

A.C. 15/10/14

Two Telegrams
to Reed

If we can ascertain about the
passport we have nearly taken
standing in the matter of her post account.

G.C.S.

15/10/14

I suppose we can ask
F.O. as to the question
of permits to enter
E.A.S. I know nothing
of it & don't in any
that if this gentleman
is well known there
he will have very difficulty
in obtaining leave to
land. There has lately
been correspondence about
the requests from ~~Whitcomb~~

steaming companies
 for Certificates of nationality
 of intending passengers
 but I think minutes are
 circulated through the
 Depts. to the effect that
 we should not interfere
 in the matter, but should
 leave it to the persons
 involved to make out
 their own case.

The few Dept have
 the ~~minutes~~ & should
 think he had better
 confirm his action to
 that necessary for issuing
 the passport or F.O.
 permit (it wont be
 a passport in the strict
 sense of the word)

CG. 15.10.14

Write to F.O. - + steaming
 companies
 Billerica the certificate to
 Gen. Sept.

at home
 H. J. R.
 16/11/14

Read
Mr. B. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] asked me to
ring up Sir J. Hayes Sadler about
this man. I did so, and Sir James
told me that he did not recollect
the anyone called MacJohn in E. Africa,
though he remembered a man called
John (whom he did not know to be a Kikuyu)
who was one of the owners of a hotel
at Mombasa. This hardly bears out
the statement of Lt. Col. Owen Thomas
that Mr. MacJohn is "well-known to Sir
J. Hayes Sadler".

has been following him [unclear]
[unclear] of landmarks, but it is [unclear]
land before 1903 or thereabouts. He would
love to see him.

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There is probably some official
on leave from Mombasa. If so,
make inquiry of him.

at once

K. J. R.

16/11/14

J. all
Strand Palace Hotel.

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Strand, W.C.

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October 15th 1914

REC^d
Reg^d 15 16.

Sir,

I beg to make application for passports to enable my wife and myself to travel through France to Marseilles en route to our home in British East Africa.

I understand that owing to the fact that British East Africa is not officially an English Colony, my eighteen years of residence there does not carry with it British Nationalization, and having applied to the Home Department I am referred to your Department:

I give the following particulars of myself and my wife, which I understand are necessary:

Myself.

Full name: Weerop MacJohn

Born in Russia (Caucasia near Tiflis) 1874. Went to India at 13 years of age where I was educated, and after ten years residence in India & Burma I proceeded to East Africa, where I have lived ever since, and am now on a visit to England on business, having landed on May 4.

Wife.

Full name: Tita MacJohn

Italian nationality. Came to Mombasa (E.E.A.) eleven years ago, where she has since resided.

Having our return tickets via Marseilles, we could not

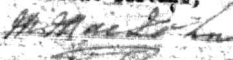
proceed home by the sea route without reasonable delay, and any delay in our return would also be very serious to me financially, as I am the owner of large plantations and other property in Mombasa.

I venture to ask therefore that you will be good enough favourably to consider my request at the earliest possible moment, as the boat may sail in the course of a few days.

To facilitate matters for me, Colonel Owen Thomas, General Manager of the East African Estates Ltd., interviewed you yesterday morning on my behalf, and has written you vouching for my bona fides.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



CARLTON HOUSE,
REGENT STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

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15 OCT 14

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
S.W.

Sir,

With reference to the application which Mr
M. MacJohn is addressing to you for a passport enabling
him to travel through France en route to his home in
British East Africa, I have much pleasure in stating that
having known Mr MacJohn for several years as a resident
of British East Africa - where he owns considerable
plantation and other property, I can without hesitation
vouch for him in every way. I am further aware of the
pressing necessity for him and his wife to return to
their home in Mombasa, and that any delay in so doing
would result in considerable monetary loss to them.

I may add that Mr MacJohn is well known to
almost any resident of British East Africa and to Sir
James Hayes Sadler the late Governor of the Protectorate,
who is at present in this country.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Oliver Thomas
General Manager
East Africa Estate Co

Q.D.
15 OCT
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Handwritten signature/initials

16 Oct 1914

Handwritten note: please pay first minute.

Sir,

I am & to transmit

DRAFT

U-S of S

F. O.

MINUTE

Mr. Crooke 15/10/14

Mr. Bottomley 16/10/14

Mr. Keir 16

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Lord Emmott, Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Handwritten: Mr. H. MacJohn 15/10/14

to you, to be laid before

Sir E. Grey, the accompanying

copy of a letter, with

enclosures, from Mr. MacJohn,

a man of Russian nationality

who has resided for the

last eighteen years in B. E. A.

and desires to return to

the Protectorate. There would ^{seem to}

be no reason to doubt ~~as to~~

Mr. MacJohn's "bona fides".

Handwritten: no flimsy

To Gen. Dep. when this has gone off.

(2) Mr. H. would be glad

if the required papers

permit were sent to

enable Mr. MacJohn to travel

through

through France, may, if
S. E. Grey sees no objection,
be prepared and forwarded
to this Dep^t for trans-
mission to the applicant.

(Signed) H. J. READ,
Secretary of State



Grand Palace Hotel.

Grand

London W.C.

Telegrams

Agency: *Amstel London*

Cable: *Western Union*

Telephone No.

Gerrard 830 (Palace)

Under Secretary of State for the Colonies
Colonial Office
S. W. O.

Referring to my application of
yesterday's date, I regret that I
omitted to mention my nationality
in the application for passports.
I therefore beg to notify
you, that I am an Armenian
Catholic by nationality and
born in Russia (Caucasia
in Tiflis.

I have the honour to be
your obedient servant
Mikael John



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20 Oct. 1914.

A. W. H. H. H.

Sir,

DRAFT.

R. W. Hamilton Esq.

I am & to inform you that he has ^{received} an application for permission

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Mr. Cooke 19/10/14

Mr. Bottomley 19.10.14

Mr.

Mr. G. Fisher

Mr. H. Just

Mr. J. Anderson

Lord Emmott Islington.

Mr. Harcourt

to return to Mombasa from an Armenian of the name of Mesrop MacJohn, who, it is understood, has resided in that town for many years, and owns plantations and other property in the neighbourhood.

(2) Mr. H. would be glad if you would state, at your

your earliest convenience,
whether you are acquainted
personally or otherwise, with
Mr MacJohn, and whether
you see any objection to
his being permitted to
return to Mombasa at
the present time

REGISTERED No. 51028

NOTICE TO BINDER

PLEASE LEAVE SPACE HERE FOR INSERTION OF 6 SHEETS.

Date

16 Dec

Subject

App't to teacher

(Paper not available at time of binding.)