

or in any other part of the United Kingdom; but, henceforth, passports will also be granted on the recommendation of the Mayor or Chief Magistrate of any corporate town in the United Kingdom, and also on the recommendation of any Magistrate or Justice of Peace, such recommendation to be addressed, upon the cover, to "Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, *Passport Office*, Downing-street, London," and forwarded by post from the country; and such recommendation should be made in the following form, signed and sealed by the person giving the recommendation.

(Date of place and day of the month.)

The Undersigned,

Mayor of

Chief Magistrate of

Magistrate for

Justice of Peace for

recommends A. B., (Christian and surname to be written at length) a British subject for a naturalized British subject

Passport, to enable him to proceed to to travel on the Continent (accompanied, as the case may be, by his wife and children, with their tutor, named C. D., (Christian and surname to be written at length) a British subject and governess, a naturalized British subject, and maid servant [or servants], and man servant [or servants], named E. F., a British subject [or subjects]. a naturalized British subject [or subjects].)

Signature

(Christian and surname to be written at length.)

(Seal.)

If any person so recommended be a naturalized British subject, his certificate of naturalization, with his signature subscribed to the oath printed on the third page of his certificate, must be forwarded with the application for his passport.

The passport so applied for will be transmitted by return of post, if possible, to the Mayor, Chief Magistrate, Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, who may have given the recommendation, to be delivered by him to the party, and if the passport should be required for a naturalized British subject, his certificate will be returned with the passport; but the Mayor, Chief Magistrate, Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, on whose application a passport is granted to a naturalized British subject, not being a servant included in his employer's passport, will require such naturalized British subject to sign the passport in his presence.

The charge on the issue of each passport, whatever number of persons may be named in it, is six shillings; and that sum must be forwarded with the application for the passport; and if the remittance be by Post Office order, such order is to be made payable to the "Chief Clerk of the Foreign Office," at the Post Office, Charing Cross.

If, however, a person recommended from the country for a passport prefers it, he may obtain his passport at the Foreign Office, on the day following the receipt of the application, and pay the charge on the passport being delivered to him; but in this case the words "Passport will be applied for at the Foreign Office," must be added to the letter of recommendation.

The form of application heretofore adopted by banking firms will continue to be used by them.

The general Regulations for Passports as now amended are as follows:

1. Applications for Foreign Office Passports must be made in writing; and addressed upon the cover to "Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, *Passport Office*, Downing-street, London."

2. The charge on the issue of a passport, whatever number of persons may be named in it, is six shillings, which sum includes five shillings stamp-duty.

3. Foreign Office Passports are granted only to British-born subjects, or to Ionians, or to such foreigners as have become naturalized either by Act of Parliament or by a certificate of naturalization granted by the Secretary of State for the Home Department. When the party is a "Naturalized British subject," he will be so designated in his passport; and if his certificate of naturalization be dated subsequently to the 24th of August, 1850, his passport will be marked as good for one year only; but this regulation will not preclude any person whom it affects from obtaining, at any future period, on his producing his old passport, a fresh passport for a further limited period of one year, without being required to pay a fresh charge.

4. Passports are issued between the hours of eleven and four, on the day following that on which the application for the passport has been received at the Foreign Office.

5. Passports are granted to persons who are either known to the Secretary of State, or recommended to him by some person who is known to him, or upon the application of any *Banking Firm* established in London, or in any other part of the United Kingdom; or upon the recommendation of the Mayor or Chief Magistrate of any corporate town in the United Kingdom; or of any Magistrate or Justice of Peace.

6. Passports cannot be sent by the Foreign Office to a person already abroad; such person should apply to the nearest British Mission or Consulate.

7. Foreign Office Passports must be countersigned at the Mission in London, or at some Consulate in the United Kingdom, of the Government of the country which the bearer of the passport intends to visit.*

8. A Foreign Office Passport granted for one journey to a British-born subject or to an Ionian, or to a "Naturalized British subject" whose certificate of naturalization is dated previously to August 24, 1850, may be used for any subsequent journey, if countersigned afresh by the Ministers or Consuls of the countries which the bearer intends to visit; but a passport granted for one journey to a "Naturalized British subject" whose certificate is dated subsequently to the 24th of August, 1850, can only be used for a subsequent journey undertaken within the period for which the passport has been originally granted.

Foreign Office, February, 1858.

* It is requisite that the bearer of every passport granted by the Foreign Office should sign his passport before he sends it to be *viséd* at any Foreign Mission or Consulate in England; without such signature either the *visa* may be refused, or the validity of the passport questioned abroad. And Travellers who may have any intention of visiting the Austrian States at any time in the course of their travels on the Continent, are particularly and earnestly advised not to quit England without having their passports *viséd* at the Austrian Mission in London; but there is no necessity for the *visa* to a Foreign Office Passport of either the Prussian or Sardinian authorities in the United Kingdom.