

Indian migration to Australia, push, pull and resistance

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'Twice-or-thrice migrated'

Families of formerly indentured workers, came to Australia from/via

British Guiana,

St Vincents in West Indies,

Reunion,

Mauritius,

Fiji,

South Africa,

New Caledonia.









Hammer & Co.,

Adelaide.

MR. OTIM SINGH.



NIHAL SINGH ----- INDIAN HAWKER.

The last of a band of travelling salesmen in the out-back, after a quarter of a century serving the needs of those living in out-back station country he died in the Terowie Hospital about 1936, was cremated in Adelaide and his ashes scattered on the sea in accordance with his wish. Photo taken in Mitchell Street, Terowie 1911.

CERTIFICATE EXEMPTING FROM DICTATION TEST.

I, Nicholas G. Lockyer the Collector of Customs
for the State of New South Wales in the said Commonwealth,
hereby certify that Ala Mohamed Shah
hereinafter described, who is leaving the Commonwealth temporarily, will be excepted
from the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 3 of the Act if he returns to the Com-
monwealth within a period of three years from this date.

Date 27 Dec 06

By Authority: Max. S. Shaw, Government Printer, Melbourne.

| DESCRIPTION | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nationality <u>Indian</u> | Birthplace <u>India</u> |
| Age <u>36 years</u> | Complexion <u>Dark</u> |
| Height <u>5ft 6 1/2 in Boots</u> | Hair <u>Dark</u> |
| Build <u>Medium</u> | Eyes <u>Brown</u> |
| Particular marks <u>None visible</u> | |

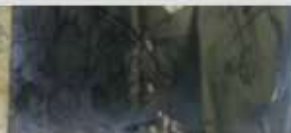
(For impression of hand see back of this document.)

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Full Face:—



Profile:—



Date of departure 27 Dec 06
Ship Cross Line
Date of return _____
Port _____

Destination India
Ship _____

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IMPRESSION OF LEFT HAND.





THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,

Customs & Excise Office,

Calcutta, W.B.,

ASSAM.

Honorable Sir,

Most kindly and respectfully I beg to bring to your kind consideration, that I had formerly been domiciled in Assam for the period of about 7 years.

He is a student of the law, and is now in the 1st year of his course.

I left the Commonwealth of Assam from the Port of Sydney by the S.S. *Countess of the Rivers* on the 24th October 1916. (See below)

The following gentlemen whom I used to work for mostly, could identify me and approve of my character and conduct viz.

- 1. Mr. J. S. Sanyal, former, Barrister, Hoang, Calcutta, India.
- 2. Mr. S. Sanyal, former, Barrister, Hoang, Calcutta, India.
- 3. Mr. S. Sanyal, former, Barrister, Hoang, Calcutta, India.
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I enclose herewith four Photographs (two full face and two profile)

for the purpose of identification.

Now I desire to return to the Commonwealth of Assam. I beg therefore to solicit the favour of your kindly granting me a certificate of Domicile Exempting me from the Domicile Test under the Immigration Restriction Act 1901 and Regulations, with an authority to the Shipping Company for granting me a passage to Sydney. I will pay the fee for it in accordance with your kind order. For this kindness, I shall ever pray to God for your long life and prosperity. Awaiting your kind and favorable reply.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, Creem Bux, C/o W. M. Sanyal, Barrister, Hoang, Calcutta, India.

Yours truly, Creem Bux

By order of the Collector of Customs, Assam.

By order of the Collector of Customs, Assam.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Creem Bux

C/o W. M. Sanyal,

Barrister, Hoang, Calcutta,

India.

By order of the Collector of Customs, Assam.

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Form Letter Requesting Reference and Identification

Sir

Most respectfully I beg to request you that I had formerly been domiciled in Australia for about over seven years. And I left Australia for India in about 31st October 1906 per S. S. Orontes.

Now I desire to return to Australia, I have therefore applied to the Collector of Customs to grant me a certificate of Domicile authorising me to re-enter Australia and you may remember that I used to work for you and I applied on the 31st October 1911 for the Certificate, but did not succeed, and now a lots of such passports of my countrymen have been granted therefore I have applied again for it.

If any officer make any enquiry about me, I hope you will be kind enough to approve of my Character and resedence [sic] in the best possible manner to assist me for the approval of my necessary certificate.

If you require anything from India I shall be too pleased to bring it with me on my return.

For this kindness I shall ever pray to God for your long life and prosperity.

Awaiting your kind and favourable reply.

Yours most obediently,

**c/o W. M. Shah , Karnana via Nawanshahr District Jullundur
Punjab India**

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