No subjects of France, Holland, or even Persia are **permitted** to leave their homes for the **pilgrimage** without obtaining the permission of their **respective** Governments given by means of **passports**.

**The Netherlands Government**, before granting leave, insists on every applicant giving a **satisfactory guarantee** that he not only possesses the means to enable him to go and return, but that he leaves for his family, or those depending on him, **sufficient** to maintain them during his absence.

I am not acquainted with the **restrictions** imposed by the French Government, but I am informed that the number allowed to proceed yearly is limited, and **occasionally** leave is altogether **withheld**.

To the Persians it is hardly necessary to **refer**, as the **greatest** **leeches** on their **resources** are their own **authorities**, and only those who are well off attempt the **journey**.

From India hundreds, I may say **thousands**, of pilgrims, male and female, **adults** and children, yearly arrive in Jeddah, whose means have been all but **exhausted** in paying the passage from Bombay, and who are **consequently** destitute from the day of landing.

**Rich Mussulman** Indians generally arm themselves with a letter of **introduction** and **recommendation** from some officer in India, and, so armed, obtain **Consular aid** and **protection**.

In my **opinion**, an opinion **based** on **conversation** with many Indians, and on the wishes of the **authorities** in the **Hedjaz**, pilgrims from British possessions ought, before eing permitted to undertake the journey

(1) to prove that they possess the necessary means, the **lowest** limit at Bombay being 200 rupees ;

(2) that they possess a British passport. The Netherlands Regulations, of which I **inclose** an extract kindly **furnished** to me by Mr. J. A. Kruyt, Netherlands Consul at **Jeddah**, would, I think, form a good basis on which to construct rules for our pilgrims, but experience has shown that they require some alteration, and Mr. Kruyt has laid the **changes** he deems necessary before his Government. His opinions coincide with the following Regulations, which I deem would be **advisable to enforce:—**

That at the ports in India at which pilgrims are now allowed to embark a superinten- dent of pilgrims be **appointed** with a sufficient staff of medical men and clerks, his **duties** to be as follows: —

1. To see that intending pilgrims are in good health, or at least that they have not on them the **germs** of **contagious disease**.

2. That they have means sufficient to pay all **expenses** to **Mecca** and Medina and back to India. These two points **satisfactorily** **ascertained**, the **Superintendent** would **require** a **deposit** of at least 200 rupees, to be disposed of as I shall **indicate** later. The deposit having been made, a passport is to be given to the **depositor**, on the face of which should be stated :—

1. Every **particular** about the **individual** which would **facilitate** **identification** and the finding of **relatives**.

2. The sum deposited and the amount (vouched for by the owner's signature) **disbursed** by the Superintendent in sundry expenses.

3. That each passport have on its face headings which would be filled up by the Consul at Jeddah, showing—

Date of arrival in Jeddah.

Date of **departure** from Jeddah on return to India or **Colonics**.

**Sums** expended by Consul in getting **passage** for return journey, fees paid, and other disbursements, and the balance paid to the **holder**, with his **acknowledgment.**

4. That each passport be **carefully** numbered, so that it could be entered by the Consul in a register, and a certificate given with **identic** number, to **serve** as a **certificate** of **registration** during stay in the Hedjaz .