

REDUCTION OF VISA FEES

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The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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YOUR EXCELLENCY,

At the instance of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the Commonwealth of Australia, in the Dominion of New Zealand and also of the Government of India, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that they desire to enter into an arrangement with the Government of the United States of America for the reciprocal reduction of visa fees in the following terms:

(1) The fee for an ordinary visa, valid for one year within the validity of the travel document and for any number of journeys within that period shall, except as provided in paragraph (3) below, be \$2 or the approximate equivalent in local currency.

(2) The fee for a transit visa, valid for one year within the validity of the travel document and for any number of journeys in transit within that period shall, except as provided in paragraph (3) below be 20 cents or the approximate equivalent in local currency. It is understood, however, that the existing practice of the United States Government of granting gratis transit certificates valid only for one entry, in lieu of transit visas, remains unaffected and that additional transit certificates may be granted to cover additional entries in transit.

(3) The fees for visas granted to holders of United States passports in territories under the administration of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia shall be (a) for an ordinary visa 8/- (b) for a transit visa 2/-.

(4) The provisions of this arrangement are not held to apply to visas granted by the United States consular authorities to prospective immigrants to the United States.

(5) The arrangement set out in the preceding paragraphs shall apply

(a) to all visas granted on United States passports under the authority of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Dominion of New Zealand or of the Governments of Newfoundland, India, and Southern Rhodesia;

(b) to all visas granted under the authority of the United States Government on British passports.

(6) The present arrangement shall come into force on the 1st April, 1937.

2. If the United States Government agree to the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to propose that the present note and your reply in similar terms be regarded as placing on record the understanding arrived at in this matter.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

ANTHONY EDEN

His Excellency

The Honourable

R. W. BINGHAM,

etc., etc., etc.

*The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

No. 2402

LONDON, *March 12, 1937*

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of March 12, 1937, in which you inform me that His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the Commonwealth of Australia and in the Dominion of New Zealand and also the Government of India desire to enter into an arrangement with the United States Government for the reciprocal reduction of visa fees in the following terms:—

(1) The fee for an ordinary visa, valid for one year within the validity of the travel document and for any number of journeys within that period shall, except as provided in paragraph (3) below, be \$2 or the approximate equivalent in local currency.

(2) The fee for a transit visa, valid for one year within the validity of the travel document and for any number of journeys in transit within that period shall, except as provided in paragraph (3) below, be 20 cents or the approximate equivalent in local currency. It is understood, however, that the exist-

ing practice of the United States Government of granting gratis transit certificates valid only for one entry, in lieu of transit visas, remains unaffected and that additional transit certificates may be granted to cover additional entries in transit.

(3) The fees for visas granted to citizens of the United States in territories under the administration of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia shall be

- (a) for an ordinary visa 8/—.
- (b) for a transit visa 2/—.

(4) The provisions of this arrangement are not held to apply to visas granted by the Consular authorities of the United States to prospective immigrants to the United States.

(5) The arrangements set out in the preceding paragraph shall apply

(a) to all visas granted under the authority of the United States Government.

(b) to all visas granted on American passports under the authority of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, in the Commonwealth of Australia and in the Dominion of New Zealand or of the Governments of Newfoundland, India and Southern Rhodesia.

(6) The arrangement shall come into force on 1st April, 1937.

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the United States Government agrees to the foregoing provisions and will regard the present note and your note under reply as placing on record the understanding arrived at in this matter.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest consideration,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

R. W. BINGHAM

The Right Hon^{ble}
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