

ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

Male, Maldives--.

29th. Rabeeul Akhir

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(13th. September 1931)

May it please Your Highness,

In regard to Your Highness's sending Your noble son, Prince Hasan Izzuddin abroad for medical treatment, in my humble opinion, Your Highness should follow the advice given by the Hon. Sir (then Mr.) B. H. Bourdillon, C. M. G., etc., who was sent to Male by the Ceylon Government to investigate into, and to advise for the betterment of, the Administration of the Maldiv Islands.

2. In the Hon. Sir Bourdillon's opinion the Prince should give up his unbecoming habits and start living in a manner pleasing to the people, and further, attend Your Highness on public occasions, attend the Service on Fridays, and generally shew himself in public, ere Your Highness should send him for medical treatment.

3. I do not think it advisable at all that Your Highness should disregard the sound advice given by the Hon. Sir Bourdillon, and send the Prince in a manner that may prove deplorable and unworthy--- with a large number of unsuitable and inexperienced / and servants, ere he has shown the Public that he has put into practice any of the advice given Your Highness by the Hon. Sir Bourdillon; neither do I think it sound that Your Highness should send the Prince to any other place save Colombo, for his medical treatment.

4. In short, in my opinion, Your Highness should send with the Prince, to look-after his health and to control the management of the household in general, a responsible and experienced noble, or any other person, who should also be advanced in years; besides four suitable servants, who should also be advanced in years and of good characters and one cook. In all I think it useless and inadvisable to send more than six attendants.

And as for the medical and other expences in ~~Ceylon~~ Ceylon, I think the Prince should suffice himself with Rs. 2000/- per month.

Your Highness, I have stated my views in regard to Your Highness's sending the Prince for medical treatment, as I do not think it advisable / for Your Highness / to follow any other policy

I have the honour to be
Your Highness's Most obedient Servant,

Sd./ ABDUL MAJID BIN EBRAHIM
DIDI,
Prime Minister.

His Highness
Sultan Muhammed Samsuddin Iskander, C. M. G.,
SULTAN of the MALDIVES.