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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Jurisdiction { No. 707
In the matter of the Estate of the late Vytlianather Veerasekarampillai of Anicottai Deceased.
Samukkam Tammaravar of Anicottai Petitioner.

1. Periatampi Vytlianather of Anicottai now at Cheku Street, Colombo. Respondents.
2. Tampaiah Mudr. Marukasepillai, wife of Chivakampillai of Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo, and
3. Kathiravelloppillai Samalukampillai of Cheku Street, Colombo. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Samukkam Tammaravar of Anicottai praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the above-named deceased Vytlianather Veerasekarampillai of Anicottai coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 8th day of February 1896 in the presence of Mr. T. M. Tampoo, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 6th day of February 1896 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin of the said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said Intestate, issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before the 23rd day of March 1896, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 8th day of February 1896.

H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Jurisdiction { No. 710
In the matter of the Estate of the late Tankam wife of Nakanmura Kachippillai of Vavuni Deceased.
Nakanmura Kachippillai of Vavuni Petitioner
and
1 Naganmura Kachippillai and
2 Nakanmura Kachippillai of Vavuni Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Nakanmura Kachippillai of Vavuni praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the above-named deceased Tankam wife of Nakanmura Kachippillai of Vavuni coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 18th day of February 1896 in the presence of S. P. G. Carpenter, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 19th day of February 1896 and his petition having been read.

It is declared that the Petitioner is the maternal uncle and next of kin of the said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other persons shall, on or before the 23rd day of March 1896, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
This 18th day of February, 1896. H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Jurisdiction { No. 724
In the matter of the Estate of the late Chinnaipillai wife of Chinmay Navachy of Thalavai Deceased.
Kannapathar Chinnaipillai of Thalavai Petitioner.
Vs.
Chinmay Navachy of Meeasali Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Kannapathar Chinnaipillai of Thalavai praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the above-named deceased Chinnaipillai wife of Chinmay Navachy coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 2nd day of March 1896 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 29th day of February 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of Letchumy the sister and one of the heirs of the said deceased intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before the 28th day of March 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 2nd day of March 1896. H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. Clear days followed by heavy dews, has been the rule. The sun in the middle of the day is very hot. There has been no rainfall registered during the month of February in the Peninsula.

Missionaries. Several of the Jaffna missionaries have left for six or eight weeks of rest and change at Kodakana, India. From the Church mission Rev. J. I. and Mrs. Pickford and the Misses Heaney and Saul; from the American mission Revs. T. B. Scott and R. C.

Hootings with their families, the Misses Dr. Grieve and Myers and Mr. I. L. Best. There was great trouble and delay in securing passage over, another evidence of the great need of some regular communication between Jaffna and South Indian ports.

The Supreme Court in Jaffna. Justice Withers with his staff of officers, including Mr. Prince, his Private Secretary, Mr. Swan the Registrar, Mr. Kayelaipillai, the Tamil Interpreter with also a Sinhalese Interpreter, arrived in Jaffna by steamer on the morning of the 26th ultimo. Returning from divine service at about 11 A.M. on the same day Justice Withers opened the first session for 96, under a salute of arms by a company of the local police guard. Mr. C. Roberts, an Advocate of Colombo bar conducted the prosecution. The Attorney General, the Hon'ble C. P. Layard who came to Jaffna on other duty, started the prosecution by conducting case No. 6 in the roll which had been taken up first for trial. The present sessions was comparatively a long one, and lasted till Saturday the 29th ult. The twelve cases which came up for trial on placing at the roll, appear to us to constitute heinous offences. But on watching the proceedings at the trial, which are considerably lengthy, and judging from the results of each case we are inclined to believe that falsehood and exaggeration have been imported into each case to give it the colour of a Supreme Court case. We are glad to hear that the Judge gave a patient hearing into each of the cases, and worked on some days very late on the evening in lamp light. The steamer which carried the Supreme Court staff sailed off to Point Pedro on the morning of Saturday the 29th inst., and the staff of the Supreme Court drove to Point Pedro on Sunday morning, got on board and sailed off to Trincomalee. The sessions at Trincomalee will commence on Monday the 2nd inst., when there are three cases for trial of which two are from Batticaloa. The following is a summary of the cases tried in Jaffna.

- No. 1 Mannar—murder and robbery—acquitted.
- No. 2 Jaffna—Forgery—acquitted.
- No. 3 Jaffna—Kidnapping—acquitted.
- No. 4 Vavunia—Murder—two of the accused to be hung.
- No. 5 Mallekum—Manslaughter—two years
- No. 6 Point Pedro—Theft—one year
- No. 7 Pt. Pedro—Rioting and grievous hurt—transferred to the D.C.
- Pt. Pedro—Manslaughter—acquitted.
- No. 9 Mallekum—Rioting and grievous hurt—five years and 25 lashes to each of the accused.
- No. 10 Chavagacheri—Rioting and grievous hurt—acquitted
- No. 11 Chavagacheri—Kidnapping—acquitted.
- No. 12 Jaffna—possessing false note—acquitted.

The Attorney General. The Hon. C. P. Layard arrived in Jaffna in the steamer which brought the Supreme Court members and returned on the same steamer. He visited the out station Courts with a view to inspect the mode of their working. Much of his time was spent in gathering facts from the members of the bar and others interested in judicial work, of the past and present arrangements of our Courts. He is inclined to effect a considerable retrenchment in the judicial department, and sooner or later we must be prepared to hear of a revolution in the arrangements of our Jaffna Courts.

A deputation consisting of seven of our lawyers waited on him on the afternoon of the 26th ult. at Queen's House. The Attorney General received them with courtesy, and seemed impressed with their statement that a separate and permanent Magistrate was needed for the Police Court of Jaffna. He promised to consider their request and asked the deputation to submit the necessary papers after his return to Colombo.

Mr. T. M. Tampoo From the Govt. Gazette we learn that Mr. Tampoo has been appointed to act as Commissioner and Police Magistrate of Jaffna and Mallekum. He assumed work on the 22nd ult.

P. N. S. Hospital. Dr. Ponnampalam has assumed duties at this Hospital as its Visiting Surgeon. He stays with his family at Chinnidhi in the bungalow which Dr. Grenier occupied.

Pearl Fishery. Capt. Donnan left Colombo last week to inspect the fishery banks and see what the prospects were for a pearl fishery soon.

The Govt. Agent. Mr. Jeyers accompanied by Mrs. Jeyers has been visiting several places in the Peninsula. Last week he was received at Changanai in a beautiful and costly pandal erected by the Batticaloa Municipality. From there he went to Kanganasantal, being received in several pandals on the way. On Monday of this week he went to Point Pedro via Valvettiturai where the headmen and others had put up a fine pandal. We trust his first impressions of our Peninsula will be favorable. He will find every where proof of the industry of the Jaffnese.

Crown Proctor. Mr. T. C. Changarapillai, Proctor S. has been appointed to act as Crown Proctor, Jaffna, during the appointment of Mr. T. M. Tampoo as Magistrate.

Mr. C. W. Catheravalloppillai. On or about the 10th inst. Mr. Catheravalloppillai expects to proceed to Delft to hold judicial sittings in that island, and he is expected to stay there for about a month.

The Ceylon Educational Association. Dr. Copleston, the Lord Bishop of Colombo, has been elected President of this Association.

The Postmaster General. Mr. T. E. B. Skinner, the Postmaster General, has gone home on three months privilege pay, after which he will send in his paper for retirement. Mr. F. W. Vane, the Assistant Postmaster General, will act for him till the arrival of Mr. C. E. D. Pennington, who is expected back shortly from England.

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U. T. Arnold,

Mr. J. R. ARNOLD.

Our readers have ere this learned of the death of the Tamil editor of the *Morning Star*, Mr. J. R. Arnold. Just after the last issue of the *Star* had been struck off, Thursday afternoon Feb. 20th, he breathed his last at his home in Manipay. Mr. Arnold was born Oct 11th 1820, at Manipay. His parents were both rigid Si-vites, though his great grandfather must have been at least a nominal Christian as he was employed under the Dutch government. When only 12 years old he joined the Batticotta Seminary where he studied for 8 years, graduating in 1840. Messrs. Nevins, Carroll, Austin, Rogers, McLean, Dr. Evans and Rev. D. Stickney were some of the other members of his class, all of whom save Mr. Stickney have passed away. On graduating from the Seminary, Mr. Arnold was employed as a teacher for three or four years in the Manipay English school during the time when Rev. Mr. Hutchings was the resident American missionary. In 1844 he accompanied Father Smith to Madura where he remained but a few weeks, and on his return was appointed teacher in the English school at Chavagacherri under Rev. Mr. Meigs. Two years later he was transferred to the Uduvil English school, and while here he first began work as a munshi to the missionaries, Miss Capell, Lady Principal of Uduvil Boarding school, being his first missionary pupil. The same year he was married to one Margaret Nitchie, a graduate of the Boarding school. In 1847 he was employed as one of the teachers in the Boarding school when Miss Agnew made her first attempt to acquire under him a knowledge of the Tamil language. The following year he accompanied Dr. Spaulding to Madura where he spent two months in revising the Tamil Bible. Returning to Jaffna he resumed work at Uduvil becoming in 1854 the Head Master of the Boarding School. While at Uduvil he studied Theology going at stated times to Batticotta to recite.

June 1857 (after the closing of the old Seminary) saw him transferred to Batticotta to commence work under Rev. M. Sanders as Editor of the Tamil pages of the *Morning Star* which position he held for nearly 39 years, or until his death.

During this time he was frequently employed by the American mission as a munshi. Dr. Howard, Miss Susan Howard, Rev. R. C. Hastings, and Messrs. K. E. Hastings and H. B. Traux (now Mrs. Hastings) were all his pupils. In 1851 he became the Tamil Pundit of Jaffna College which post he held for ten years.

Mr. Arnold held several positions of trust. He was Treasurer of the Batticotta High school, of the Jaffna Board of Education, of Naval Church, Secretary for some years of the Native Evangelical Society, a Director of Jaffna College, one of the first Directors of the Jaffna Trading Company &c. &c. His wife died in 1875. Of their ten children, six died in infancy and one other died soon after her marriage. Two sons Proctor S.T. Arnold, and Mr. S.C. Arnold, and a daughter, the wife of Mr. William Mather the Agent of the Ceylon Steamship Company, are the sole survivors. We extend to them and to the grandchildren our heart felt sympathy. May the Divine Comforter give them strength and solace in this their time of need.

Mr. Arnold is the author of several works in Tamil many of them in poetry. His *திருப்பாடம்* was published in 1849. The *பொதுவெதாசாரம்* on the doctrines of the Bible followed in 1852. A moral poem entitled *சந்தேசநிகாந்தம்* was published three or four years later, followed soon after by a book on Universal History and a treatise on Astronomy, both in prose. In 1869 was published his "Moral Tales," which has had considerable of a circulation. His later works were a collection of Christian Lyrics, and in prose "Lives of Tamil Poets" and the "Family Mirror." As Editor of the *Morning Star*, Mr. Arnold was greatly respected. His style was clear and sparkling with wit. Complaint was sometimes made that he used too high Tamil but never has he been accused of lowering the standard of pure Tamil. He was a scholar to the day of his death, always busy in learning new things. His loss as editor of the *Star* will be greatly felt, and it is hoped his successor will be one who will be able to follow in his footsteps as far as pure chaste Tamil is concerned.

Mr. Arnold was a Christian man uniting with Batticotta church in 1835 while only 15 years of age. A gentleman in the true sense of the word, kind and courteous to all, wise in counsel, he seldom or never made enemies. His loyalty to the American mission was unquestioned, and he ever took a deep interest in its prosperity.

His end was peace. A large number of friends and relatives were present at the funeral, the services being conducted at the house. The pastors of Manipay and Uduvil churches officiated, and remarks were made by the missionaries present. Dr. Scott bore witness to Mr. Arnold's fearlessness of death. When asked if he feared to die, he replied, quoting a line from one of his own poems, — *உடம்புநின்றுநின்றுகொண்டிருக்கிறேன், உடம்பு இவ்வளவு வலித்து, I should not be here without coming to Thee.*"

PUBLIC DINNER TO SIR WILLIAM TWYNAM, K. C. M. G.

We take parts of the report of this dinner as published in the *Examiner* and give them in the *Star* for the benefit of our readers. Want of space must be our excuse for not printing it in full.

The public dinner which was arranged by a Committee of gentlemen to bid farewell to Sir William Twynam on his retirement from the office of the Government Agent of the Northern Province, took place at Jaffna on Saturday last. The tables were arranged in the shape of an H, in the centre of the middle one of which sat Mr. J. J. Casie Chetty, the Police Magistrate of Point Pedro who presided, having Sir William Twynam on his right and Mr. Justice Willes on his left. Just opposite to were Mr. C. W. Catharavalogil, the veteran P. M. of Kays, with Mr. Layard, Attorney-General and Mr. R. W. Jeyar, the new G. A. The dinner was laid in the large dining hall at Queen's House in the Fort, and the walls of the room were tastefully decked with flowers and flags. One table was occupied by many Si-vite gentlemen with sweetmeats and grapes, &c. The function was a decided success, and the guests all present are due to the able management of the Committee, comprising the following gentlemen:—G. A. Van Houten, J. J. Casie Chetty, T. M. Tampoe, Bastiampillai Mudaliyar, Simon Olegasaram, Vittaligam, Elengaracha Mudaliyar, and Dr. Paul. Mr. T. M. Tampoe was Secretary to the Committee. The following were the guests to whom invitations were issued:—

Sir William Twynam, Mr. Justice Willes, E. H. Prince, Private Secretary, Hon. C. P. Layard, H. H. Cameron, R. W. Jeyar, Capt. Bismeter, R. A. Capt. Whiteley, B. Horsburgh, C. S. S. Swan, Clarence Roberts, and Mudaliyar C. de Silva, and a large number of subscribers.

Menu.

Soup.

Fish and Oyster Sauce.

Entrée.

Salmon of Duck.

Curled Mutton and Tomato Sauce.

Chicken & Ham Patties.

Joints.

Roast Turkey-Ham.

Boiled Mutton.

Asparagus & Peas &c.

Pudding.

Plum pudding.

Cherry Tart & Custard.

Trifle-Chocolate Flummary.

Dessert.

Cheese Fondue.

Dessert.

THE TOAST LIST

was well gone through:—

"THE QUEEN."

Shortly after 10 o'clock, the Chairman rose and proposed "The Queen." The toast was drunk to the strains of the National Anthem rendered by a party of Jaffna Fiddlers. This was followed by the toast of H. E. the Governor.

"THE GUEST OF THE EVENING, SIR WILLIAM TWYNAM" was next proposed by the Chairman, Mr. Casie Chetty, who was received with great applause. He said it gave him the highest pleasure to propose to the toast. He wished it had been entrusted to better hands and that the honour had fallen on his worthy shoulders than his; but as he had been selected he would try to do his best. They were met there that evening to do honour to one whom the Queen was delighted to honour, a man to whom the motto *more consueverunt* was so perfectly applicable, and of whom their whole Province was so proud. It was no secret that Sir W. Twynam had before him the administrative policy of his distinguished predecessor Mr. Dyke, and that he always intended to follow the lines of his policy. Passing to the works he had executed in the Province the speaker referred to the Great Causeway at Karative, to Elephant Pass, the connection of the Island with the Peninsula of Jaffna and to the beautiful Market Buildings, all which were due to their chief. He also referred to the effective part taken by him in having the obnoxious Grain Tax abolished, and in having the medical wants of the people of the Province well attended to. The health of the people was of great importance, and as regards the measures taken to preserve the general health of the people, their Province could compare favourably with any Province in the Island, and could not be beaten by any not even the Western Province. Their roads were equal to the best roads in England and were perfectly safe from the foot of the mountain. Women safely returned from market at 8 p.m. along these roads—a statement he could not make with regard to the roads in England. The restoration of the ancient tanks in the Manna and Mullatt districts was referred to, and also the absence of any theft of predaial produce in the Northern Province. Their guest had always allowed perfect freedom of religion and had encouraged education during his time in the Province, and in having the Clergy in their good work and had thus assisted in the progress of education. The speaker mentioned the fact that their guest was contemplating a visit to Madura in Southern India. Madura was known as "The Tamil London," and by his visit to this place, where he would gain—such as was possible—a greater insight into the manners and customs of the Tamils, Sir W. Twynam would connect and link himself with the Tamils by another strong link. (Loud cheering.)

The toast of "Sir William and Lady Twynam" was then drunk to the accompaniment of the well known strains of "He's a jolly good fellow."

SIR WILLIAM TWYNAM—who was much moved—in returning thanks said: As I look around this room to night, and see assembled here to do me honour representatives of so many classes and creeds, I can scarcely find words to ex-

press my thanks for your attendance here. Your Chairman has referred to me so kindly as one whom Her Majesty has deputed to honour. I do not think any man has yet carried any honour by his own power alone, and this honour which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer on me I certainly would not have had, were it not for the true and able assistance I have received from the loyal people of this Province during my administration. I am surrounded here to night by gentlemen who have been my most loyal and faithful. Here now are Mr. Justice Willes, Mr. Justice Willes who when he was in the Civil Service served me faithfully as my Office Assistant and as Assistant Agent of a District in my Province (applause). There opposite me is our Attorney-General. I do not know Mr. Layard very well personally, but I know his father very well, and I know his family. I am sure every one here is as glad as I am of his presence here to-day. Then here is Mr. Horsburgh who was a short time ago my Office Assistant and there is Mr. Cameron your D. J. who served under me before. They seated at that table are Native gentlemen who have always served me faithfully and who have been my friends. I always endeavoured to follow in the lines of Mr. Dyke's policy. I knew his feelings towards the Province and I have all along tried to carry out his plans to the best of my ability. The works which your Chairman has referred to, though carried out by me were planned and executed by his administration of this Province.

RAILWAY TO JAFFNA.

It has been said by some that I opposed the scheme for a Railway to Jaffna. I am so glad of this opportunity to remove this erroneous statement. (Applause) It will be simply absurd for anyone to oppose this Railway. I defy any one to point out in anything I have ever written or said that I opposed it. As regards the question "Will it pay?" I cannot say whether it will pay or not until I know what the cost of it will be. It is likely that the cost will be a poor return on the outlay at first. But the fact of its having to be worked at a loss at the start need not be an obstacle if it be for the future benefit of the country. I may as well try to mop up the ocean as oppose the idea. I have always been strongly in favour of irrigation. But Railways will be no good unless you have water to irrigate first. There is no doubt that the Government Tank will be a great improvement to Manna and her people and will help them a very great deal. In conclusion Sir William Twynam thanked the company for the great honour they had done him and for their attendance there that night—Cheers were then called for him and were heartily accorded.

Several other toasts were proposed in which the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, and our new Government Agent responded.

IRRIGATION IN JAFFNA.

To the Editor Morning Star.

Sir,

The late Provincial Engineer found it necessary owing to the deteriorating state of the drinking water about the town of Jaffna, to propose that a supply of good water be drawn either from the Keerimalai Springs or from the Pottu well.

As far as the Pottu well is concerned, the latter undertaking can be achieved however expensive it may be. Still as the water in the well below 45 feet is saltish, and the fresh water that seeps above this might soon be exhausted; fear that the salt water from below 45 feet might rise to the surface.

The ancient Kings might have found it impracticable to supply water either for irrigation or drinking purposes by these means, and we can at the same time judge from the engineering irrigation works yet extant in the Island, how able and capable engineers were the Hindus who planned these magnificent works of irrigation in the Island. It seems the ancient Tamil Kings found no other alternative but to store up all the surplus rain water in tanks or ponds as provided in the Peninsula so as to mitigate to a very great extent the contingencies of a drought.

We see a very large number of tanks or ponds scattered all over the Peninsula. It would be found that millions and millions of cubic yards of soil can admirably be stored when all the surplus rain water in the Island has been done and the tanks and channels put in order.

The Peninsula of Jaffna being a flat low land, only a few feet above the level of the sea, and the rainfall for the last 20 or 25 years having been very precarious the water from the sea has commenced to ooze in, in small subterranean springs, and thus the wells in the Peninsula are almost all getting brackish in the absence of any percolation from the surface.

It is not the duty of the representative of our paternal Government in the Province to study over this most vital subject, adequately represent all the wants of the inhabitants of the Peninsula and see the necessary works commenced, so that we may have first and foremost a good fresh supply of drinking water. The cost of the tank and the cost of the vegetation surrounding the tank will grow vigorously and be productive.

The Government is spending a large sum of money yearly in restoring irrigation works in other Provinces of the Island whereas the Northern Province gets a scanty supply of the revenue the 300,000 inhabitants of the Province pay out taxes as others living in the other Provinces. Is it not the duty of the Government to look after our needs as well as after the well being of other Provinces?

Yours faithfully, A. Parrot.

NEWS FROM THE WORLD WIDE.

Africa. At Johannesburg 20 tons of dynamite having exploded through exposure to the sun, 100 people were killed, and several hundreds wounded.

More troops are under orders for Abyssinia. Dr. Jameson and his officers landed in London the 25th ult. and were charged at the Police station with undertaking a military expedition against a friendly State. They were each bailed for £2,000 to appear in court adjourned for a fortnight. The law officers will prosecute.

Australia. A terrible and lamentable accident occurred at South Bassane Beach February 13th. A small steamer carrying over 80 passengers came into collision with another steamer's anchor chain and sank almost immediately. Some 40 persons were drowned.

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