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Jaffna S. T. Arnold,
1st June 1896 Secretary.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary No. 771.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Ampalavann Marikar of Chankana. Deceased.
Parupathy widow of Ampalavann Marikar of Chankana Petitioner.

1 Marikar Pillayann of Pulloyst
2 Marikar Arumchann of Chankana Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Parupathy widow of Ampalavann Marikar of Chankana praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Ampalavann Marikar of Chankana coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 22nd day of May 1896 in the presence of Mr. Thambiah S. Cooke Doctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 22nd day of May 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful widow of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of June 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed the 22nd day of May, 1896. H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary No. 766.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Chitamparanan Marikar of Tyddid. Deceased.
Valaiatt Vallipparam of Tyddid Petitioner.

1 Malanur Kachipilly
2 Chitamparanan wife of Vallipparam Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Valaiatt Vallipparam of Tyddid praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Chitamparanan Marikar of Tyddid coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 13th day of May 1896 in the presence of Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 13th day of May 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is a sole widow of the said Intestate and 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 24th day of June 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed the 13th day of May 1896. H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

WANTED.

A Matron for the Girls Boarding School at Kalmunai, Batticaloa.
For particulars apply to the
Rev. A. E. Restarick.
29th May, 1896. Vembadi, Jaffna.

Local & General.

Tobacco. It is claimed that the tobacco crop has been injured in some localities so that the quality is inferior. The market, moreover, seems to be over stocked so that the prospect for large returns from this cultivation do not seem promising.

Farmers. Everywhere the farmers are busy not only in cutting and curing the tobacco, but also in preparing the ground and sowing the dry grains. It is an exceedingly busy season, and coolies for other purposes can with great difficulty only be secured. The fruit crop especially of mangoes and jaks, does not seem likely to be very abundant.

Sea weed. Large quantities of sea-weed are being washed up all along the south western coast, and coolies are busy carting it away to the fields for which it makes excellent manure.

D. C. Modatlar. Mr. F. Modr. Ellankansayya Modr., the Inter-protector of the District Court, has been asked to retire from active service. He has been employed for about 40 years, and is to retire from his last August. We hope he will live long to enjoy his well earned pension.

Rev. E. K. Alden D. D. The last mail brought news of the death of Dr. Alden for a long time and of the Secretary of the American Board. He resigned his position a year or two ago when he had been living in retirement. With the death of Dr. Alden the American Board's missionary society loses three of its most valued and useful officers. Their successors are all new and comparatively young men.

Warning. We must decline in future to publish any signs of news written on a Postal Card or signed anonymously. The Star should not be used as a medium for venting one's spite publicly, or for promoting private quarrels.

Jaffna Kutcherry. We hope the rumour that "Old Park" is to be cut up into building lots is untrue. If the high officials must have houses of their own to dwell in, let the Government purchase land in the vicinity of the Kutcherry. If thought best, and put up the necessary buildings, but refrain from spoiling grounds laid out by Mr. Dyke with so much care, and kept up even since in a good state of preservation. We shall be sorry to see the old Park, which has been cut up into building lots, to be cut up into building lots.

Golden Penny. It is reported in the Ceylon Observer that £250 was paid recently for a gold penny of the reign of Henry III. It is said to have been coined in the year 1257 and almost immediately recalled. Only three specimens, excluding this, are supposed to be in existence which accounts in part for the high value set upon this coin.

Personal. Mr. T. K. Crossette of the American Mission College in Alhambra, Bombay Presidency, having been on a brief visit to Jaffna, has now returned to his duties there. Mr. Christiana A. of Calcutta is visiting his parents at Tiliyapilly. Mr. C. R. Moody, Pay Master, Port of Call, has returned to Jaffna, on three months leave.

Wesleyan Mission. Rev. Mr. Solomon has come from Manar and taken charge of the Ploly circuit, Point Pedro station. Rev. Mr. Calman will leave for his new sphere of labor by the next steamer. Mr. Rev. Walton and family arrived at Mr. Pedro two or three days ago, to take up the work at that station. The Rev. Mr. Deane and family are on their way to Manar. The Rev. Mr. Fletcher and family have arrived at their new station of Trincomalee.

Police Magistrate. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cassie Chetty were at "last home" yesterday, being the anniversary of their eldest daughter's birth. Leading men of the place, Government officials, headmen, merchants &c. and the girls of the local Boarding school, honored the occasion with their presence and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Silver Wedding. The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Vm. Mather of the Ceylon Steamship Company came off on Sunday the 31st May. After the usual service in the Church, a special prayer meeting was held in which they consecrated themselves anew to the service of their Lord. A touching speech was made by Mr. Mather.

The C. M. S. The Church Missionary Society is making arrangements for celebrating its centenary. This prosperous Society will complete its first century of existence in April 1899.

Sudden Death. A school boy of Kairibadi, Nunavil died a few days ago by falling from a coconut tree.

Cattle Disease. The report comes from Chacra, where this disease is quite prevalent in that district. Up to the close of last week over 40 head of cattle had died. The attention of the authorities should be called to this state of things, lest it become epidemic and bring great loss upon the inhabitants of the peninsula.

War Expenses. It is said that the naval expenditure of Great Britain for 1895-96 is at the rate of over 10 millions per head of population, while that of France is only a little over 5 millions. Germany is 1 shilling 8 pence, and the United States the shilling 9 pence per head. The Naval estimate of expenditure of Great Britain for 1896 is nearly double what it was 25 years ago. The annual cost of all the armies and navies of Europe is £230,000,000, being double what it was 25 years ago.

Dispatch of Mails. From and after the 8th inst. mails for Colombo will be despatched at the office in Jaffna at 10 a.m. and despatched at 11.

Mails from Pt. Pedro, Raysa, Kanganasatunai and Manapay will arrive in Jaffna at 10 a.m. and be forwarded to these out-stations from Jaffna at 3 p.m. The forwarding carried out during the past few months, and we hope that complaints will now cease.

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தீதாகவும் உத்தரவுபெற்றவர்.

INDEPENDENCE.

True independence does not mean that there is to be no law or authority. Nor yet does it mean a state in which one may insult others who do not agree with him. It implies having one's own opinion and carrying out one's own course of action subject to all just laws and recognized authority. We fear that there are many in Jaffna who calling themselves independent, are ignorant nevertheless of the very first principles of independence. They seem to think that it is a mainly thing to be loud in expressing an utter indifference to the opinions or wishes of others. They strut about and say that they are not bound to ancient customs and can do as they like. They owe no allegiance to any master on heaven or earth, and can manage their own affairs. If a friend remonstrates concerning a certain line of action, he is insulted and told to mind his own business. And yet these independent folks are not able to break loose from an ancient custom like caste for instance. They are not independent enough to refuse to contract evil habits because they are evil. They lack the courage of their conviction if they have any of their own; and if not they are simply weak imitators, who will follow another so far only as it falls in with their own desires. Jaffna has no need of such selfishly independent characters.

We believe in cultivating a spirit of independence. It is greatly needed here where there is so much servility, so much dependence on others among all classes of people. But it is perfectly compatible with a spirit of independence to defer to the opinion of those who are older and wiser than ourselves. It is also quite within the limits of independence to hold in abeyance opinions we are in the process of forming concerning questions of the day. It is easy enough to express an opinion but it may be far from a right or just one if no thought has been given to the subject.

In practice, it would be well for our lads to pay their own way through College for example. They may not have means to pay in full for an education. Let them show their independence by working for and earning the help they need. No honest labor is degrading. Again, when our young men are ready to form a marriage alliance let them show their independence not in spurning all dowry as beneath their notice, but in refusing to allow it to influence them in their choice of a wife. Let caste distinctions be ignored. The very fact that not a Christian young man would dare to marry a girl who was greatly beneath him in caste, shows how strongly caste is still entrenched in the minds of the people. Here then is a wide field in which to cultivate a spirit of independence.

And in all things let there be a spirit of charity. I may not agree with my brother regarding an important question; let us agree to disagree. Let me treat him kindly and courteously and in a Christ-like spirit. Independence of thought and action, that is calm and dispassionate and Christ-like, will elevate any nation, and make it a power for good in the world. When Ceylon is able to prove that it is capable of governing itself, it will be time enough for it to become an independent nation. May that day be not far distant.

POWER AND PROMISE.

This is the title of the report of the Wesleyan Mission for 1895, a few extracts from which we give our readers. The report was evidently prepared by the Chairman Mr. Trimmer before leaving for England and is full of interesting facts showing the progress of the work during the year under review. We quote—

"Our Sunday schools grow in estimation and usefulness. It is with satisfaction that we report an increase of 3 schools, 20 teachers and 919 scholars during the year. The Vedda mission near Batticaloa has had six converts baptized, and seems to be rapidly consolidating. We report 82 adult and 91 infant baptisms during the year. We report also an increase of 577 boys, and 159 girls in the rolls of our various schools. The total has now reached the number of 10,110. All means to increase the efficiency of these schools in every respect are used.

The Medical mission at Batticaloa has had a very successful year. 2,913 patients have been treated at Dispensaries and 2,477 in their houses. To all alike the Saviour is preached. The Medical class contains 20 girls, while 3 girls are gaining clinical practice by attending Miss Taylor in her work.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Trincomalee grows in importance and usefulness. It is computed that on an average 100 men per night come to the Home. During the year about 20 conversions have taken place."

Several new buildings have been erected, the most important of which is the Girls' Boarding School hall, class rooms &c at Vempadi. The visit of Rev. T. Cooke, evangelist, to Batticaloa and Trincomalee is dwelt upon at length in the reports from those stations.

THE JAFFNA CHRISTIAN PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

The 4th annual meeting of this Association was held at St. Paul's school room, Vempadi on Tuesday the 26th of May 1896, being presided over by the Rev. T. S. Smith the President of the Association. The meeting was honored by the presence of about 300 Christians of the three denominations. The general meeting was opened at 6.30 p. m. with a hymn sung by the Boarding school girls which was followed by the reading of I Tim. 5: 1-10 by the Rev. D. P. Niles and prayer by Rev. J. V. Benjamin. The Secretary read the annual report stating that the increase of membership during the year was 20 and the total membership at the close of the fourth year was 112. The President in a brief opening speech said that he was obliged to be absent from the previous year's annual meeting owing to his being in India but that he was always working for the growth of the Association by urging those over whom he has charge as a Missionary to join this Association without delay and that he would advise every Christian to become a member. Then he called on the Rev. T. P. Hunt of Chavagachery to move "Resolved and pray the report read by the Secretary." He in an interesting manner "sang" the Association's song which started on the basis of a Christian principle—the principle of love. The love towards widows was not existing among our ancient Hindus who encouraged the practice of Suttee. It does not exist even now among our modern high caste Hindus who adopt the custom of treating the widows miserably by having their head shaved. The Christians on the other hand having pity towards the poor and needy try their best to make them happy. This Association will be blessing to our widows as it renders help in a lamp when the head of the family is removed. After further remarks he moved that the report read by the Secretary might be adopted and printed. Rev. D. P. Niles seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. Then the Boarding school girls sang another lyric suited to the occasion. Upon the request of the President the President W. T. Garrett read the balance sheet showing the fund of the Association to be Rs. 1,324.54 as audited by Dr. F. Grenier M. A. and G. W. Woodhouse Esq. C. C. S. The next speaker was the Revd. A. E. Roselrick of the Wesleyan Mission who was asked to speak just an hour before the general meeting commenced as the appointed speaker was away owing to ill health. His subject was "The independent association of other lands" was his subject. The venerable speaker remarked that the way of investment in other lands was only of recent date but that it was not intended for the last few centuries. He said that there were (a) house insurance (b) marine insurance (c) and burglary insurance by which the losses met by others and their values were secured and that there are companies started with the object of giving help to the members and there are companies which help the members and there are other companies which help the members and the companies &c. All these are started on the same basis as that of this association the chief object of all being the rendering of help. He was glad to see the organization of lay associations by Jaffna Christians in whom he noticed that the trust needed to start similar societies was on the increase.

Our popular Police Magistrate T. M. Tampoo Esq., who is also a member of this association was next called upon to speak on "The need of a provident association for Jaffna Christians." The speaker called the attention of the audience to the fact that the Jaffna Christians were blessed in various ways. As a general rule Christian children are more intelligent than those of others. In education they stand ahead the first B. A.'s of Batticaloa being Jaffna Christians and the last Jaffna B. A. being a Hindu Christian. Of the five bachelors of Ceylon 3 were Christians of whom two were Jaffna Christians. After referring to some well known blessed Christian families of Jaffna he urged every Christian to do his best towards co-operations so that the Christians may be blessed more and more. He said that the end and aim of this association was to provide means to the helpless for the future. The life of a Christian was for the future world. There was a similarity in this association in that it provides for the future. The organization of such a society as this was essential for rich as well as poor. The government compels every one of its officers to join the Widow and Orphan Fund. He would earnestly ask, though not compel every Christian to favor the association by joining it at once. The president having requested every member of the association present at the occasion to secure one member each during the fifth year closed the meeting with the benediction at 9.30 p. m. A. ABRAHAM Secretary.

CRETE.

The telegraphic news from this island is of so alarming a nature, that a few words concerning its history may not be uninteresting to our readers. In ancient times it bore the name of Iudea, while now it is called either Crete or Candia. It lies directly south of the Greek Archipelago, and is about 160 miles in length, its breadth varying from 5 to 35 miles.

The history of this island goes back at least 1200 years before Christ at which time it was governed by its own kings. In 67 B. C. it was conquered by the Romans under Metellus who gave it the name of "Creteus." When the Roman Empire split in two, it fell to the share of the monarch at Constantinople. In the ninth century the Saracens invaded the island and built one of its chief cities. In 1204 it was given to the Venetians. In the middle of the seventeenth century after a war lasting 24 years the island was conquered by the Turks under whose control it has been ever since. Several times during the past 250 years, the inhabitants of that small island have rebelled

against their rulers, and as often been subdued. The worst insurrection was just thirty years ago since which date the island has enjoyed comparative quiet. The trouble now has arisen from the failure of the Porte to carry out the reforms he solemnly promised to do at the Berlin Congress of 1878. It would seem, however, as if the massacres in Armenia had something to do in provoking this revolt.

Of the population of 200,000 about one-third are Turks, the others being Greeks and Christians. There are but three important towns, the largest having between fifteen and twenty thousand inhabitants.

Crete is for the most part mountainous, the gray or white marble being found in abundance. Mount Ida of legend fame lies in the north west; it is of gray marble and destitute of verdure.

The soil is fertile and wheat is very largely grown. The exports are chiefly oil, wool, and fruits. The island should properly be a dependency of Greece, and we hope the close of Turkish misrule is drawing near.

LOCALS—Continued.

Postal. It is notified that all letters containing valuables including cheques &c. sent by post from one place to another in the island shall have to be registered and insured at the post offices. This compulsory regulation came into force with the 1st inst.

Ordination. In the ordination service held in the Cathedral at Colombo on the 31st ult., Revs. G. C. Handy B. A. of St. John's College, Chundigum, A. T. Williams of Kookavil and A. R. Venasingham of Colombo (son-in-law of Rev. D. P. Niles) have been ordained as priests.

Deaths. With much regret we have to report the death of Mrs. Ezekiel Hunt in Monywa, Upper Burma. She and her three children went to join the husband and father some weeks ago. On the 1st of May came a telegram announcing the death of the second child of the family. Three weeks later, the mother followed her son. She was an earnest Christian woman, and her loss is deeply felt. Our sympathies are with the bereaved family and relatives. Cm.

NEWS FROM THE JAFFNA COUNCIL.

The Nellore Temple Case. Judgment in this celebrated case was delivered on the 27th ult. in favor of the petitioners. The defendants have taken an appeal from the said judgment, and it appears that the same interest will be evoked by both the parties in the Appeal case which was shown in the court below. The real contention is as to the management of the said temple by two rival managers.

Court Circular. The District Judge received a circular from the Attorney General requesting him to forward a list of cases pending in the District Court under the value of Rs. 300, and which have not been disposed of by evidence. This information is asked for with the view of transferring such cases to the respective courts of Requests.

The Secretary of the District Court has been made an additional Chief Clerk, and from the 1st inst. cases between the value of Rs. 100 and 300 are entrusted by Mr. Ganesan in his capacity as additional Commissioner of Requests for the Division of Jaffna and processes of such cases are signed by the additional Chief Clerk. This Court of Requests Ordinance has therefore made any practical difference to the suitors in the Minor Courts of Jaffna and Malakam. The reduction of the stamp duty is however a great relief to the people.

Lawyers. Mr. Advocate Chellappah, a brother-in-law of Dr. Roselrick of Colombo is in Jaffna on a visit Mr. Gandaph from Trincomalee was in Jaffna last week in connection with a case instituted against his brother-in-law Mr. Notary Kandaper of Pololy by Mr. Coorari Mr. Advocate Nagalingam has gone to Mannar as a special refresher in a case of riot, for the defence. Mr. Advocate Allankoon who went to Colombo on private business a fortnight ago, has returned.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Crete. An insurrection has broken out in Crete, and the situation is grave. The Sultan's Porte is endeavoring to appease the insurgents. Fighting is seen the Turkish Christians going on in the streets of Candia. The British Mediterranean Squadron has sailed for the island. All the Foreign Consuls have telegraphed to their respective Governments for assistance. The Turkish government has sent reinforcements. Russia has informed the Porte that any massacre in Crete will lead to grave results for Turkey. Martial law has been proclaimed.

Egypt. Cholera is increasing in Egypt. On the 22nd and 23rd of May 70 deaths took place at Cairo, and 45 at Alexandria. Visitors had commenced to leave the country in great numbers. On the 28th it was reported that cholera was spreading to an alarming extent in Cairo. The report of June 4th says cholera is decreasing.

Madagascar. The French Cabinet has decided to introduce a bill declaring Madagascar a French colony, so as to enable France to cancel the previous treaties between Madagascar and foreign Powers.

Russia. The coronation of the Tsar was completed on the forenoon of May 26th with a splendid pageant. The ceremony was most impressive. The Tsar has issued a manifesto in which he renounces all claims of taxation, reduces the land tax by half for ten years, also grants amnesty for all minor offenders and remits and reduces other sentences.

A terrible catastrophe took place on the 30th May at the People's feast near Moscow. The impatience of the crowd of several hundred thousands of people to reach the sheds where the presents of food were being distributed caused a terrible crush, in which 2,700 were trampled to death. Over 1,300 corpses have already been taken to the cemetery. It is thought that many have been taken to their homes. The catastrophe was largely due to the absence of proper police measures.

United States. A terrible cyclone passed over St. Louis Missouri, in which over 500 persons were killed and 750 injured. Thousands have been rendered homeless. The damage done amounts to five million pounds sterling.

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