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Jaffna 15th Sept. 1896. S. T. Arnold, Secretary

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 791.

Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Kannanpillai wife of Murguesapillai of Vannarponne Deceased.

Ilathalaivaingana Iregunata Modilar Tillanar of Vannarponne Petitioner.

Vasanthamby Murguesapillai of Jaffna now residing at Singapore Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Ilathalaivaingana Iregunata Modilar Tillanar of Vannarponne praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kannanpillai wife of Murguesapillai of Vannarponne coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 10 day of September 1896 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of September 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the father of the said intestate and 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 30th day of October 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 14th day of September 1896. H. H. CAMERON, District Judge.

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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 298.

Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Last will and Testament of the late Punnai Velopillai of Tambagamam. Deceased.

Valupillai Tampappillai of Tambagamam. Petitioner.

1. Chittamparappillai Ponniah, his wife
2. Ampikaisachan.
3. Veerankutiar Nallatampi, his wife
4. Mutupillai.
5. Vyravir Appacutty and his wife
6. Vallammallai of Tambagamam. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Velopillai Tampappillai of Tambagamam praying for fresh grant of Letters of Administration with the Will annexed is issued to the Petitioner, coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 7th day of August 1896 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 15th day of July 1896 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said Testator and as such is entitled to have fresh Letters of Administration with the will annexed issued to him, unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of September 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed on this 7th day of August 1896. H. CAMERON, District Judge.

Local & General.

Board of Education. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen, viz, the Director of Public Instruction, the Senior Inspector of Schools, the Principal of the Royal College, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colombo, the very Rev. Father Collins and Mr. Charles of the Wesleyan Mission. This forms a strong body, though we think it may have been more appropriate to have appointed the Principals of the College, the Church, Roman Catholic and Wesleyan missions. The duties of the Board will be, (1) To consider, discuss, and advise upon all matters referred to it by the Governor.

(2) To conduct the examinations for teachers prescribed in the Revised Code.

(3) To perform such other duties in connection with education as may be, from time to time, entrusted to it by the Governor.

(4) To meet the Director of Public Instruction for consultative purposes whenever he wishes to avail himself of its advice and assistance.

The Governor at Galle. His Excellency has been visiting the Southern Province. At Galle he was received with every demonstration of loyalty and good will. In the course of his reply to the address of welcome His Excellency said, "Promises I never make, decisions I seldom announce when on a visit of inquiry as at present. My business here is to study your wants and to gain and assimilate information. Promises and decisions I reserve for the cold isolation of my office far away from these seductive influences." These words will commend themselves to all thoughtful readers.

Miss Garrett. We are glad to learn that the sister of Rev. W. T. Garrett, the Principal of Central College, has decided to come out to Jaffna as an independent mission worker. She will make her home in her brother's family.

The Geykhanah meet. The sports are to take place on Saturday the 19th inst. on the Esplanade Jaffna. We have not taken receipt of the programme for the day, but before the time will be well taken up.

The Christian Patriot and Native Christians. This weekly issued in Madras is a staunch supporter of the native church, and native Christians. It is a paper conducted with great ability and while refusing to ignore the faults and mistakes of missionaries, has been ever been courteous and kind though outspoken in criticism. In a recent issue it speaks rather severely of a class of native Christians of whom we occasionally see a specimen in Jaffna. "The insufferable air of conceit which some of our brethren carry about them is hateful to the European. They do not care to be corrected and they have no respect for their superiors. In this respect we have to learn from the European. In subordinate positions he is the perfect pattern of respect and obedience. For mistakes in judgment and impertinence for independence and straightforwardness is the vice of the growing Indian Christian community. If there is one vice greater than this, it is an ignorant imitation of European customs and manners to a ridiculous extent. It pains the hearts of European missionaries and those interested in our community to see such mistakes committed by Indian Christians. They would gladly check them but—glad the truth must be told—such advice is generally thrown away. It is supposed that natives do not care to be corrected when they see. Natives adopt the customs. We do not refer to the question of dress, but the aying of the Europeans in social customs and habits, not from knowledge but from ignorance. God grant that our community may be saved from these and many other pitfalls and snarls."

This is a severe arraignment and we are glad to think that it applies to only a very few of the native Christians of Jaffna. But then the relations between the natives and Europeans are more cordial than in India.

Grants for English Schools. The grants for the English schools examined the first half of the year, have at last been paid, and we are glad to note, on a more liberal scale. For this our thanks are due to the Educational Department.

Newspapers from Living Trees. A trial was recently made in Austria to decide in how short a space of time living trees could be converted into newspapers. Three trees were sawn down at 7.35 in the morning; at 9.34, the wood having been stripped of bark, cut up, and converted into pulp, became paper and passed from the factory to the press, from which the first printed folded copy was issued at 10 o'clock. So this in two hours and 25 minutes the trees had become newspapers.

C. M. S. Bazaar. A sale of work will be held at St. John's College, Grandly on Tuesday the 22nd. The sale will be opened at 3 P. M. by Lady Teyman, and the proceeds are to go towards helping to put up a new building for the Girls' English High School. The object is a commendable one and we hope the sale will be largely patronized.

Useless Carriage. The remarks of the Director of Public Works about horseless carriages are worthy of consideration. Such a service between Matala and Jaffna would lessen the time consumed in travel between these two points by more than half. But what would the ignorant people say to carriages moving along without horse or ox attached? Many would have a strong river in her claims for a place in the seats of the gods.

Notes from Selangor. Mr. S. Saravananthu of Batticotta is on his way to his native place on a well earned furlough of 5 months. He is one of the highly paid clerks of the Selangor government, and is well esteemed both by natives and foreigners. Mr. V. Suppattipillai of Vannarponnai has retired from his position as Draftsman and Surveyor P. W. D. Kandy on gratuity, by consequence of failing eyesight. Mr. M. Arumugam of Nellore and the well known contractor of the Selangor government has returned to Jaffna for the sole purpose of being settled in life.

Correspondents will please remember that all communications should be addressed to the Editor of the Morning Star, Jaffna. To send to third parties asking them to see that their communications are inserted, is not in good taste. And don't write unless you have something of general interest worth writing about.

Education and Ordination. The little church at Ninnavil is being dedicated to God's worship. We are to press this afternoon. This evening Mr. S. Abraham is to be ordained and installed its pastor.

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லந்தபுரியிலேயுள்ள உத்தியோகசாலைகளில் மூன்றில்
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THE PUTTOOR WELL.

The experiment now being made with this well, (for we understand that orders have come from Colombo to resume pumping) is a subject of much speculation in the country. It would seem from all accounts that the attempts made years ago, for utilizing the water were unsuccessful. Farmers owning lands adjacent to the well, were encouraged to plant crops, and water was regularly supplied, but only to end in failure. We have not seen any satisfactory reason for the cause of such poor results, but judge that very much the same conditions existed then as now, and that the prejudices of the people were a sad hindrance to a fair trial.

There is land enough in the vicinity to be irrigated though much of it is rocky, and it would take years before it could be brought into any sort of cultivation. The people are poor, superstitious and very conservative, and we surmise would not enter very heartily into any scheme for supplying their gardens and fields with water from such a source. Had they wished it, it would have been an easy matter to put up well sweeps by the side of the well and bring up the water as much as was needed for irrigation purposes. But except as a place for suicides the well has not been in demand. We shall be surprised therefore if any very great use of the water is made in the future even though the Government make arrangements for bringing it up in sufficient quantities, at little or no cost to the farmers.

But the question of having a water supply for the town of Jaffna is really, after all, the question to be settled. Why is it that the Government has not taken steps to ascertain more carefully the length and breadth of the well? If it is an underground river, perhaps it could be reached at some point nearer Jaffna. A correspondent to one of the local papers has pointed out that there is a similar well, though not so wonderful, in the vicinity of Nellore. If this is really so, and the water is pure and sweet, it would save considerable expense to make this the base of supply, Nellore being less than two miles distance from Jaffna while Puttoor is at least nine miles away. If after careful investigation it should be found that the well at the latter place is the better of the two, then steps should be taken to so enclose the well as to prevent the recurrence of accidents. That the water is practically inexhaustible has been already proved. It has also stood the tests of the analyst, and has been pronounced fit for drinking. It would be well to know whether there is danger by constant pumping of soagitating the water as to cause the lower stratum of brackish water to rise and mingle with that which is purer on top.

It goes without saying that it is likely to prove a costly experiment, and if successful it will be a costly affair also to convey the water nine miles to Jaffna, but it is worth trying. A thorough test should be made, and careful estimates be given of the probable cost of supplying water where needed, before the authorities in charge pronounce it impracticable and abandon the scheme. The official reports will no doubt soon be made public, and then we shall see how much has been accomplished, and what the prospects are for practical results.

JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION.

(contributed)

The opening of the Jaffna Commercial Corporation, Ltd. on the 8th inst. was an event which many looked forward to with pleasure, and the attendance on the occasion showed that the new institution had many well-wishers. Great credit is due to the vigorous efforts and enterprise of the promoters of this Corporation in that the new venture thus started is the first of its kind in the history of Jaffna. The interest awakened by the function was the greater in consequence of the presence of R. W. Ievers Esquire our popular and energetic Government Agent.

The proceedings commenced at 10.30, A. M. and long before that hour the bank-hall was crowded with a large and representative assembly including the shareholders, leading merchants, high officers of Jaffna and many other well-wishers of this institution.

Mr. Ievers arrived punctually at the appointed time and was received by the Managing Director Mr. Mather, and the other directors.

Amongst these present we noticed: Messrs.

H. H. Cameron (District Judge) H. P. Armitage (Forester) Rev. A. E. Restarick (Wesleyan Missionary) Rev. and Mrs. Yates Mrs. and Miss. Geddes, Messrs. C. Sabapathy, Dist. Eng. M. Vytlingam, Managing Director, J. T. C. Ltd. T. Cherubai, Agent B. I. S. N. Co., S. Eastiampulle Modr., Drs. Wm. Paul and Kandiah, M. Chinnappa Contractor, Building works, A. Supayah, retired Shroff Mercantile Bank. A. Sabapathy, Editor, Hindu Organ, T. Changarapillai, Crown Proctor, M. Canapathypulle, late shroff N. O. B. C. and a host of others besides the Directors too numerous to mention.

Mr. Ievers made a masterly and characteristic speech and thanked the Directors for their kind invitation. He said he was glad of the opportunity and privilege accorded to him in making his first public speech in Jaffna in connection with an institution intimately connected with the progress of Jaffna. He said that when he first learned that Jaffna had no Bank of its own, he thought the Jaffnese were truly in a "sleepy hollow," but now he finds that the sons of Jaffna are active, intelligent and wise. He congratulated the Corporation for securing the services of a capable, efficient and energetic business man like Mr. Mather, for its Manager, (as its father Mr. Mather promises to work up the business without any remuneration) and he added that a better hand they could not have found. (applause.)

Mr. Mather thanked the chairman for the kind and generous words spoken of him and said that the Corporation would not have had the success it has now achieved but for the constant labours of his brother directors and in conclusion he promised steady and honest work on his part for the Corporation and said that he would endeavour to the best of his ability to bring the undertaking to true success.

Mr. Cameron was the next speaker. He spoke in his usual happy style and expressed his hope that the Corporation might prove to be a blessing and an honor to Jaffna.

Mr. Adv. Canagasabay thanked the Chairman and the District Judge for the sympathy shown by them to this infant Corporation which he said would show better things in the near future.

After the Rev. Mr. Restarick had made a few remarks Mr. Ievers rose and took up for the transaction of business. Business was commenced at once in right good earnest. Mr. Alex. Tousseint one of the prominent directors and the Treasurer of the Corporation on one side received the share-money and the Shroff Mr. Alexander on the other was very busy in giving out receipts to the depositors. Shares were taken, and accounts opened the first and the second being by Mr. Cameron and Mr. Ievers. The happy proceedings of the day were brought to a close at about 12.30 P. M.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 1895.

From this report we take one paragraph which we think will be of interest to all. We see no reason why the experiment should not be tried unless the expense is very great. To quote from the Report in regard to motor cars, or horseless carriages—

"It is said that 'the latest fad of the fashionable drivers,' and this is certainly an age in which it is not safe to question any fad in mechanics. In nowhere in the world are there better roads than in Ceylon, where road maintenance has been reduced to a science.

Within the last few years a great impetus has been given to the improvement of auto-motors and horseless vehicles. No less than sixty-six completed from Paris to Bordeaux, and return, a distance of 727 miles, when the entire journey was made in two days and 53 minutes, or at a speed of 14½ miles an hour. The tests for safety, ease of control, absence of noise, vibration, heat or odour, cleanliness, and excellence of design and workmanship, have been found most satisfactory.

The introduction of horseless carriages into Ceylon for the conveyance of passengers and mails from Naitale to Anadapaya and Jaffna, Karamagala to Puttalam, Colombo to Puttalam, Colombo to Ratnapura, Karamagala to Trincomalee, Badulla to Batticaloa and Matara to Hambantota, would be attended with immense convenience to the travelling public and residents at the outstations named. Moreover, the ill-treated coach horse and rigid, badly built, uncomfortable coach would soon disappear, and be respectively seen and felt no more. Ceylon is not a horse-breeding country, and in consequence the natives know nothing about horses or how to treat them; hence a miserable life for the horse coach becomes the property of a coach contractor.

If horseless carriages are introduced they should, I am of opinion, be under the direction of the Public Works Department, the Factory Engineer being appointed superintendent. At each important station a mechanic (a blacksmith) trained at the Government Factory in the adjustment and repair of oil-motors should be attached to the Department of Works, and Government could, I think, without more risk than the railway service involves, convey the mails throughout the country and passengers as well."

CORRESPONDENCE.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN TAMIL.

Sir, Referring to the article on "Higher Education in Tamil" that appeared in your paper of the 6th ultimo, I am sorry to say that I had found it as disappointing in the causes the writer held as responsible for the neglect of Tamil by the present day students of Jaffna, as satisfactory in his high appreciation of the language and his earnest appeal to the patriotic sense of every son and daughter of Jaffna. That a Tamil can never become an Englishman is a self-evident truth, although it is very amusing to see attempts after the kind in not a few. It may be interesting to know instances of natives who are delighted to hear their children prattle to them in English, though it may be out of the question whether they understand it or not. *Parakkai Tamil* is a source of pleasure to the parents for they can pride in the fact that their son knows very little Tamil.

I think it will be no dishonour for any Tamil to feel with the great Japanese statesman that European Literature, customs and manners shall be borrowed not for display but to improve and to add to everything national.

Certainly then it is a pity to find the Jaffnese beginning to discard their national literature. But why lay the blame at the door of the poor parents or students who only expect to follow the guiding hand of the enlightened educationalists of Jaffna. Universities and colleges are founded not only for the purpose of imparting education in foreign branches of knowledge, but also to do that amount of thinking in the selection of these branches in which the uneducated public cannot take part. I see not then, the wisdom of expending the parents to appreciate the advice to make their children have a thorough education in Tamil when the leading educationalists of Jaffna have clearly held in the background if not depreciated a study of the vernacular by affiliating their colleges to a University where Tamil nominally fills a place in the Entrance Curriculum only. I am not prepared to admit that colleges and university examinations have not a great deal to do in determining the channels in which the energies of the students of a place shall be expended. *ELOGON.*

[We are always glad to receive an honest criticism couched in gentlemanly and friendly language. We think there is some force to "Elogon's" remark; but is it not true that every college in our peninsula that has stood out against the tendency of the times to neglect Tamil, has suffered both in numbers and in reputation until it has been forced, so to speak, to join the ranks of those institutions which were popular? Missionary educationalists have been obliged to yield to the demand of the people much as some of them have disliked to do. The only remedy, we believe, is in the formation of a Ceylon University. *[Ed. M. S.]*

SEVEN YEARS IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

I embrace this opportunity to advise the many young men at Jaffna, about coming out here to these countries. Large numbers of them are under the impression that they have only to come out here for a few months or years in order to make a fortune. What a disappointment is in store for many of them. A man stands but the slightest chance of making head way in the Native States unless he has unlimited influence behind him. The men that are most likely to succeed out here are—first class miners, Engineers, Doctors, Planters &c. on the one hand, and mere coolies on the other. Clerks are not worth their salt. A man must also have plenty of true grit in him or else he will soon succumb to invariable difficulties. In the low country, fever and feverishness are very prevalent in the summer months and may harass with all classes of people. I would advise every young man, if he has a situation at home, to stick to it rather than come out here. The labour market is simply overstocked.

Sungei Ujong.

R. V. PATRIOT.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Turkey. The Sultan has appointed a special commission to try the rioters and murderers in the late disturbances at Constantinople. The Porte's methods of investigation are pretty well known, and no one places much importance to this move on the part of the Turk. Constantinople is still in a condition of nervous unrest. Trade is paralyzed, and the Treasury empty. One of the leading papers in London recommends the deposition of the Sultan.

Sept. 11th. Notwithstanding the objection of Great Britain and Italy the Porte has despatched another vessel packed with Armenians from Constantinople, and taken vigorous measures to prevent their return and to watch the deported wherever they are landed.

Japan. A serious earthquake has occurred in the north east of Japan. Several towns have been damaged and many inhabitants have perished.

United States. The gold Democrats held a convention and have nominated General Plumer of Illinois for the Presidency.

Russia. The Czar and Czarina have gone to Germany on a visit and have been accorded a splendid reception. The total of the German press seems to indicate that close relations between Germany and Russia are expected to result from the visit.

France. The French squadron has been ordered to the Levant where a powerful British squadron already is. A most destructive cyclone took place in Paris on the 10th inst. which did immense damage. Many people were killed and injured.

Philippines. A stubborn encounter has taken place between the rebels and the Spanish troops in which the former were repulsed with the loss of 48 killed.