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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna,
In the matter of the Estate of the late Chokkalkulam Mutunai of Vannarponnai West Deceased.

Testamentary No. 608

Vedupillai Kattikecha of Kockkulle Petitioner

1. Trunampallai widow of Chokkalkulam Mutunai of Kockkulle

2. Chivakkolai widow of Chokkalkulam of Vannarponnai

3. Chokkalkulam Kantappachekar of Vannarponnai

4. Chokkalkulam Vairamathi of do Defendants

This matter of the Petition of Vedupillai Kattikecha of Kockkulle praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 15th day of October 1897, in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changarapillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 12th day of October 1897 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin of the said Intestate and as such entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him, unless the Respondents shall on or before the 23rd day of November 1897 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 15th day of } Signed SAM. HAUGHTON,
October 1897. } District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 872.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Vathanaayakam wife of Ramalingam Katheravello of Kockkulle Deceased.

Ramalingam Katheravello of Vannarponnai west

vs. Petitioner.

1. Visuvanatar Ramalingam and wife

2. Marakathavally of Kockkulle

3. Murekkaar Tampapillai Mudr and wife

4. Therapathipillai of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Ramalingam Katheravello of Vannarponnai west praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Vathanaayakam wife of Ramalingam Katheravello of Kockkulle coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge, on the 28th day of October 1897 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 26th day of October 1897 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband 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 3rd day of December 1897 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 28th day } (Sig) SAMUEL HAUGHTON,
of October 1897. } District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court Of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 871.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Manikkam wife of Veerakattiar Valoopillai of Tanakkarakurichy Deceased

Valanthar Arumukam of Tanakkarakurichy Petitioner.

Veerkattiar Valoopillai of Tanakkarakurichy Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Valanthar Arumukam of Tanakkarakurichy praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Manikkam wife of Veerakattiar Valoopillai of Tanakkarakurichy coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge, on the 26th day of October 1897 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 25th day of October 1897 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 8th day of December 1897 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 26th day } (Sig) SAMUEL HAUGHTON,
of October 1897. } District Judge.

Fiscal & General.

The Govt. Agent Mr. Fisher has been spending a few days in Pt. Pedro. He is constantly on the move, looking after the interests of the people. It is said that he proposes to bring Pt. Pedro under the "Small town Ordinance" and has already indicated the boundaries of the town. He has settled also the location of the Pt. Pedro light-house (a steel mast and lantern) which is to be about a mile east of the harbour at a point called "Devil's Point."

The Catholic Guardian and the American Mission. Our contemporary is evidently labouring under a misapprehension. The number of Christian communicants in the American Mission is over 1800, but this does not include all the children, numbering nearly 1200, of Christian parents. If servants and inquirers &c. were all counted in the total number of adherents would be not far from 4000. The number admitted as communicants on profession of faith during the past 20 years has averaged 80 annually. As to the abandonment of certain stations, Vannary was given up 40 years ago, and Pandelieppu has not been occupied by a foreign missionary for 15 years. Ooduville never has been closed, and has two American ladies residing there now. Batlicotta has been vacant since Dr. and Mrs. Howland left, but will be occupied again we trust before many months pass; and as for Tellipally it is not vacant yet.

On the other hand it is frankly acknowledged that the policy of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is to develop self support in their missions. It is a matter for rejoicing therefore that in the opinion of some, the time is not far off when the work of the American mission can be left mainly in the hands of the native church. We do not say that we agree with this feeling, but simply state the facts. And while we rejoice at what has been done for Jaffna by Christian missions, we regret very deeply that the results have not been greater.

PRIZE GIVING. The Hindu College prize giving took place on Monday the 22nd at Vannarponnai when the Government Agent, Mr. Fisher presided. There was a large attendance and addresses were made by several prominent gentlemen of Jaffna.

OBITUARY. We take the following from a Perak paper:—

"The friends and relations of the late Mr. S. Chittampalam Ferdinands, Clerk in the Railway Department, Taiping, will be sorry to hear of his death at Taiping on the 28th October from fever; his remains were interred at the cemetery of the "All Saints Church" on the 29th at 7-30 a.m. Deceased was a well known respectable Tamil of Jaffna.

Postal. From the 20th inst. the central Road Mail coach starts from Jaffna at 2.30 p.m.

Comet. It is said that a comet may be seen in the east soon after midnight. It is small and very faint.

Personal. Mr. D. G. Ankertel, who is in the Comptroller's office in Nagpur has been appointed Superintendent of the Book, Budget, Account Current, and Resource Department of that office. He is a brother of Rev. Frank Ankertel of the American mission. Dr. Wm. Paul has gone to point Pedro for a few weeks of rest. The hanging north wind has already done him much good and he hopes to return soon to his work completely restored. Mr. Namasivayam M. A. B. C. of Singapore is on a visit to his home in Pt. Pedro. His wife and brother-in-law, both of Calcutta, are with him.

The District Judge. Mr. H. H. Cameron is expected to be in Jaffna on the 15th Prox. to assume duties as District Judge, the present incumbent Mr. S. Haughton going away on leave.

The Govt. Agent. Mr. Levers is expected to arrive in Jaffna by the second week of December, landing in Colombo from England on the 31st.

The Salt rent. The present renter Mr. S. Manupillai has purchased the rent of the sale of salt for the ensuing year for Rs. 56,000.

The Registrar General. Arriving at Jaffna on Friday the 12th inst. Mr. P. Arumukam has been engaged both at the Land Registrar Office and at the Kachcheri in the Provincial Registrar Office. In the former he interviewed the Notaries of Jaffna and examined their records, and in the latter he met the Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Mr. Arumukam left for Mannar on the 19th inst. from which place he will proceed via Pamban by steamer for Colombo.

English Teachers Examination. Fifteen candidates presented themselves in Jaffna, all but two being Manipulates or F. A. S. The Inspector of Schools conducted the examination.

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THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

A copy of the address delivered by His Excellency Sir J. West Ridgeway K. C. B., K. C. S. I., at the opening of the Legislative Council readied us too late for notice in the last number of the *Star*. The *Ceylon Observer* characterizes the speech as one "of the most important addresses ever delivered to the Legislative Council of Ceylon." It is very long and took an hour and forty minutes to deliver, yet is very interesting, and is evidently a carefully prepared document. His Excellency at the outset informs us that he has visited every important district in the island except Batticaloa, and has thus become acquainted with all the members of the Civil Service and others, both official and unofficial, whose opinions were worth considering. He sees no reason for altering the views expressed on a similar occasion last year, and thinks he has undertaken no more than he can reasonably hope to perform during his term of office. His Excellency then proceeds to review the condition of the island under several heads.

The revenue. The Governor declares, has "advanced by leaps and bounds." For 1896 it exceeded the expenditure by about Rs. 700,000. A few years back there was an annual deficit so there is reason to be elated at the surplus of last year. The estimated revenue for 1897 was Rs. 21,913,000. This is likely to be exceeded by over one and a quarter million rupees.

"And yet the year 1897 did not promise well. Famine and other troubles in India threw their shadow upon this Island. Exchange rose, and consequently the price of tea fell. Rice was abnormally dear, and owing to the local banks remitting to India all their spare cash the money market became very tight. It could scarcely be hoped that under these circumstances our estimates would be realized. But they have been realized—far more than realized."

For 1898 the estimate of revenue is Rs. 23,411,000 nearly all of which will be voted in expenditures.

Concerning the debt of the Island, His Excellency reported a reduction of over Rs. 5,000,000. The total debt now stands at Rs. 58,341,000. This is an item that presumably will have great weight with the Secretary of State when considering the advisability of sanctioning any other Railway schemes. Still as His Excellency points out the bolder policy may prove to be the wiser. The revenue has increased about 50 per cent. in the past 10 years, and bids fair to keep on increasing. The true policy is not to hoard up whatever is not needed for necessary expenditures but to develop "the latent resources of the Colony, extending its communications, opening out comparatively inaccessible districts, and thus providing fresh fields into which new capital can flow."

Concerning the railway to the North the Governor says—

"In May I recommended to the Secretary of State the commencement of a railway communication with the north. I proposed to the Secretary of State the immediate construction of a light broad gauge railway from Kurungai to Auradhapura, and simultaneously of a light railway on the 2 ft. 6 in. gauge from Kankesanthurai to Elephant Pass. The cost of the former was estimated at Rs. 4,400,000 and the latter at Rs. 1,250,000. When both schemes are completed we shall be in a position to form from our railways an accurate estimate of the comparative merits and cost of both types of railway, and then to decide with confidence on the gauge for the section between Auradhapura and Elephant Pass."

He adds that as these proposals will have to be considered by several experts in London it is quite possible that they may be modified before they are submitted to the Legislative Council. Again His Excellency says—

"If ever there was a Colony which was justified in believing implicitly in the advantages of an enterprising railway policy, it is Ceylon. In its existing railways it has a magnificent and highly remunerative property. It is estimated that this year the receipts from your railways, after all working expenses have been paid, will pay all your annual charges on the whole island debt—a debt incurred, you will remember, for railway as well as harbour construction—now amounting to Rs. 5,800,000 per annum, and will leave a balance of about half a million to be added to the general reserve."

As far as His Excellency is concerned, we have a warm advocate of the railway to Jaffna. It remains to be seen what ground will be taken by the Secretary of State. We confess to a feeling of disappointment that nothing definite has yet been settled, but perhaps the delay is a good sign.

With regard to the Civil Service, the Governor says—

"At an early stage of my administration, I had arrived at the opinion that a reorganization of the Service was necessary. There were three defects which impaired its efficiency; first, the system of classification; secondly, the poor prospects of many members of the Service, especially those of the second class; and thirdly, the failure of the lower Division of the Civil Service to attract natives of ability. The correspondence which will be laid upon the table today will show you how I proposed to remedy these defects, and how far my view and proposals have been accepted by the Secretary of State. I believe that this scheme as

finally arranged will greatly conduce to the increased efficiency of the Service. It will give the Governor the opportunity of employing officers in the appointments for which they are best fitted and of transferring them from posts which, from any reason, they are unable satisfactorily to fill. The adoption of the incremental scale of salary and the higher pay to be given to officers of the Second and Third class in particular will be a great boon, and every encouragement will be the grant of local or supplementary allowances to officers employed in unhealthy, remote, or expensive stations. On the other hand, the Governor will in future have the power of requiring an efficient officer to retire on pension, whatever his length of service may be. The scheme will involve no increased expenditure; indeed there will eventually be a saving, not inconsiderable, in consequence of the reduction of certain posts which in these days of improved communication may be abolished without inconvenience."

His Excellency closes with a reference to the Jubilee. It was owing to his suggestion that representatives of the various races were sent to England to be present at the Jubilee ceremonies. And of all the crown Colonies, Ceylon alone was allowed to present her addresses to Her Majesty, the Queen in person by the hands of her representatives.

There are many other points of interest, but we have not space for more. We advise our readers to read the speech through as it will enable them the better to understand how our island is governed, and its present financial condition.

THE AWAKENING OF INDIA AND CEYLON.

Another article of this series has been sent to us for publication, written by a Missionary. We give the greater part of it below and hope it will be carefully read. It is full of hope and should send every Christian to his knees in earnest supplication for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

"It was not Moses" but our God who delivered His people from Egypt. What hope did there seem of an awakening in that day? God's people were degraded and hopeless in the strange grove of heathen Egypt; a daunting, timorous servant alone in the desert with a dry stick in his hand—and God! But one man and God are enough. And when, later, Moses is laid aside it is still the same "I am" who calls another with the words, "As I was with Moses so will I be with thee." And on through the Scriptures kings and prophets tell us not of their bravery or their faith but of their God.

To-day as in David's day we stand face to face with the God of heathen Philistines. Their Goliaths are openly reproaching us as in those times, "O defy the armies of Israel this day." Oh for men, jealous for God's name and glory, to cry, "Who are these Philistines that they should defy the armies of the Living God?" We need not sigh for a David, not even for David's faith, for

David's God is here.

In every mission station one man—with God—is enough to say, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand, for all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

And what is Elijah's message to us to-day as we stand before the idol worshippers of India and the modern prophets of Babel? The nation is waiting to see which God will answer by fire. The heathen prophets have tried and failed. A century of missionary activity is drawing to a close. It is the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. It is time to call upon the God of Israel. What now is needed? Men of like passions with us, men who know Elijah's God, who will cry, "O Lord let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel; that this people may know that Thou, Lord, art God." We have no Elijah, but a greater than Elijah is here. It is not Elijah that we need but men in every mission who will take up the prophet's fallen mantle and cry, as Elijah cried, "Where is the God of Elijah?"

A great religious movement in the early part of this century arose largely from the life and prayer of one man, who in the darkness of his times was able to say, as Paul in the shipwreck, "I believe God." Toward the middle of the century another young man called a prayer meeting to wait upon God for His blessing. For half an hour he prayed alone and then he was joined by one more, but the two who were agreed on earth, were enough to claim whatsoever they asked. It is said that from this centre of prayer sprang the great religious awakenings which swept over America and Great Britain in the revivals of '58 and '59.

And now that we are come to the close of this century of missionary work we turn toward our God to seek seasons of refreshing, the outpouring of His blessing upon the seed we have sown. "It is time for the Lord to work for they have made void Thy law." The Church needs a blessing. The heathen need convicting. Workers in every part of India are expecting. Will God answer if we call? For the sake of the three hundred million untaught heathen of India, and for the sake of Him who died to satisfy them, He will. Before we call he has begun to answer.

INDIA IS ALREADY AWAKENING.

In April of this year several missionaries in different parts of India and Ceylon agreed to spend a night in prayer for the Awakening of India. As the result of this night of prayer there followed a signal blessing upon a number of missionaries in one of the hill stations. Before returning to their work those who had received blessing met for a prayer service and entered into a covenant to pray that the blessing might be outpoured upon their heathen and the Christians on the Plains—agreeing to pray daily for India's awakening. As a result of this prayer a series of articles on the "Awakening of India" appeared simultaneously in the religious papers of the country. In every part of the land the thought has met

with responsive hearts who were labouring and longing for such an awakening. Many expressed the desire that a day of prayer might be called. Voicing this growing demand a call has just been issued for a national day of prayer for the Awakening of India, on Sunday, December twelfth, signed by representative missionaries.

We append the request of the Ceylon missionaries, and hope every church in our peninsula will observe the day as a day of special prayer. United prayer will bring a blessing and we need the blessing. Let us remember, however, that if our hearts are not right in His sight God will not hear our prayer. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord."

To The Secretary of the Jaffna Missionary Conference.

The Ceylon Missionary Conference at its meeting on October 12th, endorsed a proposal to observe Sunday, December 12th, as a day of prayer for the awakening of India and Ceylon, and to invite the other Missionary Conferences, and all Missions and Christian workers in India and Ceylon to unite with it in making the observance of the day as general as possible throughout both these countries. The chief reason for deciding to have this day of prayer on Sunday was that the whole native church might be free to unite in its observance, both private and public.

It is hoped that the sermon at one of the church services on that day may bear on the awakening of India, and that there may be meetings for united prayer at some time during the day.

We earnestly ask you to join with us in securing a general observance of the day throughout the whole of India, Borneo and Ceylon.

K. S. Macdonald,
G. H. Parsons,
Sec. Ceylon Miss. Conf.

THE TAMIL SEAT.

Pursuant to a notice, a large and well-attended meeting was held in the Otley Hall of Jaffna College on Saturday the 13th inst. at 4 P. M. though there was a likelihood of a disturbance by the supporters of Mr. Coomaraswamy. Mr. S. Hensman, Headmaster of the College, was voted to the chair and the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

RESOLUTION. I. Moved by Mr. E. A. Kingsbury and seconded by Mr. J. K. Saravanamuttu. That this meeting place on record the valuable services rendered by the Hon. P. Coomaraswamy as their representative in the Legislative Council for the last five years, and takes this occasion to thank him cordially for his disinterested services.

RESOLUTION. II. Moved by Mr. J. K. Channugam B.A. and seconded by Mr. T. P. Hudson. That in the opinion of this meeting it is time that the Tamil seat in the Legislative Council be filled by a Jaffna born Tamil worthy of that position and that the five years rule be enforced so as to secure the end and aim of the rule which was so wisely laid down.

RESOLUTION. III. Moved by J. S. Pavirasam and seconded by Mr. A. Clough Saravanan. That this meeting is of opinion that Mr. C. S. W. Somatherajapariyar at Law is the fittest person to fill the Tamil seat in the Legislative Council when it falls vacant and that his name be laid before His Excellency the Governor for appointment.

RESOLUTION. IV. Moved by Dr. Charles Dutton and seconded by Mr. S. Rice. That the gentlemen named below be elected to form a committee to draw up and sign and forward a memorial to His Excellency the Governor praying for the appointment of Mr. E. S. W. Somatherajapariyar for the Tamil seat in the Legislative Council.—Here follows a long list of important names for which we have not space. Com.

[We give above the substance of a report we have received of the meeting held at Otley Hall, but must decline to publish proceedings of meetings held some days previous to this, as being unnecessary at this late day. Ed. M. S.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

Turkey. Owing to the expulsion of an Austrian Lloyd's Agent from Turkish territory, Austria has demanded satisfaction of the Porte. The Sultan has ordered full compliance with Austria's demands.

India. The plague is increasing. Several Europeans have been attacked. At Poona the situation is alarming. Eighty per cent of the shops have been closed, and crowds are leaving the city every day.

There has been heavy fighting in the North West and while the enemy suffered severely his English loss was also heavy. **Ceylon.** A slight earthquake shock was experienced in Colombo and vicinity at 10 A.M. on the 17th inst. It lasted but two or three seconds and passed from north to south. Nothing was noticed elsewhere in the Island.

Telegram from Colombo. Nov. 21. Large, representative and influential meeting in protest against reappointment of Mr. Coomaraswamy was held last evening. J. C. B. appointed chairman and made a powerful speech. A strongly worded memorial for Leck pleed adopted and signed.

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