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NOTICE.

TO ALL THOSE WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that I have this day cancelled the Power of Attorney given by me to my uncle Venasanthi Kandapillai of Neeravally Vannarupone West now residing at Batticaloa West and therefore no receipt discharges or assignments signed by him for me and in my behalf will be accepted by me as valid.

Kandapillai } Signed S. Visuvanathan
15th Dec 1900 } Head Overseer

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NOTICE.

The meeting regarding the establishment of a Municipality for Jaffna fixed to be held at the District Court on Saturday the 2nd; instant has been postponed for Saturday the 9th instant (2.30 P.M.)

Kachcheri Jaffna. W. H. D. CARBERRY.
1st Feb. 1901. Secy. Board of Health.

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WILLIAM MATHER,
Managing Director.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1122.
In the matter of the estate of the late Basammah wife of Chinnappa Ubantharampillai of Chundichally deceased. Sapapathy Ponnampalam of Chundichally. Petitioner. Chinnappa Ubantharampillai of the Respondent. This Matter of the Petition of Sapapathy Ponnampalam of Chundichally praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Basammah wife of Chinnappa Ubantharampillai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 8th day of January 1901 in the presence of Mr. Tanniah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of January 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the father and next of kin 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 14th day of February 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 8th day of Jan. 1901 W. R. B. SANDERS.
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1125.
In the matter of the estate of the late Akilanda Espannam widow of Neelakandakurukkal of Neeravly, Deceased. Santhirasekarakurukkal Supramaniakurukkal of Neeravly. Petitioner. Somasantharakurukkal Santhirasekarakurukkal of Neeravly. Respondent. This Matter of the Petition of Santhirasekarakurukkal Supramaniakurukkal of Neeravly praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Akilanda Espannam widow of Neelakandakurukkal coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 16th day of January 1901 in the presence of Mr. Tanniah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 11th day of January 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the nephew and next of kin 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 15th day of February 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 16th day of Jan. 1901 W. R. B. SANDERS.
District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. We have had one or two slight showers only and the days are growing warm. The dews are still heavy. Measles, chicken-pox and fever prevail in some places.

Harvest. The farmers have commenced to reap the paddy, and the fields present an animated appearance with the numbers of the coolies employed. The yield this year is a very fair one. Where the fields were sown later, watering has been resorted to.

The Queen Empress. We fill up our issue this time with references to the Queen's death and funeral, and other matter has to wait over. We would call the attention of our readers also to the proclamation of Edward VII as King, and our duty as loyal subjects to the now reigning sovereign.

Personal. Major Mathieson of Kandy is on a visit to Jaffna, and is spending his time working with the young men of St. John's College, Chundichally. He is an earnest Y. M. C. A. worker. Rev. Mr. Burrows of the China Inland mission is also stopping a few weeks in Jaffna on account of his health. Dr. Chelliah Paul with Miss. Paul came to Jaffna on Saturday the 1st inst. on a visit to their friends.

Meeting about Municipal Council. The meeting which had been fixed for the 2nd inst. to be held in the District Court has been postponed to the 9th inst.

Murder. A certain Ponniah of Navaly was stoned by a certain Ponnampalam of Navaly as a result of an altercation between the parties. The stones hit him severely on the head. A few days after the assault the injured man died in the Hospital. And proceedings for the murder of the man were taken on the 4th inst. against the said Ponnampalam and another man who assisted him in the act.

The Synod Wesleyan Mission. Meetings in connection with the Synod commenced on the 30th ultimo. Business and other meetings on matters immediately connected with the mission work are held in the "ocean" on the Wesleyan mission premises. A plan of the public and evangelistic meetings has been printed and published. Special services have been held in the churches and school bungalows. The ministers will remain in Jaffna for another week. The efforts put forth by the members of the Synod and the several impressive meetings help them during these days will help to have their due results.

Supreme Court. There are 7 cases on the roll for trial before the sessions which will be opened on the 18th inst. A few more cases will yet be added.

Holidays. The 27th and 28th inst. and the 2nd and 4th Proximo, have been specially fixed for the work of the

consue. There will be practically no work in the Courts and the Kachcheri and no work has been fixed for those days and it has been desired by the Govt. that the Head moun should not be otherwise engaged and that the people should remain in their homes.

An Attack on A. Mailvaganam Esq. The *Dravida Kozha* in its issue of the 11th January, made an attack on Mr. Mailvaganam, J. P. and D. P. M., accusing him of mis-management in arranging for the trial of the Dewan of Mysore. In the following issue, on the 21st, the editor says:—We unsolicitedly retract all imputations made by us in the said issue of our paper, in ignorance of some of the facts, and tender to Mr. Mailvaganam our apology for having thus been made, by some designing persons, the medium of making unwarranted imputations and statements against him? We are glad the *Dravida Kozha* apologized for its mistakes. Mr. Mailvaganam is a gentleman too well known in Jaffna, to be at all injured by any unfriendly criticism.

The Bishop of Colombo. The Bishop of Colombo is to visit Jaffna in a few days. He expects to open the New Hall at St. John's College, Chundichally, and preside at the distribution of prizes, on the 18th inst. On the following day it is hoped that he will consent to deliver an address before the Y. M. C. A. of Jaffna at their anniversary meeting.

Jaffna's telegram to His Excellency. On the 25th ult. at a public meeting held in Jaffna, in memory of our late Queen, the following telegram was sent by the Government Agent:—Large representative meeting held requests me through His Excellency the Governor to convey to the Royal family the respectful condolence of the people of the province of Jaffna, of the deep sense of the loss which the Empire has sustained by the much lamented death of Her Majesty the Queen Empress? To this His Excellency replied that he had related the expression of sympathy contained in the telegram.

MULIATIVE NEWS. The District Engineer Mr. Ebert arrived here last week with his family and is residing at the Customs bungalow.

Mr. W. H. Andree our popular Surveyor is shortly to be married to Miss Alice Bennett daughter of Mr. W. F. Bennett of "Dele Vu" Wellawewa. The marriage will very probably take place in June next. Both parties count many friends both in the metropolis and outstations.

Mr. C. Kandaiya Secretary and chief clerk Muliative Courts, has gone to Jaffna on three months sick leave and Mr. T. W. Tampappa, Fiscals clerk is acting for him.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on the 25th inst. The contracting parties were Mr. S. A. Rajaratnam of Vavuniya and Miss Anna Rasanayake, daughter of Mr. C. Francispillai late Postmaster. There was a large attendance.

The long expected Telegraph office is not opened yet. The need for it was badly felt at the time of Her Majesty the Queen's death.

The loyal inhabitants of Muliative have arranged to hold a public meeting on the 2nd Proximo for the purpose of passing a vote of condolence in view of Her Majesty the Queen's death. A big and representative gathering is expected. 19th Jan. 1901.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A HAPPY COINCIDENCE.

We are thankful to the Government, in the first place, for giving us a Director of Public Instruction in the person of Mr. S. M. Burrows, who not only cares for bettering the state of teaching in our Island, but also looks to the real wants of teachers. That the public is highly indebted to the school teachers, who would deny? On the other hand who would doubt the fact that the worst paid agents are found among the teachers of the Grant-in-Aid schools, especially those of vernacular schools.

There are now well educated men in schools, who hold Certificates or Licenses to teach. So far it is satisfactory to the Manager and the Director. Also it is satisfactory to know that our present Director as well as the Managers of schools are trying to bring home to the minds of the teachers more than ever the fact that Honesty is the best Policy. But now turning to the other side of the question is, to the real wants of the teachers, suffice it to say that many of them, if not most of them, are partly starving.

They have to work hard under the strict rules of the Revised codes for obtaining a fair name in the Government Examination. They pay a certificate or a Licensed teacher and his wife get in a mixed school under the mission pen mission on an average is too simple a sum for mentioning in public. What they get is hardly enough for the bare necessities of life. Poverty is the sharper of wits. So in this enlightened age and when there is every liberty under the equitable British Government to represent their grievances to the authorities through the press some of the teachers sink under despair when they reflect what their lot would be, when they grow old and infirm.

The Director the other day, to the great relief of the teachers, said at the Prize distribution of the Ananda College, that he thought the money spent in opening up of new schools could be better developed to the maintenance and enlargement of the existing ones, and also to the founding of a Sinking Fund to provide pensions for teachers. So it is a comfort to know that our Director already knows our wants.

Make hay while the sun shines. Let all the teachers jointly and severally make a loud cry for relief during the reign of our present Director.

Trincomalee, 22-1-01.

"A Sympathizer."

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QUEEN VICTORIA.

The news of the death of our beloved Sovereign reached Batticoota, via Manapay, only on Wednesday afternoon after the *Star* had been sent to the press, and consequently we could do little more than publish the telegram from Calcutta. The American mission was in session at Batticoota when the news was first received and all business was suspended while a message expressing sorrow for our great loss and sympathy for the royal household, was sent to His Excellency the Governor as the Queen's representative. The College suspended its sessions on the next day and on Friday the mission as a body, and the College Faculty and Students, all went into Jaffna to join with the throng there in expressing the sorrow so generally felt for the great loss which the Empire had sustained in the death of the Queen Empress. Sunday the 27th there were memorial services in most of the churches in the American mission and Saturday last all joined in showing their sorrow and sympathy.

From the telegrams in the *Observer* we learn that Her Majesty passed away without pain, and surrounded by her children and grandchildren, at 5.30 P.M. on the 22nd January. The news was at once wired to every part of the world, and responses expressing deep sorrow and sympathy soon began pouring in. The next day Parliament met and the new King took the oath assuming the title of Edward the Seventh and Emperor of India. The Queen's body remained at Osborne until the 1st inst. and then was removed to Windsor. Her wish was to have a military funeral, and the whole of the Channel Squadron was in readiness for the demonstration.

"The coffin covered with the coronation robes and surmounted by the Crown, orb, and sceptre the gems of which glittered in the brilliant sunshine, left Osborne at 1.45 p.m. on a khaki-colored gun-carriage drawn by eight horses, and driven by Artillery men. Immediately behind walked the King and the Emperor William both in the uniform of Admirals and the Duke of Connaught in General's uniform; then six other Princes; and then nine Royal ladies, headed by the Queen, in deep black thickly veiled. They walked in threes. The coffin was carried on board the 'Alberta' by sailors and laid in a catafalque under a ruby-velvet pavilion open at the sides so as to be visible from afar. Eight torpedo destroyers piloted the royal yacht across between lines of stately war-vessels, seven of which were foreign, to Goopert. At the ss. 'Alberta,' approached each crew manned the ship and the bands played a funeral march and minute guns were fired, so that throughout the passage the solemn thunder of cannon or plaintive strains of music were unceasing."

The inscription on the royal coffin says:—"Here lies the body of the most serene, powerful, and excellent Queen Victoria, First Defender of the Faith, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India."

Thus ends the longest and best reign in England's history.

Victoria Alexandrina was the only child of the Duke and Duchess of Kent and was born May 24th, 1819. She was the grand-daughter of George III during whose reign the United States became a nation. George III was succeeded by his eldest son George IV who reigned but 10 years. He left no heir and was succeeded by his brother William IV who reigned but 7 years and leaving no heir was succeeded in turn by

his brother Edward's (Duke of Kent) child, Victoria. Early on the morning of June 20th 1837, when the Princess Victoria was but 18 years of age she was awakened from sleep to be told that she was Queen of England. Her home training was such that she soon won the affections of the people, and retained them to the day of her death. No name is more revered in England today than the name of the one who ruled so well for over 63 years, and no name is held in greater respect in many a foreign land. She was crowned in Westminster Abbey June 28th, 1838, more than 12 months after her accession. On Feb. 10th 1840, she was married to her cousin Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg. A good man and devoted to the Queen, he did much for England in encouraging the sciences and arts. Their first child married Frederick William of Prussia, the father of the present Emperor William. The second child, our present King, married Princess Alexandra of Denmark. The third, the Princess Alice, died in 1878. The fourth, Prince Alfred Ernest, Duke of Edinburgh, married the sister of the late Emperor of Russia. Three others married German princesses, so that Russia, Germany and Denmark are closely allied to England by royal marriages.

On December 14th, 1861, the Prince Consort, often called "Albert the Good," died of typhoid fever, and from that year to this the Queen has had to rule her vast empire unassisted by her wise and loving husband. In 1887 the Queen's Jubilee was celebrated in all her dominions, a thanksgiving service being held at Westminster Abbey when Her Majesty and all the Royal Family were present. The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 1897 and was made the occasion of very great rejoicing. Her message, "From my heart I thank my beloved people. May God bless them," will long be remembered and cherished in the minds of her loyal subjects the world over.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF SORROW AND SYMPATHY. Jaffna.

There were funeral services in all the churches. And a large funeral procession in the style of the Pandits, with countless men and drummers, was formed by the efforts of the Jaffna Maniagar. The procession was composed of a carriage drawn by two horses with the picture of the late Queen. The procession marched from the house of the Maniagar at Kookkivil through Vannarapattai and up to the Kooli here through the Esplanade and the Main street and doubling its way passed the Hospital road to the 'Villoomdi' cremation ground.

Batticoota.

Public service was held in the Batticoota church when Rev. R. C. Hastings presided. After reading the 90th Psalm, prayer for the royal household was offered by Mr. J. P. Cooke. Mr. S. Heasman made the principal address, eulogizing the Queen and touching upon the important events of her reign. Rev. B. H. Rice followed with a few appreciative remarks and Rev. Wm. Joseph closed with prayer for England and England's new King.

The procession of the Hindu community passed through the streets with music and a decorated bier with a portrait of the Queen Empress in front.

Kays.

At Kays a large meeting was held in the Court House when the Magistrate presided and Rev. W. M. Sanders preached a funeral sermon, and was followed by Mr. Allen Abraham and others. Rice was distributed to the poor on the following day.

Uduvil.

A service was held in the church which was largely attended. Rev. S. Elyatamby preached the funeral sermon and appropriate songs were sung by the girls of the Boarding school.

Tellipally.

At Tellipally processions were formed both of Christians and Hindus and went to the cemeteries bearing a picture of the Queen. A service was held in the English school bungalow in the evening.

Uduppidi.

A service was held at 7 P.M. in the Uduppidi church Rev. G. G. Brown presiding and Rev. Dr. Scott giving the principal address. The Christians then went to the cemetery and held a short service there. The Hindus also went in procession to their burning ground.

Copay.

The proceedings of a public meeting of the local inhabitants of Valigama East in Jaffna held on the 2nd February 1901, the day of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Empress at the Copay Church Mission school bungalow under the presidency of Mr. A. Mylraganam, Justice of the Peace and unofficial Police Magistrate, to record a note of condolence on the lamented death of our Lady Queen Victoria of glorious memory and to adopt a congratulatory message on the accession of the High and Mighty Prince Albert Edward as King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India.

After the passing of four resolutions (for which unfortunately we have not space) songs composed for the occasion were sung by the students of the C. M. S. Training Institution. And then a procession started from the school bungalow with the representation of the Queen on a bier draped with black and preceded, amidst the din of native music both vocal and instrumental to the C.M.S. Cemetery ground where also appropriate songs were sung after which the assembly dispersed.

The substance of the proceedings was wired to His Excellency by the chairman.

We have received no reports from other localities though undoubtedly there were demonstrations elsewhere. Jaffna observed the day very generally as a special day of solemn services and funeral processions.

THE KING'S ACCESSION.

Public Proclamation of Edward VII.

At 5 P.M. Today: Outside King's House.

The proclamation announcing the Accession of His Majesty King Edward VII was read outside the King's House at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The following is the text:—

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to his mercy Our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and all other Her late Majesty's dominions is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Albert Edward; We therefore the Governor and Executive Council of Ceylon, assisted by the Chief Justice of the Island of Ceylon, the Members of the Legislative Council, and by numbers of the principal Inhabitants, do now hereby with one full voice and consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince Albert Edward is now by the death of Our late Sovereign of happy and glorious memory, become Our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Edward the Seventh, by the Grace of God King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Supreme Lord in and over the Island of Ceylon and dependencies thereof, to whom We do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with all hearty and humble affection, beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince Edward the Seventh with long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at Colombo, in the Island of Ceylon, this Twenty sixth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and one.

God Save The King.

The following declaration has been made by His Most Gracious Majesty to the Most Honourable the Privy Council:—

Your Royal Highness, My Lords and Gentlemen:—

This is the most painful occasion on which I shall ever be called upon to address you.

My first and most melancholy duty is to announce to you the death of my beloved mother, the Queen, and I know how deeply you the whole Nation, and I think I may say the whole World, sympathise with me in the irremediable loss we have all sustained.

I need hardly say that my constant endeavour will be always to walk in her footsteps in undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon me. I am fully determined to be a Constitutional Sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, and, so long as there is breath in my body, to work for the good and amelioration of my people.

I have resolved to be known by the name of Edward, which has been borne by six of my ancestors. In doing so I do not undervalue the name of Albert, which I inherit from my ever to be lamented great and wise father, who by universal consent is, I think deservedly, known by the name of Albert the Good, and I desire that his name should stand alone.

In conclusion, I trust to Parliament and the Nation to support me in the arduous duties which now devolve upon me by inheritance, and to which I am determined to devote my whole strength during the remainder of my life.

The proclamation was read by the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary and afterwards the declaration made by His Majesty. This was followed by a fan-fare of trumpets, a salvo of the Artillery and the playing of the National Anthem.

His Excellency, who was supported on the platform by the Major-General and the Acting Colonial Secretary then stepped forward and called upon citizens and soldiers to give three cheers for His Majesty King Edward VII. Led by His Excellency the cheers were lustily given in true British style and the gathering dispersed. The assembly embraced all sections of the community, many ladies occupying the balcony over the portico of the King's House and in the General Post Office, and among those who received His Excellency at the platform were the various Counsults attired in the uniform of their respective Courts and the leading citizens many of whom were previously present in the Legislative Chamber.

After the reading of the Proclamation the troops present gave a Royal Salute, and the ceremony altogether was of a most imposing and impressive character.

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