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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1901

The Incidence of Police Tax in Jaffna.

When it was decided in 1867 to bring Jaffna under the operation of the Police Ordinance No. 16 of 1865, the establishment of Police Stations in different parts of the "Town" of Jaffna was in the contemplation of the Government. Not only the present station near the Fort was to be opened, but also other stations in the suburbs of Nellore, Chiviaterru, &c. For this purpose, the Government actually acquired lands at Nellore and Chiviaterru, and the Police limits of Jaffna were made to extend to Kokkuvil, Tinnevely, Copay, and Arialai, covering a radius ranging from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Fort. The Police tax was imposed on all houses, lands, and tenements situated within these limits on this understanding. It is needless to say that parts of Vannarponnai, Nellore, Chiviaterru, and Colombuturrai, which were brought under the operation of the Police Ordinance, were, and are even now, villages sparsely populated and in no way different from Kokkuvil, Tinnevely, and other adjoining villages. But as it was perhaps thought that the "Town" cannot be indefinitely enlarged, the present limits were set arbitrarily, and villages which cannot at all be contradistinguished from those left out, either as regards population or

state of crime, were comprised within the limits. The people of the hamlets of Jaffna, if we may call so the outlying parts of the "Town", evidently acquiesced in the arrangement as there were stations to be established in their midst.

Soon after 1867, the Government annulled their decision to establish a police force in the suburbs we have mentioned, and were content with a single station for all Jaffna, to-wit, the one near the Fort. Even after this decision has been come to, the levying of the Police tax in parts of Vannarponnai, Nellore, Chiviaterru, and Colombuturrai, can be justified, if police protection is afforded to the inhabitants of these localities. But so far from this being the case, no policeman has unto this day set his foot in the Northern and Eastern parts of the suburbs of Jaffna. In this respect, they are in the same predicament as Kokkuvil, Tinnevely, Copay South, and Arialai. The Government have, by selling to private parties the lands they acquired for building Police Stations, practically admitted that no police force is necessary for the outlying parts of the "Town" of Jaffna. They cannot even say that Police constables are sent to do duty there from the station to the East of Fort, for, as a matter of fact, this is not done. The result of this unjust and unjustifiable policy of the authorities is, that a large number of the people of the so-called Town of Jaffna pay police tax for nothing—without receiving anything in return for the impost. The Police books will testify to what we say. *Cessante ratione legis cessat lex* is a rule of universal applicability. But in the Police administration of Jaffna there is a glaring breach of this rule. Why should villages in which lands bought for building stations were sold because the establishment of Police forces was deemed unnecessary, and where no constable has set his foot within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, be taxed for "police" purposes?

It may be argued plausibly as everybody who knows anything of the subject knows that on occasions of crimes and offences being committed in these outlying parts of the "Town", the services of the Police are utilised, and that therefore the inhabitants of these localities must pay the Police rate. Are not police constables despatched to villages situated beyond the Police limits of Jaffna when crimes and offences are committed there? Is the Police tax levied from the inhabitants of those villages? The very putting of the question will reveal the cloven foot of the Government. We say, and we say advisedly, that the levying of the Police tax in the localities we have mentioned is most iniquitous. There is not a shadow of reason to tax the ignorant and poor villagers of these localities in the way it is now done. If not for this taxation of villages and parts of villages which are not served by the Police, residents of the Town proper, which only is provided with Police protection, may be taxed higher, if the Police force is to be maintained at its present strength.

In our opinion, however, the abolition of the tax in the outlying parts of Jaffna and the consequent reduction of the Police limits, need not entail any additional taxation on the people of the Town proper. The remedy lies in the reduction of the Police force which is more than enough for a law-abiding town like Jaffna. In the opinion of many competent judges, the Police may be reduced without detriment to the peace of the Town. But admitting for the sake of argument that the Police force ought to be maintained at its present strength, is it just or reasonable to rob Peter to pay Paul? If the residents of the villages to which Police protection is not afforded,

can be taxed for the relief of the rich people of the Town, the people of Navatukuly and Chavakachcherri also may be taxed for the relief of the Town people.

The present Government Agent of the Northern Province Mr. R. W. Ievers is certainly not responsible for the state of things we have described. He has only taken charge of a legacy bequeathed by his predecessors. We daresay that he does not know the enormous injustice perpetrated on the poor people of the villages by this unjust and unequal tax. Now that we have brought to his notice the crying evil attending the incidence of the Police tax in the North, we hope he will either abolish it in the parts we have indicated or if it is to be collected, he will give the inhabitants a *quid pro quo*. Otherwise, the taxation will have no basis whatever—no legs to stand upon. If Mr. Ievers should inspect the Easternmost parts of the so-called Town of Jaffna, he will see the iniquity of the imposition, and the reasonableness of our protest. He cannot certainly escape out of the dilemma; either the tax must be abolished or police protection must be given to the inhabitants. If he will not do either, then why is the tax levied for? It will be our duty to revert to the subject if no remedial measures are adopted.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Northern Railway—A ballast train was run between Kangesanturai and Chunnagam last week. The S. S. "Den of Seaton" arrived at Kangesanturai last week bringing about 4500 tons of railway materials.

—Sir William Twynam is to go to Batticaloa this week. From Batticaloa he will proceed to Colombo by land.

—Mr. Chit. Kailasapillai Mudaliyar of the Jaffna Kachcherri has been appointed a Member of the Provincial Road Committee of the Northern province vice Mr. Bastiampillai Mudaliyar, deceased. We congratulate Mr. Kailasapillai on his appointment.

—Mr. De Neese, Head Clerk of the Jaffna Kachcherri, Mr. Kailasapillai, Kachcherri Mudaliyar, M. Tambapillai Mudaliyar, Manager of Jaffna, Mr. V. Tambapillai, Head Clerk, Fiscal's Office, and Mr. M. Abdul Cader, Police Vidhan of Moor Street, have been appointed assessors for the year 1902 under the Police Ordinance No. 16 of 1865.

—Mr. Murukesapillai, who was Chief Inspector of Roads, Singapore, has been appointed Superintendent of Minor Roads, Jaffna. We congratulate Mr. Murukesapillai on his appointment.

—Mr. A. Kathiravelu, the Sub-Collector of Mannar is on a visit to Jaffna on three weeks' leave of absence.

—Mr. A. Saravanamuttu of the P. C. M. Office, Colombo, is on a visit to his friends and relations at Copay. Mr. Saravanamuttu is the son-in-law of Mr. Coomarasoorier, one of the leading landed proprietors of Jaffna.

—Died at Thellippallai on the 30th September last Mr. S. Sellappa, Head Master, Thellippallai English High School. His remains were cremated on the following day at Keerimalai. Mr. Sellappa belonged to a well-known family in Valigamam North. We express our condolences with those who bemoan his loss.

Tamil Hindu High School at Karaitivu—The above Tamil High School has been started by Mr. S. Arunasalam of Karaitivu as the study of classical Tamil literature has not been patronized by the Ceylon Government, native gentlemen, and others who are able to do so. With the object of reviving Tamil Literature he has been to different parts of Ceylon and the Straits Settlements and has collected funds from friends and well-wishers for this noble object. The funds so collected have been placed in the hands of gentlemen of high character and reputation who act as trustees and have deposited them with the Chetties. A public meeting will be convened in the evening of Saturday 19th October at the

D. G. S. M. N. S. Vidyasalai, with the object of electing a board of education and conveying our thanks to our friends and patrons who have helped to collect the fund. Arrangements will be made to give a good classical Tamil education in this school and scholars will receive education from the VIth Standard of the Ceylon Government Code and upwards.—Cor:

The Jaffna Public Library—Mr. W. R. Cooke, Vice-Principal of the Jaffna Central College, has been appointed Secretary of this Library.

—A New Dispensary has been opened at Kokulai

—Mr. Muttutambay Mudaliyar of the Mannar Kachcherri is on a visit to Jaffna. He is on leave.

A New Advocate—Mr. William Wadsworth, a son of the late Mr. Wadsworth of Gopay, has taken his oaths of allegiance and office as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Ceylon. We congratulate Mr. Wadsworth on his admission to the bar.

—Mr. Navaratnam has been appointed District Engineer's Clerk at Mannar.

—Mr. N. Muttiah of the Post Office at Hambantota has been appointed Deputy Post-master Jaffna vice Mr. MuttuCoomaru who has been transferred to Anuradhapura.

—Mrs. Constantine, the wife of the Assistant Government Agent, Mannar, who was on a visit to Jaffna has returned to Mannar.

Mr. P. J. S. Chrysostom, Proctor, is engaged to be married to the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Rogers Arasaratna Mudaliyar, late Secretary of the District Court of Mannar.

Our New Colonial Secretary—Mr. im Thurn will not leave England before the first week in November.

—Mr. Walter Pereira, has been admitted and enrolled an Advocate of the High Court of Madras. This will enable him to practise in all the Courts in the Madras Presidency and in the territories subject to the Governor of Madras. Mr. Advocate Walter Pereira is now acting as Solicitor-General of Ceylon.

—The Government of Ceylon has created with the sanction of the Secretary of State the office of Additional Assistant Colonial Secretary and Mr. A. G. Clayton has been appointed to that post.

—Mr. G. P. Greene, the newly appointed General-Manager of the Ceylon Government Railways is due in Ceylon on the 4th November next.

—Serious Riots have occurred at Ambalangoda in consequence of distraints effected for default in the payment of the sanitary rates. The Sanitary Rates Ordinance was introduced into that town about a year ago. The people having persistently refused to pay the rates, the Government Agent of the Southern Province proceeded there with about one hundred constables and was attending to the collection, when a large number of people said to be 1000 strong assembled and began to riot. Stones and bottles were thrown on the Government Agent and his subordinates. At first, empty cartridges were fired by the Police to threaten the rioters, but as the disturbance could not be quelled, the order to fire bullets was given and two of the rioters were shot dead on the spot. Two companies of the 1st Gloucestershire Regiment was subsequently despatched from Colombo, but before they arrived order was restored.

The Appeal Court at Kandy—A Circular has been issued by the Registrar of the Supreme Court to the Commissioners of the different Courts of Requests of Ceylon that the trial of appeal cases in all Courts of Requests which are filed after the 1st October will be made before the appeal Court at Kandy from the 1st January next.

The Law Examinations—The result of these examinations are out. Fourteen gentlemen have passed as Proctors of whom three are Tamils:—Messrs T. J. Kandappa, K. Tambyah, and G. N. H. Tampoe. We do not know the first named gentleman Mr. Kandappa. Mr. Tambyah belongs to a leading and respectable family at Thellipalai in Jaffna. Mr. Tampoe is the third son of the esteemed Police Magistrate of Jaffna and Mallakam Mr. T. M. Tampoe. We hope that Mr. Tampoe will tread in the footsteps of his father and rise to distinction in the honourable profession which he will soon enter.

—The Maharajah of Jodhpur has been most cordially received by his Majesty the King. His Majesty thanked His Highness warmly for his services to the Empire.

—Ozolgorz, the assassin of Mr. McKinly, has been sentenced to be electrocuted during the week beginning 28th October.

—The *Times* (of London) says that the exchange of messages between the Emperor of China and the Emperor of Japan will prove of greater importance than more ostentatious performances. The *Times* endorses the Chinese Emperor's just tribute to the conduct of the Japanese troops in China and the wise moderation of the Japanese Government whose manlike and statesmanlike action is a remarkable contrast to that of the Great Powers of Europe. China could not find a better guide to the path of reform than her old neighbor. Not only the *Times* but all Europeans have borne testimony to the fact that the Japanese troops were the most well behaved in China. The troops that committed the greatest atrocities—that ravished women, murdered children, and looted houses—are the German, French, and Russian.

—We do not think there is much in the rejection by the Federal House of Representatives of Australia of the amendment prohibiting the immigration of Asiatics and Africans as such. If it is insisted that those who cannot read and write the English language cannot enter Australia, practically all Asiatics and Africans who immigrate into that country will be shut out. What will be the effect if China legislates that no white man who cannot read and write the Chinese language should enter her territories? It requires no stretch of imagination to say that China will be bombarded. Among European nations might prevails over right. In the British Colony of Natal the Natives of India are treated as serfs, and still Great Britain prides herself upon sending out missionaries to civilize or Christianise the East.

—The Trincomalee Hindu English School, though started a few years ago, has been doing splendid work under the management of Mr. S. Viswalingam Proctor D. C. The annual Government examination was held last month, in which, it has earned a good percentage of passes, the credit being due to the Headmaster of the school in particular, and the staff of teachers in general, for the unflinching interest, shewn in coaxing up students, even after the school hours. The Hindu public, with their usual generosity, will render adequate pecuniary assistance in addition to their sympathetic co-operation to strengthen the staff of teachers, without which, rapid progress cannot be soon expected.—Cor: Kokila.

—Mr. Alvappillai, proprietor of a big estate at Nilaveli, contemplates opening a school in the heart of Nilaveli at the request of the public to educate youths consistently with Hindu principles, which, if carried out will be a great boon to all parents concerned.—Cor: Kokila.

—An abandoned temple in the vicinity of Fiscal's hill and adjoining the mosque at the other end of the Court Road has attracted the attention of the Range Keeper Kathiravelu who has been for some time past making efforts to restore the edifice to its original sanctity. Among others he has interested Subadar Mathuraimuttu of the Madras Infantry who is rendering every assistance possible under the circumstances to further the object of the mover. Some workmen in the company under the control of the genial and energetic native officer of the battalion may be seen spending their leisure hours at the works helping in the carving of images and statues on the pinnacle. And what with the untiring efforts of Mr. Kathiravelu, and the valuable assistance of the charitably disposed Subadar, the work undertaken will soon be accomplished.

—Cor: Kokila.

THE DEAF HEAR.—No. 463 of *The Illustrated World* of 626, Chiswick High Road, London, W. England, contains a description of a Remarkable Cure for Deafness and Head Noises which may be carried out at the patient's home, and which is said to be a certain cure. This number will be sent free to any deaf person sending their address to the Editor.

MANNAR.

Weather—The days are very cloudy and the wind is chilly. We expect a heavy shower very soon. The heat is alleviated a good deal by the cloudiness and the cold breeze. It rained heavily in the mainland, but we had only very slight drizzles during the last few days.

Our A. G. A.—Mr. Constantine, the Asst. Government Agent, Mannar, returned in the evening of 12th Instant after a protracted tour in the District, and Mrs. Constantine also returned from Jaffna on the 14th Instant after spending a fortnight there.

Mr. S. Mudliar Muttutambay—The Mudaliyar of this Kachcherri has gone to Jaffna with his family on three weeks' leave for a change. We wish our kind and good natured Mudliar and Mrs. Muttutambay a happy and safe voyage.

Government School in Mannar.—We hear with great pleasure that a memorial has been submitted to His Excellency the Governor by the inhabitants of Mannar Town to establish an English Government school here imparting education up to the Cambridge Junior Local standard. We hope that His Excellency will comply with their request.—Sept: 21.

NOTES FROM TAIPING.

"Victoria Reading Room"—The Jaffnese in Taiping who have always evinced a spirit of union, have established a Reading Room and christened it with the name of "Victoria Reading Room" in memory of Her late Majesty. There are about 150 names on the Member-roll from the whole of Perak. The Reading Room endowment fund now stands at about 700 dollars which has been solely contributed by the Jaffnese here. A very noble undertaking indeed! Great credit is due to the originators of this noble and national undertaking—the "architects" of the Reading Room.

F. M. S. Clerical Examination—This came off on the 12th ultimo, and the results are now out. About half a dozen Jaffnese presented themselves at the examination and all but one have come out successful. They are Messrs. C. V. Chelliah, A. K. Backus, V. Muthakumar, V. Muthuvale, and S. Davadasan, Jaffna is to be congratulated on the intellectual gifts of her sons in the Straits.

The Ceylon Cremation Ground—The Jaffnese have obtained from the Government a piece of land for the sole purpose of cremation, some 3 miles from the Metropolis. After being cleaned the place affords a very pleasant view. They have now purchased a hearse out of their own funds. Great credit is due to the foresighted gentlemen, Messrs S. Kylasan and A. Wyramuttu, who are the primemovers in the undertaking and trustees of the Cremation ground.

[Our countrymen, wherever they go, shed lustre on their country. The public-spiritedness of the the Jaffnese in Taiping is most commendable. We hope our esteemed correspondent will every now and then furnish us with reports of their doings at Taiping, which are not only interesting and instructive, but calculated to afford an example to the Jaffnese remaining at home, who do not appear to exhibit the same public spirit as our enterprising countrymen sojourning beyond the seas. Ed H. O.]

SELECTIONS.

SWAMI ABHEDANANDA IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Swami Abhedananda, who arrived here on Monday from New York, was the guest of honor at a reception given last evening at the residence of Dr. M. H. Logan.

The Swami is a dignified intellectual looking East Indian. He is dark—hair, eyes, and complexion suggesting a handsomely chiseled piece of bronze. He speaks English fluently, and his thoughts, as he gives them utterance, are so framed as to form an axiom. Sentence after sentence being epigrammatic. "Everything comes in time; exercise patience," was the philosophical way he replied last evening to an apologetical request to submit to a somewhat trying Occidental custom. The Vedanta Society was well represented at the reception, and in its members the Swami had eager Western disciples, willing to cherish every thought out of India which fell from his lips.

The Vedanta Society was organized here about a year ago by Swami Vivekananda. Then came Swami Turiyananda, who gave some lectures and lessons, and then established the retreat at Mount Hamilton, the Shanti Ashrama Retreat, where the disciples of the Swamis go regularly for rest and study.

Dr. Logan's home last evening was bright with flowers, especially the supper-room on the lower floor, which, under regular circumstances, is used for the Thursday evening assemblies of the Vedanta Society. Here, before the dinner, Dr. Logan, formally welcomed the Swami to the city, and the East Indian responded.

The reception committee, which arranged the pleasant evening, consisted of Dr. Logan presid-

ent of the Vedanta Society; C. E. Peterson, vice president; A. S. Wollberg, secretary; Mrs. A. S. Wollberg, Mrs. C. E. Peterson and Mrs. Plum of Oakland. Assisting the committee were Miss Beckham, Mrs. F. Hood and Miss Lutz—*San Francisco Chronicle, August 1 1901.*

The Awakened India.

A NOVEL FORM OF FAITH.

The New World is also a world of new ideas and faiths. The number of the 'doctrines' and 'systems' that crop up in it every year, is like that of its periodical publications, legion. 'Koreshanity' is one curious instance. It was founded in 1870 by 'Kores' (Dr. Cyrus R. Teed) in Chicago. It teaches among other things, Cellular Cosmogony, Alchemy, Theology, Immortality in the flesh, Psychology, Communism, and Socialism. "The earth is a stationary concave cell, about 8000 miles in diameter, with people, sun, moon, planets and stars in the inside, the whole consisting the only physical universe in existence. It is an alchemico-organic structure, a gigantic electromagnetic battery. The universe is eternal. We inhabit the earth." "Chemistry is false, alchemy is true". "Matter is destructible". "God is triune, with a trinity of specific attributes." "The divine seed was sown 1900 years ago, the first fruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific gospel." "Reincarnation and resurrection are identical." "Spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity,—not in the sky." "God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity." "Kores' was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh." "The central order of the Koreshan Unity is celibate and communistic." "There is no conflict between Bible and genuine science." "The true form of government is the divine imperialism of church and state." Victoria Gratia is the Pre-eminent of the Koreshan Unity, and the Flaming Sword (\$1, a year, 313—317 Englewood Ave. Chicago, Ill.) is its weekly organ.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MULLAITIVU.

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Testamentary }
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In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kathirippillai widow of Pulogasinghe Mudaliyar of Puliyalankulam

Deceased

Narayana Parikari Kathirevelu of Puliyalankulam on behalf of his wife Thaivanaipillai

Petitioner

Vs

1. P. Mudaliar Velupillai of Puliyalankulam
2. Parpathy daughter of P. R. Mappanar Mudaliyar of Vavuniya

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased Kathirippillai widow of Pulogasinghe Mudaliyar of Puliyalankulam coming on for disposal before J. O. K. Murty Esquire, District Judge on the 20th day of September 1901 and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 21st day of December 1900 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is a son-in-law of the deceased and as such, is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the

Respondents or any other person shall, on or before the 26th day of October 1901, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.
20th day of September 1901.

J. O. K. MURTY
District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MULLAITIVU.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 23

In the matter of the Estate of the late Parupathippillai wife of S. Mayilvaknam of Mullaitivu

Deceased

Sanmukam Mayilvaknam of Mullaitivu

Petitioner

Vs.

1. Sellamma daughter of S. Mayilvaknam
2. Rasamma daughter of S. Mayilvaknam
3. Mayilvaknam Sanmukam and
4. Annamcutty daughter of S. Mayilvaknam all of Mullaitivu

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased Parupathippillai wife of Mayilvaknam of Mullaitivu coming on for disposal before J. O. K. Murty Esq., District Judge on the 23rd day of September 1901 and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 23rd day of September 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the deceased and, as such, is entitled to have Letters of administration to the Estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 18th day of November 1901, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

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