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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1901

The Supreme Court Bench.

The Secretary of State having sanctioned the appointment of a third Puisne Judge to the Supreme Court, the necessary amendments to the Courts Ordinance will be made in the ensuing session of the Legislative Council, and the new Judge appointed from 1st January 1902. If the new Judge is to be a European or Burgher, the native races will be left entirely unrepresented in the Supreme Court. To the highest executive appointments either in India or Ceylon, natives have never been appointed. Even in the case of the European members of the Civil Service, the ablest men are drafted into the administrative and executive branches, and only those of mediocre abilities are appointed to judicial offices. The Government have always treated judicial appointments as of less consequence than executive appointments. The policy of the Government in this respect cannot be regarded as sound, but taking it as it is, the highest appointments to which natives are eligible are to be found in the judicial branch of the Public Service only. This being the case, the present is a fitting occasion for the native communities to press on the attention of Government the desirability of reserving one of the Puisne Judgeships for the Natives—Singhalese, Tamils, and others.

In the early days of the British rule, natives qualified to hold high judicial offices were few and far between. But during the

last thirty or forty years, education, legal and general, has made rapid strides among Singhalese and Tamils, and a good number of gentlemen qualified to fill the highest appointments in the state can be found among them. In India, one or more seats in each of the High Courts are reserved for natives, and when a native Judge retires or dies, it is a native that is appointed to take his place. This is an invariable practice. It is not at all insisted in India that the gentleman selected should enjoy what is known in Colombo as the "leading practice" at the Bar. The Government has only to see that their nominee is qualified for the post by character, education, and knowledge of law. Certainly a briefless lawyer will not be appointed, but a fair practice coupled with a sound knowledge of law is deemed quite sufficient. More than half a dozen native lawyers in Ceylon will answer to this test. If the possession of the largest practice should be held to be the only passport for judicial office, then some of the Muhammadan Judges in India would have had no seats on the High Court Benches. As it is, a Muhammadan pleader of moderate practice and average intelligence and training is preferred to a leading Bengalee or European lawyer. When the seat to be filled up is one vacated by a Muhammadan Judge.

The reservation of a seat for the natives need not throw obstacles in the way of leading Burgher lawyers being appointed as Judges of the Supreme Court. The Burgher community, though not numerically large, can boast of eminent lawyers at the bar. Their undoubted claims to high judicial appointments have been always recognized, and will continue to be recognized. With only three Judges on the Supreme Court Bench, they have received their due share of judicial appointments. As descendants of European settlers, they enjoy greater advantages and privileges than natives, and their claim require no special advocacy. It will be a fair arrangement to select from among their ranks one of the Judges. However that may be, if Indian precedents are to be followed, as it is done in legislation and other matters, one of the seats on the Supreme Court Bench should be given to a native—a Singhalese, Tamil, or Muhammadan.

Of thirteen Judges of the Calcutta High Court, two are Bengalees and one is a Muhammadan, and this proportion is always maintained. A fourth native Judge was recently appointed in the person of Mr. Gupta, a Bengalee Civilian who took the place of a European Civilian Judge on furlough. In Bombay, out of seven Judges two are natives—a Hindu and a Muhammadan. In Madras, out of six Judges two are Brahmans—Sir S. Subramania Iyer, and Sir V. Bashyam Ayengar. One of the Judges in each of the Courts at Allahabad and Lahore is an Indian.

In pressing the claims of the purely native races for being represented on the Supreme Court Bench, as is the case in India, we should not be taken to advocate the appointment of any particular candidate. The question has to be considered and solved in the abstract. It is then, and then only, the justice or otherwise of appointing particular gentlemen will have to be considered. If one gentleman is held ineligible, another may be appointed. If no fit gentleman is found in the ranks of the native communities, then Europeans and Burghers may have the appointments all to themselves.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Northern Railway—Mr. Oliver, Chief Resident Engineer, was on a visit to Jaffna last week on inspection duty.

An Agricultural Association—A meeting of the leading residents of Jaffna was held at the Jaffna Kachcherri presided over by Mr. Ievers, the Government Agent, on the 3rd instant, to consider the desirability of forming an Agricultural Association. Sir W. Twynam was appointed as the President of the Association, Messrs John Rudd and Advocate A. Kanagasabai as Vice-Presidents, Mr. S. Sabaretnam as Secretary, and Mr. C. M. Sinniah as Treasurer. A large and representative Committee was appointed to carry out the object of the meeting, and a sub-Committee to draft rules.

Agricultural Operations—The sowing of paddy is over in all parts of the Jaffna District. In some parts, rain has been scanty. Dry grains are being sown at present. There are signs of rain, the past two days having been cloudy. If timely rain falls, the farmers can expect to reap good crops both of paddy and dry grains.

—Mr. A. M. Muttunayakam Pillai, B. A., B. L. of Jaffna, District Judge of Nagarcovil in Travancore, has been raised to a position in that State equal to that of Solicitor-General in Ceylon.

—Mr. J. P. Rajah of Jaffna employed in the Mullaitivu Kachcherri has been promoted to the post of Storekeeper in that Kachcherri.

—Mr. S. T. Tillainayakam, B. A., Headmaster of the Wesleyan High School, Batticaloa, who was on a visit to Jaffna, has left for Batticaloa.

—Mr. S. N. Velupillai, Interpreter, District Court, Trincomalee, has been appointed Interpreter of the Minor Courts, Kayts. We congratulate Mr. Velupillai on his appointment.

Railway Materials—The S. S. "Den of Sea-tion" brought last week 40,000 sleepers, 8,878 steel rails, 3 locomotive engines, 1,776 bundles of fish plates, and 1000 cement barrels, besides girders, stretchers, and fittings. About thirty boats and five hundred coolies were engaged in landing the cargo at Kangesanturrai under the supervision of Messrs Mather and Son, the enterprising contractors.

—A young man who went out fishing last week accidentally slipped into the sea and was drowned.

—The Rev. G. J. Trimmer of the Wesleyan Mission proceeds home shortly. His place will be taken by the Rev. A. E. Restarik.

—Mr. R. C. Markandu, the Agent of Messrs Delmege Forsythe and Co has received a large consignment of Kerosine Oil.

—Mr. N. Ponnaiah, a Jaffna gentleman employed in Selangor, has come to Jaffna on three months' leave of absence.

—Mrs. Rockwood, the wife of the Hon. Dr. W. G. Rockwood, who spent two or three months in Jaffna, has gone back to Colombo.

—The Annual Prize-distribution of the Wesleyan Central College at Jaffna took place on the 20th instant. Sir William Twynam presided.

—Mr. M. Y. Salley, the son-in-law of Mr. Tuan Kitchell of Jaffna, Sergeant Major, has passed the Proctors examination creditably. We congratulate him on his success.

Mr. T. Chellappa Pillai, B. A., B. L.—This distinguished Tamil gentleman who was on a visit to His Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore has returned to Jaffna. He met the Maha Raja at Kuttalam where he had an interview with His Highness. Mr. Chellappa Pillai was the Chief Justice of Travancore, and is now in the receipt of a pension from the Government of that State. The object of his visit to the Maha Raja has not been disclosed, but there is no doubt that in paying his visit to the Maha Raja he was influenced by a desire to personally express his condolences with the Maha Rajain in the domestic affliction sustained by His Highness a few months ago.

The New Superintendent of Minor Roads, Jaffna—We understand that Mr. Murukesapillai holds very high testimonials from several distinguished officials in the Straits Settlements. Though he has not gone through the course of an Engineering College, his practical acquaintance with engineering and the construction of public works, has been very highly commended. As Chief Inspector of Roads at Singapore, his work was most satisfactory and left nothing to be desired. It is therefore our belief that the public of Jaffna will be efficiently served by the new Superintendent.

The Jaffna College Miscellany—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the August number of this publication which affords interesting and instructive reading. There is an improvement in the appearance of the *Miscellany*, and the Editor hopes to make it more attractive. We think that the Editor has formed too low an estimate of the get-up and printing of the *Miscellany*. For, as it is, it is not behind any other similar publication in the Island either as regards its shape or contents. The number before us contains an interesting account of the doings of the late American Deputation to Jaffna, which cannot be altogether devoid of interest to the general public, though it is of special importance to our Christian friends. The article by Mr. Allen Abraham, B. A., on the "History of Tamil Literature" evinces a deep research in Tamil on the part of the author. It will no doubt be read with interest by all Tamilians.

The *Morning Star*—We think we have given no room to our contemporary of the *Morning Star* to suppose that we were "greatly exercised" at the appearance of Mr. Hunt's article. As Mr. Hunt's article expressly dealt with certain doctrines of the Hindu religion, we had to point out to our Hindu readers that Mr. Hunt's views could not be correct. That we should be taken to have been disconcerted by anything said or done by Mr. Hunt, is surprising to us. Hindus and Christians need not quarrel with each other. Let each body work according to its lights. The Hindus only want that their rights should be respected. Holding as we do this view, neither conversions from, nor reversions to, Hinduism "exercise" our mind as they do the minds of some of our Christian friends. If our Christian friends should only accept *Christ* as he has revealed himself to them in the Gospels, they will have no occasion to find fault with us or anybody else.

The Advocates' Preliminary Examination—Mr. S. K. Eliatamby has passed the Advocates' Preliminary Examination.

—Mr. Weller, a scientist and author, has been appointed Director of the Colombo Museum vice Mr. A. Haly, retired.

—We understand that there are sixty-seven opium shops in Ceylon.

—It is reported that about 900 cases of liquor are imported into Jaffna monthly.

—Mr. F. Dornhorst, the leader of the Unofficial Bar, has returned to the Island after a prolonged absence. We tender him a hearty welcome.

The Inspector-General of Police and Prisons—Major L. F. Knollys will go on leave shortly preparatory to retirement from the Service.

—Mr. Eardley Norton of the Madras Bar will appear before the Supreme Court of Ceylon in two or three cases in which he is retained.

New District Engineers—One of the two additional officers appointed to the Public Works Department has arrived, and the other is expected to arrive soon.

The Supreme Court—Mr. Middleton, Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of Cyprus, has been appointed Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of Ceylon vice Mr. Lawrie, retired. The Supreme Court is now constituted of Sir John Winfield Bosser, Chief Justice, Mr. Moncrief Senior Puisne Justice, and Mr. Middleton, Junior Puisne Justice. When Mr. Middleton arrives in the Island and assumes his duties, which will be about the end of this month, Mr. Wendt will be displaced. When the Chief Justice arrives in November next, Mr. Browne will be displaced. The new ordinance creating a third Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court will be introduced and passed in the coming Session of the Legislative Council. It is likely that the third Puisne Justice, who will be appointed from January next, will be a member of the Ceylon Bar, most probably Mr. Ramathan or Mr. Wendt. Mr. Browne, District Judge of Colombo, who so often acted on the Supreme Court Bench having passed the sixtieth year, will retire in 1903, and is not likely to be raised to the Supreme Court Bench.

The Legislative Council—The Session of this body for the year 1901 will be opened on the 18th Instant.

—Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahiman, the second Magistrate of Bangalore in Mysore, will visit the Island shortly.

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.

PROVINCIAL ROAD COMMITTEE

JAFFNA, SEPTEMBER 28, 1901. AT 2 P. M.

PRESENT

The Chairman
The Provl. Engineer, N. P.
T. M. Tampoo, Esqr.
M. Coomarasooriar, Esqr.
C. Strantenbergh, Esqr.
J. J. Patterson, Esqr.
C. Kallapillai Esqr, Kachcherri Mudlr. and
The Secretary.

Proceedings and Resolutions.

I Read and approved proceedings of last meeting.
II Read file of papers regarding the matter of the Superintendent of Minor Works' pension and successor.

(a) Proposed by Mr. T. M. Tampoo and seconded by Mr. C. Strantenbergh that Mr. V. Murugesapillai be appointed Superintendent of Minor Roads.

Mr. M. Coomarasooriar, the Kachcherri Mudliyar and Mr. Patterson supported the motion, and the Provincial Engineer opposed it.

The motion that Mr. V. Murugesapillai be appointed Supt. of Minor Works was accordingly carried.

(b) Proposed by Mr. T. M. Tampoo and seconded by the Provincial Engineer that Mr. J. N. Sandrasegara, the late Supt. of Minor Works be granted a pension of Rs. 1200/- per annum.

The motion was carried unanimously.

(c) Proposed by Mr. Tampoo and seconded by Mr. C. Strantenbergh that Mr. V. Murugesapillai, the Supt. of Minor Works be given a pay of Rs. 2000/- per annum with a horse allowance of Rs. 400/- per annum

Proposed by way of amendment by the Kachcherri Mudliyar and seconded by the Provincial Engineer that Mr. V. Murugesapillai, of the Supt. Minor Works be given a pay of Rs. 1500/- with annual increments of Rs. 100/- till it reaches Rs. 2000/-

The Provincial Engineer, the Kachcherri Mudliyar, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Coomarasooriar were in favour of the amendment which was accordingly carried.

III Read letter No. 98 of 20th December 1900 from the Chairman, D. R. C., Mannar, and letter No. 1 of 3rd January 1901 from the Chairman, D. R. C., Mullaitivu, regarding elections of D. R. C. members which had been circulated and approved by the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

IV Read letter No. 9 of 5th February 1901 from the Supt. of Minor Works forwarding an estimate and plan for the residence of the Rest House keeper of Kankasanturai which had been circulated and approved by the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

V Read letter No. 98/1 of 3rd April 1901 from the Provl. Engineer N. P. asking for authority for the District Engineer, Pallai, to charge overseer's salary on the estimates for principal roads from commutation money. The Chairman had sanctioned this payment subject to the approval of this Committee as usual.

Resolved that the same be approved.

VI Read letter No. 109/1 of 25th April 1901 from the Provincial Engineer, N. P., asking for authority for the District Engineer, Jaffna, to charge overseer's salary on the estimates for principal roads from commutation money. The Chairman had sanctioned this payment subject to the approval of this committee as usual.

Resolved that the same be approved.

VII Read letter No. 22 of 26th April 1901 from the Chairman D. R. C., Mannar, forwarding copy of proceedings of a meeting of the D. R. C. held on the 6th April 1901 which had been circulated and approved by the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

VIII Read letter No. 29 of 3/4 June 1901 from the Chairman, D. R. C., Mullaitivu, forwarding copy of proceedings of the D. R. C. meeting held on the 27th May 1901 which had been circulated and approved by the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

IX Read file of papers regarding the proposed sale of disused lane in Tirunelvely.

Resolved that the file of papers be circulated among the members.

X Read letter No. 8014464 of 26th August 1901 from the Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary intimating the sanction of the apportionment of labour for 1902,

R. G. SAUNDERS,
Secretary P. R. C., N. P.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR ENGLISH-EDUCATED YOUNG MEN.

To the Editor of the "Hindu Organ"

Sir,

That knowledge is power, and its right use an abiding source of those blessings which conduce to men's happiness both here as well as hereafter, are facts so clear that neither proof nor demonstration

is required to substantiate them. And yet when knowledge of a secular nature is imparted through the medium of English to the great prejudice of our sweet vernacular and ancient literature, it certainly does more harm than good to almost our whole province. The discovery of this sad result of knowledge imparted through English is within the reach of ordinary human skill when there is but a will to view and understand it. It is therefore a most painful and deplorable thing to every reflecting mind that Government, unconscious of the evil they are doing to our province by the present system of imparting knowledge or instruction, should continue to spend large sums of money towards the upkeep of colleges and high schools established by them, and also render their pecuniary aid in the shape of grants for the upkeep of similar institutions started by private individuals and Missionary bodies. A great portion of the public money thus lavished on English education is certainly from the hard earnings of the indigent whose number is by far greater than that of the wealthy, and from whom it is, as it were, wrenched out as different taxes due to Government for the safety of their lives and properties. This seems to be good and reasonable too. But what is the result of the high English education imparted indiscriminately to the mass? Why, it not only makes both the highly and partially educated young men wilfully ignore the truth, which the learned poetess Avvaiyaar points out when she says that of the food obtained from ploughing and of that obtained by sowing the former is palatable, and stupidly despise their ancestral work of cultivating lands, and thereby cause famine to stick always to our province with all its terrible concomitants the pestilences arising chiefly from the very poor being obliged to satisfy the cravings of their stomachs by consuming noxious herbs, greens, yams, plantain roots, and the like with palm-leaf products known as their usual luncheon, but also look down upon those vocations in life which will not call their superior talents into exercise. The evil does not end here. The yearly increasing number of graduates and under-graduates with those who have closed their studies after passing the Entrance Examination, or have gone through the studies of the Eighth standard, by incapacitating Government to provide them all with suitable situations, increases misery in the province to a most pitiable extent. All cannot become lawyers seeing that there are already more dogs than bones. The impossibility of getting some respectable means of livelihood soon begins to make the so called highly educated disconsolate. They are unwilling to leave the land of their birth for trying their fortune in distant lands as the strong ties of relationship prove as so many trammels to their legs, and they linger and linger for years together not knowing what they should do until reduced to extreme straits, and then forced to quit their sweet homes in search of suitable situations.

As all of them were not born with silver spoons in their mouths, the parents of many of them had now already mortgaged their only landed properties, which are in most cases their dwelling houses, for meeting the high demands of their sons' high English education, in the firm hope that their sons would redeem those ancestral properties in due course of time. But cruel fates having determined that things should take place otherwise, the capital raised on those properties is now doubled by the addition to it of its high interest. To enable their sons to go to distant lands and there try their fortune, money, the root of all evil, is indispensable. With greatest reluctance therefore they now add the interest to the capital as wanted by the avaricious mortgagees and make them both one whole capital, and increase this again by adding to it the sum they are now obliged to borrow by re-mortgaging those very properties for their sons' journey, which in many instances ends as a wild goose chase, while their mortgaged properties eventually become the properties of the mortgagees or others that soon get a chance of purchasing them at the Fiscal's sale. Their sons now with tears take leave of every one near and dear to them and quit their respective homes, and arrive at countries where every one and every thing look strange to them. Being young men they often think of their homes and sigh deeply while their parents at home are sorely distressed about their separation. Fortune, as a rule, never smiles on all but only on a very few, hence only a few of them succeed in realising their hopes while a great many meet with disappointment, because the rule of the Governor of the Straits Settlements, and perhaps of other colonies too, is first to provide the sons of the soil with situations, and afterwards consider the applications of outsiders. The unfortunate young men now move from place to place in search of employments, and are willing to accept any small posts even on a very paltry salary in order to meet their most urgent demands of life, for they are now struggling for existence. But securing even such posts becomes very hard with them.

Their poor mothers and unmarried sisters now begin to lose their few jewelleries for supporting their highly educated sons and brothers who are starving in strange lands. Many of the sufferers, being young men soon fall into the snares of women. They are no more bachelors but jolly good husbands. Some again who remain unmarried through fear of being discarded by their parents and close relations, make themselves a prey to never-to-be-thoroughly-cured venereal diseases, and all these are now lost

children to their parents, whose deepest sorrow on account of their dearly beloved children, I shall not venture to describe, for it may more easily be imagined by every one who is a parent than described by my poor pen.

Is there then no remedy for all these evils? Surely there is, and it is not very far to seek. There are colleges and high schools both here and in other parts of the Island established by Missionaries and others. Let the children of such wealthy parents as are able to pay much higher school fees than what are now charged, be taught in them. Let managers of those institutions make English education a very rare commodity by raising the fees so high as to enable them to employ efficient teachers on high salaries. Many perhaps do not know that our countryman Mr. James Heusman, B. A., is employed by the Indian Government as Principal of the College at Kumbakonam on a salary of Rs. 800-00 a month. From this we may infer what the cost of high English education in South India is. If we go to Calcutta there we would find it still more costly. Let Ceylon Government make education compulsory and impart it in our vernacular to our boys as well as girls on a nominal fee. In order to raise the present standard of morality let unobjectionable moral works be made to form their chief study. Let not Government allow their policy of religious neutrality to interfere with any schemes which Missionaries and Sivite managers may devise to teach their respective religions. Let strict honesty and integrity be encouraged among the taught by the offering of prizes in any shape, and their opposites met with such condign punishment as would brand those guilty of them, with life-long stigma. Let pardon for such be given only by His Excellency the Governor and that on recommendations from very respectable persons of admitted honesty and impartiality.

To be continued.

R. B. M.

Anaikoadai, 7th October 1901.

NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
ORDER NISI

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1188

In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Kanapathipillai Tampaiya of Moolay
Deceased

Tampaiya Ramaasamy of Moolay
Petitioner.

Vs

Ponnachchi widow of Tampaiya of Moolay
Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Tampaiya Ramaasamy of Moolay praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Kanapathipillai Tampaiya of Moolay coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 19th day of September 1901 in the presence of Mr. A. Veluppillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner, and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 17th day of September 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs 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 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 19th day of September 1901

Sigd/ W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MULLAITTIVU.

ORDER NISI

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 17

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 Thairavaipillai

Petitioner

Vs

1. P. Mudaliar Veluppillai 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 MULLAITTIVU.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 23

In the matter of the Estate of the late
Parupathippillai wife of S. Mayilvakam of Mullaitivu
Deceased

Sanmukam Mayilvakam of Mullaitivu
Petitioner

Vs.

1. Sellamma daughter of S. Mayilvakam
2. Rasamma daughter of S. Mayilvakam
3. Mayilvakam Sanmukam and
4. Ammacutty daughter of S. Mayilvakam
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 Mayilvakam of Mullaitivu coming on for disposal before J. O. K. Murty Esqr, 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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