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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1903

THE RE-CONSTRUCTED CABINET.

Mr. Balfour has succeeded in re-forming his Cabinet, which was necessitated by the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Ritchie, Lord George Hamilton, and Lord Balfour of Burleigh. The Colonies were

in the highest pitch of anxiety to know who would succeed the greatest Colonial Secretary of modern times. The Hon'ble Alfred Lyttleton who is a person unknown to fame as a statesman and who was not a member of the present Government becomes Secretary of State for the Colonies, after this office had been declined by Lord Milner. Mr. Austin Chamberlain, the Postmaster-General, succeeds Mr. Ritchie as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Broderick, Secretary of State for War, becomes Indian Secretary in the place of Lord George Hamilton, Mr. Arnold-Forster, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, is promoted to the important post of Secretary of State for War, Mr. Graham Murray, the Lord Advocate of Scotland, gets the Secretaryship of that place in succession to Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Lord Stanley, Financial Secretary to the War Office, becomes Postmaster-General. No sooner these appointments were announced, than the resignation of the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, has been wired by Reuter. Lord Londonderry has been appointed successor to His Grace.

It cannot be denied that the Government of Mr. Balfour has been considerably weakened and shaken by the resignation and secession of so many distinguished statesmen of the first rank. It can no longer be said the strongest Government of modern times. It was expected that Mr. Balfour would dissolve Parliament and appeal to the country. But knowing full well, in the present excited feeling of the country on account of the revelations contained in the report of the War Commission, the tariff question, and the Education Act, what the result of that appeal will be, the Prime Minister has resorted to the expedient of reconstructing his Cabinet and clinging to power as long as he possibly could. But, in our humble opinion, the evil day could only be delayed but not be prevented. The dissolution is likely to come within a year. But the party now in power seems to think that the delay of even a few months might bring in a change in the state of feeling in the country in their favour.

Mr. Lyttleton being an unknown quantity, it cannot be said what kind of minister he will make. We are more concerned with this appointment than with any other appointments in the Cabinet. His appointment seems to be a stop gap appointment. If the Ministry has confidence in their remaining in office long they would not have given this important post to a comparatively unknown statesman who is possibly a mediocrity. The retirement of Lord George Hamilton who is one of the worst Secretaries of State for India, was felt as a great relief by the Indians. But the appointment of Mr. Broderick to the India Office, after the part he had taken in the unsuccessful attempt to saddle India with a part of the cost of the garrison in South Africa is not also popular in India.

Mr. Chamberlain's retirement from the Colonial office is widely regretted throughout the Colonies. His progressive policy has benefitted them a good deal. There would have been little chance of our present Governor's bold Railway and Irrigation projects receiving sanction at Downing Street, if Mr. Chamberlain had not been the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

THE HINDU TEMPLE AT THE MOUTH OF THE KELANY RIVER.

We publish elsewhere a Memorial forwarded by a large body of respectable Hindus to His Ex.

cellency the Governor praying that the proposed new drainage system to be undertaken by the Colombo Municipality should not in any way interfere with the sacred precincts of the Hindu Temple at the mouth of the Kelany River or with the rights and liberties of those who worship in that Temple. We have no doubt that the Memorial will have the serious consideration of His Excellency and that the prayer of the Memorialists will be granted.

THE GOVERNOR'S PERMANENT MEMORIAL.

At the meeting of subscribers to the Governor's Permanent Memorial Fund held in the District Court House held on the 17th Inst. under the presidency of Mr. J. P. Lewis, the acting Government Agent, the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:—

I. That in the opinion of this Meeting the best form of the Memorial to perpetuate the Memory of H. E. the Governor the Right Hon'ble Sir West Ridgeway G. C. M. G., K. C. B., K. C. S. I., for the great boon he has conferred on the Island in general and on the people of Jaffna in particular by securing the extension of the Railway to the North, is a Memorial Hall styled the "Ridgeway Memorial Hall".

Proposed by Mr. A. Kanagasabai
Seconded by Mr. T. M. Tampoo
Supported by Mr. G. S. Johnpillai.

II. That in the opinion of this meeting the site of the Memorial Hall to perpetuate the Memory of H. E. the Governor the Right Hon'ble Sir West Ridgeway G. C. M. G., K. C. B., K. C. S. I., is the Esplanade in Jaffna and that this meeting requests J. P. Lewis Esquire, Government Agent Northern Province to be good enough to intercede with the Government, on behalf of the people of Jaffna, and to secure a good site for the Memorial Hall in the Esplanade in Jaffna.

Proposed by Mr. A. Mailvaganam
Seconded by Mr. A. Sapanathy
Supported by Mr. T. C. Changarapillai

A Committee consisting of the following gentlemen with power to add to their number (3 to form a quorum) was appointed to carry out the object of this meeting:—

- (1) J. P. Lewis Esquire Government Agent N.P. President
- (2) W. R. B. Sanders Esqr. D. J. Jaffna Vice-President
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31ST DECEMBER 1903

before which date, we earnestly solicit each and all of our subscribers to remit their dues to this paper in full.

2. Our subscribers in arrears are particularly requested to note that, unless they pay and settle their dues before the 31st December 1903, their names will be struck off our list of subscribers and in due course steps will be taken to recover them.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Weather—Partial showers of rain have fallen in some parts of the District.

The Salt Rent—The Salt Rent of the Jaffna District for the year 1904 was sold on the 15th Instant to R. M. M. S. T. Raman Chetty for Rs 63,521, which is an increase of Rs 3410 over the rent of the current year. There were five tenders for this rent and that of Raman Chetty was the highest.

Point Pedro Customs—We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Perera, Sub-Collector of Customs Point Pedro, which took place on the 16th Instant of consumption. He was a young and promising officer of Customs, and was only a few months ago transferred to Point Pedro for the benefit of his health.

A Case of alleged obscene Publication—Mr. Tampoe, the Police Magistrate of Jaffna, was engaged on the 14th and 15th Instant in inquiring into the case against Mr. Kantar Valupillai, Editor and Proprietor of the "Jaffna Native Opinion" who is charged with having published a work called Regasianool (Secret Science) which is alleged to contain obscene sentiments and language. The case was instituted at the instance of the Government. Mr. Gabriel Johnpillai, Crown Proctor prosecuted and Mr. Isaac Thambiah, Advocate defended the accused. After several witnesses were examined and cross-examined the case was postponed for the 19th Instant for further inquiry. But owing to the serious illness of the Crown Proctor the case was again postponed.

The Crown Proctor—Mr. Johnpillai attended the Governor's Memorial Meeting on the 17th Instant and made a speech on the occasion. At the close of the meeting he swooned and was carried to his house in a louch. His condition caused grave anxiety to his friends on that night. Drs. Santiago, Arumugam and Muttucumaru were soon in attendance, and they declared it to be a case of paralysis. But we are glad to learn, he is slowly progressing.

The Assistant Registrar-General—Mr. Munnagappah, the Assistant Registrar-General has arrived here by the last trip of the "Lady Gordon" on a tour of inspection. He leaves today for Mullativu by the ss "Jaffna" and returns here on Saturday.

Scarcity of Salt in Jaffna—We understand that the supply of salt required for local consumption has run short and that the required quantity will be imported from South India. This is the first time, we believe, salt was ever imported here from India.

A Deserved Promotion—We are glad to learn that Mr. P. Murgasan, Chief Clerk of the Minor Courts, Jaffna, has been promoted to the 2nd class of the Clerical Service. We are only surprised that this promotion has been so long in coming to this honest and faithful servant of Government who has seen many years of service.

Jaffna Kachcheri—Mr. Aseerpatham of the Kurunegalle Kachcheri is appointed as the sixth Clerk of the Jaffna Kachcheri and Mr. Perumyinar who was Assistant Shroff Jaffna Kachcheri succeeds him.

Theft—A boutique near Thadda Street Market at Vannarponne was entered into by some thieves on the night of the 16th Inst. and some articles worth about Rs 40 were removed. Thefts frequently take place now a days at Vannarponne and it is necessary that the authorities should take prompt measures to put them down.

A Deputation—The Madras University has sent two Professors to Jaffna to inquire and report which of the Colleges in Jaffna are fit to be affiliated to the Madras University.

Water Supply—The well at Tinnevely from which it is intended to supply water to the town is being deepened with the hope that it will supply the required quantity of water. The well will be excavated to a depth of 30 feet and a circumference of 100 feet so as to give six feet depth of water.

Hindu College—The annual grant-in-aid Examination of this College took place on the 15th 16th and 17th Inst.

The Interpretership of the Kurunegalla District Court—We understand that this Interpretership still goes abegging. Mr. Velupillai who was only two years ago transferred to Kayts from Trincomalee owing to considerations of his health and who has now been appointed to Kurunegalla, has himself protested against his

transfer annexing a medical certificate, and is on sick leave.

The Board of Education—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. C. Brito, Advocate, to be a Member of the Board of Education of this island.—Government Gazette

The Anuradhapura Riot Case—The trial of the first batch of prisoners ended, after seven days, trial, in the acquittal of Mr. Harichandra and two other accused, and in the conviction of the other seven accused. But Ratawatta Ratamati-maya has been convicted in the second batch on all the counts but recommended to mercy.

Mr. Hensman B. A.—Mr. Hensman B. A. who is in the Accountant Generals' Office Madras, goes to Cochin for four months to verify the accounts of the treasury of that State.

MANNAR.

8th October 1903.

Weather—The days are extremely hot and no rain for a long time. The winter has not begun as expected about two weeks ago.

Government Agent—Mr. J. P. Lewis arrived here on the night of the 2nd Inst. from Delft accompanied by Messrs. S. Sabaretnam and V. Murgasapillai, the Kachcheri Mudaliyar and the Superintendent Minor Works respectively. The party has gone to Marichukaddy accompanied by Mr. Ferguson, the Chief Irrigation Inspector and Mr. Denham Assistant Government Agent Mannar. Mr. V. Vrasupillai, the Musaly Adigar had gone to Arippra the previous night to make arrangements for the Government Agent's circuit. It is expected that the Government Agent and the party will be back this evening and will proceed to Jaffna by boat.

Personal—Mr. Pole Fletcher, the Provincial Engineer Northern Province is here on circuit and is stopping in the Rest House.

Dr. Sinniahpillai has returned from Jaffna and assumed duties.

Mr. Orloff, the District Engineer, who went to Colombo has returned and it is very gratifying that he has passed the examination. Cor.

THE HINDU TEMPLE AT THE MOUTH OF THE KELANI RIVER.

To

His Excellency the Right Hon'ble
Sir Joseph West Ridgeway.

G. C. M. G. K. C. B., K. C. S.I.,

GOVERNOR OF CEYLON Etc., Etc..

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your humble Memorialists have been informed that, in the prosecution of the Mansergh Scheme for the Drainage of the City of Colombo, there is likely to be a serious and irreparable injury inflicted on the rights and privileges belonging to the observance of the religious ceremonies connected with the Hindu faith; but, believing in the upright and impartial administration of justice as proclaimed by the British Government, your humble Memorialists desire to lay before Your Excellency the following facts in the full assurance that as soon as they are known to you, redress will be forthwith granted to those who are aggrieved.

2. That there is at the mouth of the Kelani River a Hindu place of worship called the Ganesha Temple, erected by Mr. V. S. Chandrasagarampillai, for the purpose of performing certain ceremonies thereat, which can only be observed at this spot according to the doctrines of the Hindu religion. That this temple occupies a position close to a bungalow, built by the late Mr. Muttuswami-pillai more than forty years ago, and that the bungalow and Temple have since that remote time been uninterruptedly used by the Hindus for the special rites described hereunder.

3. That there is at the Ganesha Temple, every month, a particular festival at which thousands of Hindus assemble, and that before its celebration and after it also, it is incumbent on every worshipper that he should purify himself in the waters of the Kelani River adjoining the Temple premises.

4. That another ceremony, called Kadathu has also to be performed at the mouth of the Kelani river on the decease of any believer in the Hindu religion. This takes place on the second day after death and consists in the bringing in a new earthen pot of the ashes of the cremated body to the river. On this occasion also, there is the bathing ceremony to be observed by all connected with and interested in the deceased, both before and after the deposit of the ashes in the River. On such occasions, there is a great gathering of Hindus who have all to perform their ablutions as above detailed.

5. That on the 30th day after decease, a second Ceremony called Andeaty, consisting of the giving of alms, reciting of prayers, and beyond all, of the throwing of the ashes of the deceased into the

river, is compulsory according to the rites of the Hindu religion. At such times, bathing before and after the ceremony is again indispensable.

6. That on the Tamil New Year day, Thai Pongal day and on the New moon days in the months of January and July, every year, large gathering of people numbering about 2 to 3 thousand meet at the said river to purify themselves and to give alms, worship and pray in the Temple. The Memorialists assure Your Excellency that they have no other place in Colombo so sacred like that mouth of the river above referred to.

7. That, as a result of the observance of these holy and solemn rites, which can nowhere in Colombo be performed, but at the mouth of the Kelani River, Your Excellency will be easily able to conceive how highly sacred must be the estimation in which this spot is held by the Hindu community. In fact, what the Ganges is in India to the orthodox Hindu, the Kelani is to his brother in Ceylon. At Benares, there is a special temple for the purpose above named. At Rameswaram there is another. Both these temples, are held in high reverence by the Hindus, and those who are rich and can afford to do so, do convey the ashes of their dead to these spots, but the poorer Hindus take the ashes of their dead relatives to the mouth of the Kelani River and cast it there.

8. That your humble Memorialists now learn, that it is proposed to make the outlet pipe of the Colombo Sewage works shortly to be constructed, terminate at the mouth of the Kelani River, either to the South or North of the Ganesha Temple, immediately adjoining its premises as marked A B and C in the annexed trace.

9. That such a pollution of a spot held by the Hindus as eminently sacred, which is the resort of thousands of the general inhabitants of Colombo besides, who use it as their regular bathing place, and, in times of scarcity even drink the water obtained from here, is not only most injurious and offensive to the Hindus from a religious point of view, calculated to harm them very seriously in other ways too, but is also a positive offence and a grievous wrong to all the residents in the vicinity.

10. That though it may be urged that the sewage, before it is discharged into the sea at the mouth of the river, will be made to undergo bacteriological treatment at the Septic Tank and be thus deprived of its noxious properties, still considering that a residue of organic matter must be left and that the sewage pipes are the receptacles of and channels for all the garbage, excreta and other foul matter from city latrines and drains, no one, with such knowledge, will for one moment think of bathing in, much less of drinking of, the water at the mouth of the Kelani River after it has undergone the pollution specified above.

11. That there is no absolute necessity for the discharge Pipe of the Sewage works being made to terminate at the mouth of the Kelani River at the place indicated marked A B and C. That a far more suitable situation, and in every way an objectionable point for it would be the lower end of Marshall Street, Mutwall, marked in the trace D E and F running at the back of the Mutwall Breakwater Quarry, where the outlet can be placed outside the Northern Breakwater and without the least annoyance to a single resident in Colombo, much less to his loss or hurt. That reference to the plan of the Mansergh Scheme will show the advantage of this deviation, not only from the point of view to which your humble Memorialists have above drawn the attention of Your Excellency but also for economical reasons, whereby a large sum of money will be saved to the Colombo Municipality, both in regard to the properties to be acquired and because less expense will be entailed in the work itself, by reason of a considerably shorter distance to be traversed before the sea outlet is reached.

12. That under the circumstances above detailed, and again imploring the sympathy of Your Excellency in a matter which touches your humble Memorialists in their nearest and most cherished feelings—a matter which so vitally concerns their beloved religion dearer to them than their lives, and also in the interests of the welfare and health of the residents of Mutwall, it is prayed that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct immediate investigation into the grievance set forth in this Memorial and graciously grant your humble Memorialists the redress they seek for at Your Excellency's hands.

And your humble Memorialists

As in duty bound

Shall ever Pray.

Colombo, August, 1903.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE UNION DINNER.

Now, gentlemen, let me leave the Royal College for a minute if you will permit me to do so. It is the last time I shall have the opportunity of addressing an audience such as this and, therefore, excuse the digression. On the occasion to which I refer I explained my programme and I declared my policy. I declared myself a fervent believer in education and I announced that my policy would be to encourage the spread of education and to encourage the employment of Ceylonese in the

public service. (Applause.) Has that policy been carried out? First, as regards the spread of education, I doubt if justice is done to the progress we have made in education during my term of office. I know there are good men at home at least there is one good man, who denies the fact, who believe that the officials of this Colony, from the Governor down are engaged in a dark conspiracy to keep the youth of the country in dense ignorance. It is an interesting study, the psychological study, of the philanthropist on the warpath. (Laughter.) He starts on his mission with the preconceived idea which no facts, no figures, no arguments, can shake. That his countrymen, who are placed in responsible offices in distant lands are willfully blind to their duties and indifferent to their responsibilities. Well, I deny the fact. (Applause.) I say that education has made rapid and unprecedented strides during the seven or eight years I have been Governor of this Island. (Applause.) The dry bones of statistics are not suited to an occasion such as this, but I must ask you to munch them. (Laughter.) During the time in question the expenditure on education has nearly doubled. (Hear hear.) The number of schools has risen from 1,570 to 1,930 and the number of pupils from 169,000 to 226,000. (Applause.) Much has been done, but much remains to be done. But still we have made extraordinary progress during the last twenty years, and we bear a very favourable comparison with India. It has been calculated, and I believe accurately calculated that 87 per cent of boys of school age in this Colony and 37 per cent of the girls receive education. (Hear hear and applause.) Gentlemen, you may ask me for further details. I do not believe you will (laughter), but if anybody is greedy and wants them, I must remind them this is not the time and place for details and if anyone wishes further food I must refer him to the Review of my Administration which I hope to place in the hands of the Legislative Council. (Applause.) I would just mention three great reforms and improvements. First, the introduction of drawing in the school. (Applause.) Secondly the establishment of the English Training College and thirdly the reorganisation and very wide expansion of the Technical College. Now, gentlemen, the second promise I made was that I would encourage the employment of Ceylonese in the public service. (Applause.) Have I kept that promise or have I broken that pledge? (Mr. Jas Van Langenberg: Kept it and Applause.) I have no intention of standing here in the white sheet of penitence, for for I have not sinned. I fully recognise the right of Ceylonese to employment in their own country. (Cheers.) And I claim to have satisfied that want so far as is consistent with efficiency and with the necessity—and I am not afraid to state it—the necessity of having a small nucleus in every Department of men who have been trained and bred in the West, for I firmly believe that the mingling of the modern experience of the West with the intellect of the East is essential to the development of the Island. (Applause.) Take this match box, strike a match against the box and you have light, keep both separate and darkness prevails. you may say these are words, let us have facts and let us have figures. Well, what were the number of Ceylonese employed in high offices in this Colony when I came here? I mean really high offices, I do not mean even the highest appointments in the Clerical Service? Thirty eight. What is the number now? Sixty nine. (Applause.) Mr. Wendt may I claim you—no, you are St. Thomas, but that a distinguished Ceylonese sits on the Bench of the Supreme Court. (Applause.) Mr. De Sambayo Applause. A few weeks ago I could have said a second Ceylonese sat on the Supreme Court Bench. (Renewed applause.) Well, I have not finished yet. For the first time in the history of Ceylon—I may be wrong, but during my term of office—for the first time a Ceylonese has sat in the Executive Council, in office other than of Attorney General. (Applause.) Both District Judges of Colombo are Ceylonese and the District Judge of Kandy, who wears the decoration which has been conferred upon him by the King. Are you not proud to claim him as a Ceylonese? (Applause.) His Majesty has been pleased recently to do great honour to the Ceylon Bar, which is well represented here to-night. Four King's Counsel were appointed, three of those Counsel were Ceylonese. (Applause.) All the Departments of Government are open to Ceylonese. Most of the departments are chiefly manned by Ceylonese and so far from wishing to restrict the number of those who enter these we have reorganised the Technical College, furnished with an efficient scientific staff

and equipped it admirably in every way in order to facilitate your entrance into every Department of the government. (Applause.) I say there is no Ceylonese boy who cannot by some very moderate expenditure qualify himself for entrance into every department of the Government, and, if his ability and character justify the promotion, there is no reason why he should not rise to the very highest offices. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I have touched on this racial question with reluctance; not because I am afraid to do so, not because I fear to tread the thin ice lest it should subside and immerse me in personal embarrassment. It is the inviolable rule of the Empire that it should be administered with absolute impartiality and the Governor who forgets this cardinal principle is unworthy of his position and unfit to represent His Majesty. (Applause.) Well, on the eve of my departure I plead guilty to no such charge. It has not only been my policy and my duty, but my pleasure to promote as far as I could harmony and unity, peace and concord, to hold the scales of justice evenly, and to mete out equal treatment officially and specially, to every man whatever his race or creed. I claim no credit for this. In some countries where a deep wide gulf separates the different races, where their interests are diametrically opposed where their habits and customs come into violent collision at every turn where mutual dislike and antipathy are instinctive then it may require a more supple hand than mine to hold the scales evenly, but not so in this happy Ceylon, in Ceylon, where all men, whatever their descent, be it English, Dutch, Singhalese, Tamil, Malay, or Mohammedan, where all vie in loyalty to the Crown, where all love England and are all proud to be members of the great Empire which is the heritage of us all (cheers.) Surely, gentlemen, in the brilliant effulgence of these precious privileges which are enjoyed and cherished equally by all surely all petty and miserable distinctions of racial prejudice should melt away even as the gloom of a November fog disappears in the bright rays of the mid-day sun and so it always is when there is occasion, when there is any national joy or sorrow. We all remember the extraordinary demonstrations of loyalty which followed the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. (Hear hear.) None of us will ever forget that patriotic outburst of grief and sorrow, so unaffected and simple, which followed the death of that great Queen. I shall never forget it and if you will permit me to quote only a few words from the letter I wrote at that time to the Ceylonese members of the Council it will better express the sentiments which I felt and which I feel. I wrote: "I am proud to be Governor of such a Colony and I am confident that the sympathy and kindly feelings so pathetically evoked by the terrible loss that the Empire has sustained must tend to bring the various races of this Island and especially the European and native populations into closer and more kindly relations and thus cause to be realised one of Queen Victoria's fondest hopes and aspirations." (Applause.) And so it has been and so it will be. And there is no reason why it should not be so in small matters as well as in large matters. There is no reason, why our social life should not be animated by mutual kindness and charity and consideration in the Council Chamber, at the Bar in the market, aye, and on the cricket field; the cricket ground more than all. (Loud Applause.) Why gentlemen, nations which hate each other most bitterly, which are the keenest rivals, why, even they agree to meet in friendly contest on the cosmopolitan field of sport, where the sovereignty of muscle alone is acknowledged. (Applause.) Well, I repeat and were these the last words I spoke, I would still say them it has been my policy, more than that, it has been the desire of my heart, to promote harmony, peace and concord and if, even now, on the eve of my departure, at the 11th hour, I could contribute another mite to that holy cause most cheerfully, most readily would it be given. (Applause.) It would indeed be pleasing to me in years to come—and I speak no idle and empty words when I say so—It would indeed be pleasing to me to remember that I had done some little in this respect, and that when I weighed anchor and sailed away from this beautiful Island, there reached my grateful ears wafted across the sympathetic ocean, the united voice of a united people breathing those dear familiar words "Good bye—God bless you." (Prolonged cheer, during which H. E. who had been speaking for three-quarters of an hour, resumed his seat.)

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1420

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sangarapillai Vissuvanatar of Puloly West Point Pedro

Deceased.
Vissuvanatar Sangarapillai of Puloly West

Vs

1. Maruthattai widow of Vissuvanatar Sangarapillai
2. Paramu Arumugam and wife
3. Parupathipillai
4. Murugar Alvapillai and wife
5. Ponnupillai all of Puloly West

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Vissuvanatar Sangarapillai of Puloly West praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Sangarapillai Vissuvanatar of Puloly West coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 29th day of September 1903 in the presence of Mr. S. Kandayya Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 25th day of September 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is a son 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 26th day of October 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 29th day of September 1903.

Sigd. W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1421

Class I.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Lizzie Muttamma Theagarajah of Pandatheruppu in Jaffna

Deceased.
Sabapathy Albert Theagarajah of Colombo

Vs.

Vairavanathar Seenivasakam of Pandatheruppu

Respondent

This matter of the Petition of Sabapathy Albert Theagarajah praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Lizzie Muttamma Theagarajah coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esq. District Judge, on the 5th day of October 1903 in the presence of Messrs. Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 28th day of September 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or, before the 11th day of November 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 5th day of October 1903

Sigd. W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1422

Class I.

In the matter of the estate of the late Muttupillai wife of Nallatampi of Thampagamam

Deceased.
Veeragattiar Nallatampi of Thampagamam

Vs

1. Vairamuttu Appakkudidi and his wife
2. Vallippillai of Thampagamam
3. Sitamparappillai Ponniah of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Veeragattiar Nallatampi of Thampagamam praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Muttupillai wife of Nallatampi coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esq. District Judge, on the 5th day of October 1903, in the presence of Messrs. Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 2nd day of October 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful 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 11th day of November 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 5th day of October 1903

Signed. W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge.