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3rd March 1902.

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PROGRAMME OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO JAFFNA.

9th March Arrives at the Jaffna Customs Jetty in the Evening and drives to King's House via 3rd Cross Street and Main Street.

10th, Garden Party and Levee at Government Agent's Residence at 3-30. P. M. Drives by the Main

11th, Arrives, at Railway Station at 4-30 P. M. via Court House, Vembadi and Hospital Road and opens Railway, Going and returning from Kankesantnrai. Drives back at 6-30 P. M. by the same rcute to King's Honse in procession with torch light.

Fire Works at 9 P. M. at the esplanade. 12th, His Excellency leaves for Point Pedro.



THE HINDU ORGAN.

JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1902

Pelft and its Needs.

Apropos of recent references in the 'Ceylon Observer' to the administration of the Island of Delft, it will be interesting to our readers to know something of the affairs of this Island, which is about 38 miles distant from Jaffna. It contains an area of 18 square miles equal to about 11000 acres, and the estimated population is 3904, of whom 1962 are males and 1942 females. There are 13838 head of cattle distributed as follows:—black cattle, 6722, buffaloes, 138, sheep 3380, and

goats, 3598. The owners of cattle number about 561. Of the 11000 acres, 7000 form the village pasture ground, 3000 horse-plains, in which cattle also graze, and 1000 are inhabited by man which include also gardens and compounds other than dwelling lands.

The Island has been used for the purpose of breeding horses by the Dutch and British Governments. But till the appointment of Mr. levers as Government Agent of the Northern Province, little or nothing was done to improve the breed of horses or the condition of cattle. Under Mr. levers a horse-breeding establishment has been started on a systematic basis, and much care has been bestowed on the improvement of the breed. There are already one hundred horses, and these animals are much superior in size and quality to those of, say, ten years ago. The Delft horses now fetch double or even treble their former price. The improvement of the breed is certainly due to Mr. Ievers, who has always taken a special interest in the affairs of this distant Island. At his instance, two stallions have been introduced, and the horses of Delft bid fair to improve in quality more and more. We may instance the animal owned by Mr. Kindersley, which is one of the best in the Island. The residents of Jaffna are not particularly rich, and many of them cannot afford to buy horses imported from India, Australia, or elsewhere. And we presume that this may be said of some oth er parts of the Island. Still the use of horses has become a necessity in these busy times, and the Delft horses, improved in breed and cheaper in price than the imported animals, supply a long--felt want, for which we are indebted to Mr. Ievers. Besides, the imported horses do not stand the climate of Ceylon as well as the Delft animals.

The number of cattle in Delft is out of all proportion to the requirements of the people and the extent of the pasture-ground. Mondy, the only grain cultivated there, does not require much caitle-manure. During the late Mr. Nolan's time more than halt the Island was used as horse-plains. But now only 3000 acres are devoted to that purpose. Still the cattle cannot find enough of pasture and are lean and spare. As a general rule, a head of cattle requires at least two acres of pasture-ground for a year to be in good condition. In Delft and some other parts of North Ceylon more will be required, as pasture-grounds are interspersed with coral reefs on which grass does not grow. In spite of the pasture--ground for cattle being more extensive now than in the days of Mr. Nolan, the condition of cattle is much worse. The reason for this abnormal state of things, lies in the fact that seldom or never are surplus cattle disposed of by sale or otherwise. Communication between Jaffna and Delft is so difficult that traders do not generally go there, and besides the condition of cattle is such that they cannot find a ready market. Some Colombo traders had been to the Island lately, but they did not make any purchase as they considered the cattle too small for draft or market purposes, and as the cattle were in a very bad condition. The climate of Delft is so salubrious that anything like cattle murrain is unknown there. The inevitable result is that cattle multiply indefinitely, and the production is checked only by want of pasture added to natural death or decay. In the year 1901, 831 cattle died presumably by starvation, aud over production has made all the surviving cattle lean. Alarmed at this state of things, we understand that, during one of Mr. Ievers' visits, some of the intelligent men among the Islanders approached him with a request to take measures to prevent the over-production of cattle and to improve the breed. The Government should

therefore give a free hand to Mr. Ievers to deal with the question in the manner he thinks best. It should not be supposed that horses are being bred at the expense of cattle. There are only a hundred horses and they have, as shown above, become a necessity to the Jaffna Tamil as cattle are.

Two Scinde bulls have been introduced into Delft and two into Iranaitiva. This is for the purpose of improving the breed of cattle. It is indispensable for the success of this undertaking that the native bulls of these Islands should be weaned out. If the lean and sickly bulls be allowed to herd with the rest of the cattle, the object of the introduction of the scinde bulls will be defeated to a great extent. Almost all the native bulls of Iranaitivu have been already sold away. As a result the calves now brought forth are of better size and condition. And it is believed that in the long run thy will replace, to some extent at least, the Indian bulls now largely used in Jaffna. If the success achieved in Iranaitivu should also be expected in Delft. the Government Agent must be authorized to do away with the lean sleuder native bulls, which stand at presentin the way of the breed being improved. This improvement will do immense good not only to the people of Delft, but to those of Jaffnas well, who will be enabled thereby to replace by cheap, strong, and healthy Delft bulls the Indian bulls now bought at great cost. If the Islanders of Delft are unable to dispose of their surplus cattle, the Government must intervene and show the mthe way.

The only possible means of achieving success in cattle breeding is castration of the bulls which are not to be retained for breeding purposes, and the introduction of good stud bulls. Early in the century, the Government bulls in Delft produced a fine breed of cattle, and these were much sought after, but from the unlimited breeding and restriction on removals, the cattle have increased in numbers disproportionate to the grazing supply, and have deteriorated in quality.

It is therefore proposed, we understand, to introduce the Gansabawa rules, which are in force in other parts of Ceylon, for the castration and branding of catte, and to restrict their, number to the amount which the pasturage can support.

Chavakacheherri's Contribution To The Rermanent Memorial Rund.

We have again to congratulate Mr. R. W. Allagecoon, the energetic Police Magistrate of Point Pedroand Chavakachcherri, on the unqualified success which has attended his efforts to induce the residents of his Divisions to unake a substantial contribution to the Permanent Memorial Fund, About Rs 3500 was collected at the close of the Point Pedro meeting held under his auspicies, and a further sum was expected from those who were unavoidably absent. Writing on the success of the Point Pedro meeting, we put down only Rs 2000 as the expected contribution from Chavakaehcherri, and characterized it as a "less rich division." But the happy news now comes that Chavakachcherri has beaten Point Pedro in this respect. As recorded in our columns elsewhere, the sum of Rs 4105 was subscribed at the termination of the meeting held there on the 25th Ultimo, and another sum of about Rs 1000 is likely to be collected from the absentees. There is not the least doubt, therefore, that the division of Chavakachcherri will ultimately contribute the magnificent sum of Rs 5000. This will certainly induce Point-Pedro where there are so many merchants andl anded proprietors to raise its quota to at least Rs 5000, so that there is every like. lihood of Mr. Allegecoon's divisions contributing to the Permanent Memorial Fund about Rs 10000, which, it is believed, will cover half the amount required for a statue of His Excellency the Governor. We ove an apology to the people of Chavakachfor having taken a mistaken view of their liberality, and thank them for setting a noble example to the residents of the other divisions of the Peninsula, especially to those of the Valigamams and Jaffua, most of whom have not so far untied their purse strings. If Point Pedro and Chavakachcherri contribute Rs 10000, the rest of the Peninsula must certainly contribute Rs 30000. If the Valigamams, Jaffna, and the Islands are as liberal as Mr. Allegecoon's Divisions, funds enough for a statue and a Ridgeway hall will be collected, and the wishes of all sections of the people fulfilled.

Much of the success of the Point Pedro and Chavakachcherri meetings is due te Mr. Allegecoon who leaves no stone unturned to promote the success of any cause he takes up. In whatever w rk hesets his heart upon, he is persevering and whole hearted. In his magisterial work, as in everything else, he is thorough, and misses not a single point. The Jaffna people must be ever thankful to him for his endeavours to provide a suitable memorial of His Excellency the Governor. The Eastern Province to which Mr. Allegecoon belongs, is not directly benefited by the Railway, and all the more credit is due to him, for co-operating with the people of Jaffna so well and so heartily.

It is the p-ople of Point Pedro the Railway benefits least of all, in the District. Pt. Pedro is di tantabot 15 mil sfrom Kangesanturraiand Chayakachcherriand 21 miles from Jaffna. If it contributes Rs 4000, should not the wealthier divisions of Jaffna traversed by the Railway, pay a rum proportionate to their wealth and the advantages they derive from the Railway? The residents of Chavakacheherri who own paddy and tobucco lands in Karachchi and Paranthan have rade a contribution commensurate with the advantages they derive and more. If no higher considerations, at least a sense of the benefits derived by them from the Railway passing through their country, must induce the people of Jaffna and the adjoining divisions to subscribe according to their means. We are tod that some gentlemen earning several hundreds of rupees monthly and rolling in wealth have subscribed only Rs 200 and Rs 150. The idea that professional gentlemen must subscribe more than others is ridiculous. the matter of expressing our gratitude to the Governor, all must contribute, and wealthier gentlemen must contribute more than their less wealthy brethren. The fact that one is an advocate, a proctor, doctor, or notary cannot make any difference. Capacity to pay must be the only consid-

On the moot point whether the permanent memorial should be a statue or a hall, we have to observe that if the predominant idea to honour the Governor, a statue must be preferred, if the funds will permit of one being raised. But those who wish to honour the Governor and at the time supply their own wants will no doubt prefer a Town-hall. The form of the memorial have to be decided at a public meeting at which all the 'pros' and "cons" must be considered. In this connection, we have to correct an impression gaining ground among some people to the effect that large sums of money contributed by outstation subscribers should not be employed in the construction of a Town-hall, as it will be useless to them, and only the inhabitants of the Town will be benefited by it. This argument cannot hold water, as a statue itself will be located in the Town. A Townhall will be available for use by all the inhabitants of the District. However that may be, we do not see why considerations

if "utility" should be allowed to prevail, if funds sufficient to meet the cost of a statue can be collected.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Our Government Agent-Mr. R. W. Ievers has returned and is busy superintending the arrangements in progress for the reception of His Excellency the

The Postmaster-General-Mr. H. L. Moysey, our P. M. G., arrived in Jaffina on the 4th Instant, and is inspecting the several Post and Telegraph offices in

The Jaffua Public Library—The Annual general meeting of the Jaffua Pr blic Library was held on the 27th Ultimo, Sir William Twynam, K. C. M. G., presiding. The report of its operations for the year 1901 was read and the balance sheet presented. The progress of the institution was satisfactory both as regards the number of members, books purchased, and the amount of money in hand. For the current year Sir William C. Twynam was elected President, Mr Ievers, Vice-President, the Rev: Mr. Garrett, Secretary, and Mr. T. C. Changarappillai, Proctor, Treasurer. The Committee is composed of the office-bearers and Mr. W. P. P. Sanders, District Indea, Mr. Kindersler, Chief. R. B. Sanders, District Judge, Mr. Kindersley, Chief Assistant Engineer, Northern Railway, Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Advocate, Mr. C. Tirunavnkarasu, Advocate, gasabal, Advocate, Mr. C. Hrunavukarasu, Advocate, Mr. R. G. Saunders, Office Assistant, Mr. A. Visuvalingam, Proctor, Mr. A. Cathiravelu, Proctor, Mr. W. R. Cooke, Vice-Principal, Central College, Mr. R. Kantaiyah, Secretary, District Court, and Mr. M. Caralasingam, the Registrar of Lands, Jaffina.

A Veterinary Surgeon for Jaffna—Mr. Alfred M. Richards has established himself in Jaffna as a Veterinary Surgeon, having passed as such in Bombay: He will supply a long-felt want in Jaffna.

Mr. Gerald Koch-This genteman who is a son of the late Mr. James Koch of Jaffna has been appointed Chief Clerk, Resident-General's Office, Federated Malay States.

A Send-off-The clerks of the Accountant's Office of the Ceylon Government Railway entertained at lunch at the Metropolitan Hotel on Saturday evening Mr. V. Canagasaby, a brother officer of theirs, in anticipation of his forthcoming departure to Jaffna where he has been appointed as Station Master of Chunna-kam. There was a large number of clerks present testifying to his popularity, and speeches were made by Messrs. de Bruin, Poulier, Vincent de Silva, Abeyawardena, and Muttunayagam, alluding to his good qualties, and wishing him prosperity in his career as Station Master. Mr. Canagasaby replied in appropriate terms. M.V. Canagasaby is the youngest son of the late well known Educationalist Mr. P. S. Page, of Manipay and a son-in-law of Mr. S. K. Lawton.

-Mr. V. J. Tampipillai of the Audit office, Colombo, has been elected a Member of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. We congratulate Mr. Tambypillai on his election. He is sure to prove a most useful member of the Society.

Matrimonial-The engagement is announced of Miss Elsie Toussaint, 3rd daughter of Mr. S. F. Tousaint, with Mr. J. W. Robertson, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, N. P.

The Gubernatorial Party-The vice regal party will consist of His Lycellency the Governor, the Hon'ble E. im Thurn, Colonial Secretary, Dr. Perry, Captain Ward Jackson, and Sir Francis Burdett.

The Director of Public Instruction—Mr. S. M.

Burrows returns to the Island from leave about the

Canada and the "Yellow Peril"-The Canadian Royal Commission on Chinese and Japanese immigration has recommended an increase in the entry tax ou the Chinese from 100 to 500 dollars. The report on the Japanese is not yet ready. If China legislates against the entry of the Canadians into her territories, the Chinese ports will be bombarded. The relation of the dark and yellow races to the white is that of the lamb to the welf.

The Calcutta High Court-The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurudas Banerji having been appointed a permanent member of the Universities Commission to represent the Hindu community, Mr. Saroda Churn Mitter, Vakeel, has been appointed to act as a Judge of the Calcutta High Court. Mr. Banerji being a permanent member of the Commission (other Hindu members being members only when the Commission sits in their respective provinces), Mr. Mitter will have to act on the High Court bench till the sittings of the Commission are concluded and a report submitted to Govern-

The See of Calcutta-It is stated that the Province of Calcutta will be made an Arch-Bishopric and that the first Archbishop will be Dr. Copleston of Ceylon.

Mr. R. A. Ramupillai—Mr. Ramupillai of Jaffna now at Perak has been elected a member of the Royal Asiatic Society of Ceylon. We congratulate Mr. Ramapillai on his appointment.
Notice to Correspondents—"Malarial Fever" and

"Thaipoosam Festival" will appear in our next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE POINT PEDRO MEETING.

A valued friend of ours writes from Point Pedro that the account published in our issue of the 19th Ultimo of the meeting he'd in that town is incomplete in that it does not give the names of the office-bearers and the resolutions. On one or two points, his version apparently differs from that already published by us. The difference is, however, slight, and we do not wish to give it publicity. In the estimation of our present correspondent a "speaker" may be one who made a long speech, but our first correspondent might have thought a mover or seconder who uttered a few words as a ". peaker". However that might be, a newspaper controversy on the matters at issue between them must be avoided especially in view of the near approach of the visit of the Governor whom all must combine to honour. In newspaper accounts of meetings in the North, where there are no short hand writers, mistakes are liable to occur, and it is only meet and proper that they should be passed over. We are at a loss to know why the Secretary of the meeting, Mr. S. Nagalingam, whom we know to be au able and active officer did not furnish an anthenticated account of the proceedings to the papers. We quote as follows from our second correspondent's letter:-

The meeting commenced a little after the

app inted time.

Our veterau Police Magistrate R. W. Allegecoon Eaqui, was, on the motion of Mr. V. Mudaliar Sivasithamparam, Maniagar of Vadamaratchy West, seconded by Mr. T. Nagalingam, Merchant, voted to the chair.

The chairman in very lucid and eloquent words explained the object of the meeting. He also gave an account of the agitation of the people of the North for a Railway from its very commencement,
Then Mr.C. Valautha Udaiyar spoke in Tamil

very forcibly dwelling on almost all the points touched upon by the worthy chairman.

Proposed by Mr. G. C. Ganspathy Pillai, Licensed Surveyor, and seconded by Mr. Chittam-palam, Siroff, that Mr. S. Nagalingam of the Point Pedro Courts be elected Honorary Secretary; and Proposed by Mr. V. Ganapathy Pillai, Proctor, and seconded by Mr. Sidamparapillai of Valvettiturai, the well-known P. W. D. Clerk, that Mr. V. Valanthampilla, Manager of the Hinda English High School, be elected Honorary Treasurer.

Proposed by Mr. Advocate Thalayasingam and seconded by Mr. M. Supramaniam, Proctor, and supported by the Revd: Mr. Thamotharampilly, that some permanent fitting Memorial should be raised to perpetuate the memory of His Exc llency the Governor, Sr West R dgeway, for the great boon conferred on us by him in having opened the Railway to the North.

Proposed by Mr. Proctor Caudappa and seconded by Mr. Proctor S. Subramaniam and supported by the Revd. Mr. Adams that subscriptions be raised and forwarded to the Parent Committee at Jaffua to be used towards the memorial to be raised in memory of His Ex-cellency the Governor, the nature of which to be decided later on by the Parent Committee.

Proposed by the Revd: Mr. Thamotharampilly and seconded by Mr. Ganagarayer that the

tollowing gentlemen, viz: -

Messrs: Advocate Thalayasingam, Proctor M. Supremaniam, Proctor S. Subramaniam, Proctor K. Kanakasabhai, Proctor V. Ganapathipillai, Proctor C. Candappa, Notary Kathirgamatamby, V. Mudaliar Sivasithamparam, Maniagar, V. Modi: Chittampalam, Maniagar, T. Nagalingam, S. Punniamurthy, A. S. Arambamurthy, A. S. Nicholas, V. Aroomugam, S. T. Chirtampalam, Shroff, S. Veluppillai, A. Nagamuttoc, K. Supremaniam, S. A. Pauipillai, Dr. Chittampalam, and the office bearers be elected a committee with power to add to their number, to collect funds and otherwise to carry out the object of the meeting.

The names of Mesers: M. Mudaliar Pounusamy and A. A. Sithamparappillai were sub-

sequently added.

Then the subscription list was started and those present at the meeting subscribed a sum exceeding Hz 3000 at the spot. (We omit the formal resolutions thanking the manager of the school for giving the use of the Bungalow and the Chairman for presiding, &c., Ed. H. O.)

I am, Sir. Yours Truly An Eye Witness.

A MEETING AT CHAVAKACHCHERRI

A meeting was held this evening at Chava-Kacheherri pursuant to a notice issued by Mr. R. W. Allegecoon, Police Magistrate, to consider the steps to be taken to give a suitable reception to His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of His visit to Jaffna for the purpose of opening the Railway for traffic, and to per-

ter having baken a for-

private his name in Jaffna by putting up a permanent Memorial.

Mr. R. W. Allegecoor, the P lice Magistrate, wa, on the motion of Mr. Advocate J. II. Vantiasingam, seconded by Mr. Vinas tamby, unanimously elected to the ch ir.

Mr. Vinasitamby, the Chief Clark of the Courte, was on the motion of M. Precter Kandaiya seconded by Mr. J. B. T stalve rasinghe, elected Il norary Secretary of the meeting.

V. Saravanamattu, Medir, of the G.v. rnor's gate and Maningar of Thenmaradchy, was elecd Honorary Treasurer on the motion of Mr. Proctor Apparswamy, sec add by Mr. S. Mootatainly, Maningar of Pachchilappall.

The Chairman in a lucid and impressive speech explained the chj ct of the meting, and drew special attention to the fact that while the people of Point Pidro only shared in the general benefits derived from the Railway, the se of Chavaki cheherri and the adjoing parishes were specially benefited by the railway being brought to their very deor.

Mr. Sandrasegara, Advocate, Messre. C udappe, Arparswamy and Coomaraswamy, Proctor, Me. Velupillai, Maniagar of Karschehi, and others followed in persuasive addresses, which conteiputed not a little to the success if the meeting. Mr. Candappa moved and Mr. Velapillai seconded the appointment of a committee to collect subscriptions, which was carried unanimously. The committee is composed of many of the leading gentlemen in the d vision.

The gentlemen present at the meeting were thereafter called up in to subscribe, and they respended to the coll cordially and very liberally indeed, the amount subscribed on the spot amounting to Rs. 4105. Subscription lists will be circulated, and it is confidently expected that the collections both here and at Point Pedro will eventually amount to the good round sum of Rs 10,000.

The meeting terminated very late in the evening with a vote of thanks to the chairman, who takes a warm interest in the movement, and richly deserves the thanks of the prople, for his endeavours to reduce to a tangible and appreciable form, the feelings of a grateful people towards His Excellency the Governor, for the very great boon he has conferred on them by opening the Railway to the North.

(Our Chavakachcherri Correspondent has omitted the names of the Committee members. We hope that it will not be made a subject of complaint as at Point Pedro. Ed. H. O.)

NOTES BY A RAMBLER.

I WILL APPEAR.

I have been long before, deeply impressed with the havor which Western materialism, going hand in hand with Western education and civilization, is doing to the minds and hearts of the sons of the soil. 'The ideals of our forefathers were nothing beyond what they actually lived up to and practised, whereas their lives and doings have little by little become foreign to our nature as the Western worm is ever busy eating into our vitals.

Our mode of living, our habits, and our customs have been considerably altered, nay our mode of thinking, and what is worse, our feelings too. The naive simplicity of our illustrious ancestors have been haved decreived the horsels of the court hand artiful buried deep into the bowels of the earth, and artful, conventional, and insincere habits are being steadily cultivated.

What was condemned by them as most injurious alike to self and society, has become the fashion now. One who adheres still to the good rules of old is put down as not up to date. The object of life is no more to free oneself from one's Mala-bantaam, but to eat, drink, and dance. Life is well lived only when you smoke a Manilla or ride a cycle and so on. * * * *

Every-day instances of this have pressed upon me so very painfully, that I have to think of a remedy. Our Shastras are being studied by Western savants and extolled as the choicest product of human mind, but unfortunately for us it is very few who take an interest in such studies, fewer still who will follow their dictates. The flood of Western civilisation has plunged our countrymen into the mire of indifferentism and materialism, so much so, that those among them who hold up their head and devote their life to the study and practice of Truth, can be counted on one's fugers' ends. Consequently the Truth day by day comes to be hidden from the people, and what is unreal and vanishing is thought to be the Truth. * *

The best place for teaching the Truth is the school, but the object aimed at being a smattering of English to earn a living, the vernacular is neglected, and the books in the Tamil language are passed over as below dignity to read. They have to be translated and put before our 'durais' who care to read them. Even when translated, Reynold's 'Mysteries' find a

better sale among them than the translation of one of our sacred books.

As the spiritual truths which were once acted upon daily are dying away, I think it best to introduce them into your columns, Mr. Editor, showing, wherever necessary, the evils brought about by Western civilisation, how our lives have been entirely changed by its influence, and how they must be regained and so on. I mean to mention of passing events by way of illustration, and to sound a note of warning to my friends that they may benefit by it; for it is not too late now. The present day life of our people and what they ought to be will come under my re-

With the connection of Jaffna with the Metropolis by rail, our people will become civilised much more than any one can imagine and as quickly as the speed of the locomotive. That a great peril is impending (excuse me if I am pessimistic) to the spiritual prosperity of the people, is most certain, and I am not concerned with their material prosperity separately from spiritual.

am also certain that my notes in your columns will be able to rouse our people from their spiritual slumber, no. it is not slumber, for they are moving to the other extreme. The wide jaws of materialism lie oren before them and before they fall a prey, let us sonud a warning and make them follow the path chalk d out to us by our sages. I have explained my object, but I must sav also a word about my presumption.

Some people will perhaps say it is presumption on my part to appear in the role of a 'rambier' with spiritual truths in the lips. Right, in one respect. But I must confess to your readers that I have been trying to move persons greater than myself and well--learned in our Shastras to do this noble task. To my surprise they put off and put off, till, at last, it is obvious, there will be no day when they will begin the

After all, I thought I will appear and do what I can. Let your readers well understand that I do not presume to know all spiritual truths, but I am convinced of the want of it in our daily life, and this is a source of pain to me. Just to relieve my heart and to express what I feel, I will appear. I have no idea of the reception that awaits me. More anon. Now Rambler'.

NOTICE.

The Rest Houses at Kankesantural and Point pedro will be closed to the Public on the 11th and 12ht March 1902 respectively.

CHAS V. BRAYNE Secretary.

Provincial Road Committee's Office, Jaffna, 27th February 1902

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

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Testamentary Ne: 1235 Jurisdiction

In the matter of the estate of the late Aliar Kappudaiyar of Manippay
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Between the late Aliar Kappudaiyar Kannamuttu widow of Tharakkundu in Mannar

Minors { 1. Aliar Kappudaiyar Meiadeenkany and 2. Sulaimaumma daughter of Aliar

Kappudaiyar, both of Tharakkundu in Mannar, minors appearing by their Guardian ad litem Kappaneina Marakair Assena Marakair of Tharakkundu Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kappamuttu widow of the late Aliar Kappudaiyar of Tharakkundo in Mannar praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Aliar Kappudaiyar coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esqr. District Judge, on the 3rd February 1902, in the presence of Mr. A. Canagaratnam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 7th day of December 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 18th day of March 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

3rd February 1902 Signed. W. R. B. SANDERS saled mort sales some to District Judge.

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