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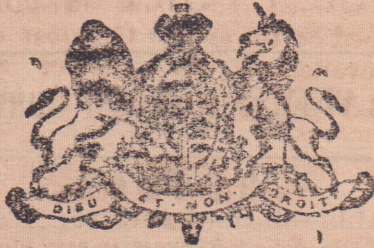
The New junior F.A., and Entrance classes in the Jaffna Hindu College will be formed during the first week of June 1902. Students desirous joining these classes should do so without delay as regular work will commence from the 2nd week of June.

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THE HINDU ORGAN.

JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1902

NORTHERN PROVINCE.

The revenue Administration Report of the Northern Province by Mr. R. W. Ievers, Government Agent, for the year 1901, is as usual full of interesting and useful informations respecting the Province. The revenue returns show an increase of Rs. 149,238, the gross revenue collected in 1901 being Rs 785,344 as against Rs 636,106 in 1900. Besides this the amount collected under the Thoroughfares Ordinance in 1901 was Rs 80,031, of which Jaffna District contributed Rs 65,704, as compared with Rs 79,430 in the previous year. The increase in the real ordinary revenue has been chiefly:—

| | Rs. | | Rs. |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Customs imports... | 90,032 | Police Court fines... | 518 |
| Port dues..... | 20 | Survey fees..... | 883 |
| Arrack and toddy | | Collections at | |
| rents ... | 19,500 | dispensaries... | 126 |
| Salt rent... .. | 150 | Warehouse rent ... | 9,017 |
| Salt for retail..... | 864 | Fees for title deeds | 217 |
| Salt for released | | Postage stamps ... | 4,680 |
| districts... .. | 36,344 | Forest produce ... | 481 |
| Bridge tolls... .. | 993 | Laud sales... .. | 1,247 |
| Ferry tolls..... | 406 | | |

The decrease has been chiefly:—

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| Exports of chanks ... | 2,092 | Judicial stamps..... | 5,171 |
| Stamps, revenue ... | 1,898 | Timber..... | 5,927 |
| District Court fines | 1,746 | Firewood..... | 902 |

The grain crops of the Jaffna District for the year 1901-1902 were very satisfactory and would have been more but for the untimely rain during the harvest season. In the Vanni the case was otherwise, as the cultivation suffered for want of rain and from long droughts, especially in such portions of the Mannar District as are not served from the Giant's tank reservoir.

Regarding food supply Mr. Ievers estimates the outturn of the paddy crop of the Province at 875,545 bushels of paddy, the varago crop at 20,310 bushels, and other dry grains at 103,800 bushels, making in all 1,000,655 bushels local crop. The imported grain amounted to paddy 1,513,342 bushels, Rice 166,348 bushels, and other grains 17,902. Making allowance for the food grains exported from this place, the Government Agent estimates that 2,390,045 bushels of paddy 61,738 bushels of rice and 17,756 bushels of other grains were consumed in the Province. This, however, does not include the balance rice in stock at the end of the preceding year, nor does it exclude the balance at the end of the year under review. To this should be added Kurakkan, paddy, gingelly &c., brought from the Vanni and North-

Central Province by land, the quantity of which is unascertainable.

Of the articles imported coastwise, that is, from other parts of the Island into the Province during the year was 23,981 gallons of arrack of the value of Rs 131,891 and 8323 cwts of unmanufactured tobacco of the value of Rs. 163,9 4. The quantity of paddy and rice brought into Jaffna chiefly from Batticaloa is 68,1 8 cwt and 9,791 cwt respectively as against 102,210 cwt and 10,974 cwt in the previous year.

The total value of the trade of the Province was Rs 12 663 763, as against Rs 9,102,998 in 1900. The imports of the year under review were Rs 8 948 286 and the exports were Rs 3,715 476.

Mr. Ievers' observations under the heads of "Health of People" and "Sanitation" are so interesting and useful that we cannot resist the temptation of quoting them in full.

HEALTH OF PEOPLE.

Fever, which generally prevails during the latter part of the year, was less virulent than in the previous years.

There were 12 cases of smallpox at Kayts in September and October, 1901, of which two proved fatal. One case was reported from Valvettitturai in April.

Towards the close of the year cholera broke out at Achchuveli, a village halfway between Jaffna and Point Pedro, and later on at Kayts. Fortunately the disease was confined to the localities where it appeared. The cases were 95 in number at Achchuveli and Kayts. In the former village 23 persons died and 37 in the latter, including a police sergeant on duty in charge of the party told off to assist the Medical Department.

During the existence of cholera at Achchuveli and Kayts many unfounded rumours of cholera in various places gave trouble in investigation, but I am glad to say that all were found by the medical officers, to be merely ordinary cases of illness. Tamils have at first a horror of cholera quite out of keeping with their seeming contempt of precaution and carelessness about it once the disease has spread.

The medical authorities and headmen were unable to decide how cholera was introduced into Achchuveli.

The quarantine regulations were duly enforced in the Province. They are undoubtedly irksome and a hindrance to trade. As no cases of plague have occurred south of Salem District, I think the Plague Committee may consider the advisability of removing the prohibitions in 1902, if the state of health in South India warrants this.

SANITATION.

Under the Board of Health the usual sanitary measures were carried out in the peninsula, with special precautions at the places of pilgrimage; and the measures required by the Plague Committee continued throughout the Province. In connection with plague precaution, rats were destroyed at Jaffna to the number of 3,338 in 1900 and 6,305 in 1901, total 9,643.

The following is an extract from a report of the Superintendent of Police, Mr. Rudd:—

Went to Yannarpoune on inspection. Visited all the crowded localities there and the Moor quarters. The rain has raised the usual odours from the saturated soil and from the decaying palmarah leaf fences and screens. It is not clear how even a Municipality could deal with these last-named. In dry weather they are dry as tinder and a menace from fire, in wet weather they gradually decay as they stand.

Fortunately their rapid decay necessitates frequent renewal. When torn down they are dug into the fields as manure. The palm leaves used as the thatch of houses make excellent manure when removed to the fields, as they have soot adhering to them from the wood fires, which makes an excellent fertilizer.

The fencing of compounds by high fences of cadjans and palm leaves, which is the custom of Jaffna universally and of all Jaffna people wherever they go, makes the details of sanitation quite as difficult for a town council as in those towns where the houses are substantially built.

Proceeded to Karaiur, Pasiur, and Colombogam fishing villages. The last is the least crowded, and the huts are mostly surrounded by deep sand, which speedily absorbs, and under the great heat of the sun desiccates all filth. Karaiur, in the heart of Jaffna, is probably the most saturated soil in this Province. We keep the surface clean as far as possible, but no more can be done at present."

I agree with Mr. Rudd's remarks. Nothing but clearing out the existing population will be of any real use. But this is "a large order," which the Cholera Commission found it impossible to carry through. All that was possible was done in cutting roads through the village and letting in more ventilation, but the congestion of population remains and increases..

In the early part of the year there was much agitation for and against a Municipality for Jaffna. The

decision of Government was that the time had hardly come for such establishment, although, it must be almost certain to come in the near future. The opening of the railway in 1902 will most probably be the incentive to local taxation for local needs.

The sanitation of the town of Jaffna is maintained by a Sanitary Officer and a staff under him, with a grant of Rs. 4,000 allowed by Government for the purpose.

The towns of Point Pedro, Valvettitturai, Mannar, and Mullattivu have been brought under the Small Towns Sanitary Ordinance, and the funds have been allowed to accumulate until a sufficient amount is in hand to erect permanent latrines and provide for a scavenging staff.

The sanitation of the villages was enforced through the headmen, who were occasionally urged to give their best attention to the subject. As a rule, the villages are very clean, excepting fishing villages.

Complaints were received by me from certain villagers that their dwelling compounds had been flooded at times of heavy rains, and steps were immediately taken to drain them and provide permanent drainage culverts where they were indicated.

The water supply of the villages was very satisfactory. It is derived solely from wells.

(to be continued)

JAFFNA AND PLAGUE REGULATIONS.

Elsewhere we publish the memorial of some of the principal inhabitants of Jaffna to His Excellency Sir J. West Ridgeway, praying for the relaxation of the quarantine regulations now enforced in the Jaffna ports, as well as the reply of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor through the Hon. the Colonial Secretary. It will be seen that the prayer which is only for a relaxation of the regulations, and not for their entire removal as the Government would have us believe, is not granted. In our humble opinion the Government have not met any of the arguments of the Memorialists who admit the continued prevalence of the plague in India for more than three years and base their claim for the relaxation of the regulations on the ground that South India is free from that epidemic. We are glad to find that Mr. Ievers as Government Agent of the Northern Province admits in his Administration Report for 1901, the harshness of the measure and recommends its removal. He says: "The quarantine regulations were duly enforced in the Province. They are undoubtedly irksome and a hindrance to trade. As no cases of plague have occurred South of Salem District, I think the Plague Committee may consider the advisability of removing the prohibitions in 1902, if the state of health in South India warrants this". We are, therefore, led to think that Mr. Ievers who now acts as Colonial Secretary and the chief adviser of the Lieutenant Governor does not share the views expressed in the reply in question.

A HINDU SCHOOL AT ACHCHUVELI.

Pursuant to notice a meeting of the Hindus of the Achchuveli Parish was held, under the auspices of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabai, in the godown of Mr. A. Sapapathy at Achchuveli, on Saturday the 7th Instant at 5. P. M. to establish a Hindu English School in that Parish. There was a large gathering of Hindus of the place, besides the following gentlemen connected with the Saiva Paripalana Sabai, viz Rairahadoor Murugasampillai, Retired Deputy Collector Tanjore, Mr. Advocate A. Kanagasabai, Mr. Proctor Casipillai, Mr. R. Kanyah Mudaliyar, Secretary District Court and Messrs A. Sapapathy, R. Arulambalam, V. Sanmugam, K. Mudaliyar Navaretnam, S. Visuvappa, P. Rajagopal and E. Kathiravelu. Mr. A. Mailvaganam J. P. and U. P. M. of Copay also was present. Mr. Kanagasabai who presided explained the object of the meeting at length in Tamil and read to the meeting

the Memorials sent to the Saiva Paripalana Sabai, by the Hindus of Achchuveli, and the students of the Mission School, praying for the establishment of a Hindu English School in their midst where Hindu boys could learn English without detriment to their religious belief. He suggested the necessity of a local Committee being appointed to collect funds and manage the school which was named Achchuveli Hindu English School. The Committee having been elected a subscription list was opened and about Rs 1100 were subscribed on the spot. Greatest enthusiasm prevailed on the occasion and the meeting which was over at 7. P. M. was a great success.

THE TERMS OF PEACE

The following telegram to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies sets forth in brief the terms of peace now concluded between His Majesty's Government and the Boers:—

From Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.
June 5th, 1902.

Terms of surrender of Boers are contained in document signed 31st May, of which following is substance:—

His Excellency General Lord Kitchener and His Excellency Lord Milner, on behalf of the British Government, and General C. R. D. Wet, Judge J. Von Heintz, W. Bremner, and General C. Olivier, acting for the Government of the Orange Free State, and Messrs S. W. Burger, F. W. Reitz, General Louis Botha, J. H. De-la-Roy, Lucas Meyer, and Crow, acting as the Government of the South African Republic, on behalf of their respective burghers, desirous to terminate the present hostilities, agree on the following articles:—

1. Burgher forces will forthwith lay down arms, giving up all munitions of war, and desist from further resistance to authority of H. M. King Edward VII, whom they recognise as their lawful Sovereign.

2. All Burghers in the field of the Transvaal or Orange Free State Colony, and all prisoners of War at present outside South Africa who are Burghers, will, on duly declaring their acceptance of the position of subjects of H. M. Edward VII, be gradually brought back to their homes as soon as transport can be provided and their means of subsistence insured.

3. Burghers surrendering will not be deprived of personal liberty or property.

4. No proceedings to be taken against Burghers surrendering for bona fide acts of war, except certain acts notified to Boer Generals by Commander-in-Chief.

5. Dutch language to be taught in schools when parents desire it, and to be used in Courts of Law where necessary.

6. Possession of rifles for their protection to be allowed to persons taking out license.

7. Civil Government to be introduced as soon as possible, followed by representative, leading up to self-Government.

8. No franchise for natives till after introduction of self Government.

9. No special land tax in Transvaal or Orange River Colony to pay for war.

10. His Majesty's Government will set aside £3 millions for restoration of population to their homes and for making good war losses. *Bona fide* possession of commanding receipts or South African Republic Government notes will be taken as evidence of war losses. In addition British Government will make advance on loan to Burghers for same purpose.

Please make these terms known to P. O. W. and inform them that preparations are to be commenced as soon as possible for their gradual return, but that owing to deluded state of country it will take time before all can be returned. Copies of correspondence will be sent to you by mail.

I will communicate with you later as to the form and terms in which prisoners are duly to declare their acceptance of the position of subjects of the King.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Weather—It threatened last night to rain. After some drizzles accompanied by thunder and lightning the weather cleared today. There is now a lull in the blowing of the wind.

The Shroff of the Jaffna Kachcheri—Mr. Am-balavana Mudaliyar, Shroff of this Kachcheri has sent in his paper for retirement after 45 years service.

Jaffna Steam Navigation Company—At a Meeting of the shareholders of this Company held on the 5th Instant under the presidency of Mr. Proctor Casipillai it was resolved to increase the shares of the Company from 200 to 400, as the present capital of Rs 50000 is not sufficient for the working of the Company.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| (2) Veteran's Race (75 yards) | 1st Prize |
| (3) Three legged Race (—D—) | 1st Prize |
| (4) Sack Race (—D—) | 1st Prize |
| (5) One hundred yards Handicap | for boys 1st and 2nd Prizes |
| (6) Potato Race | |
| (7) Boot Race (Police) | 1st and 2nd Prizes |
| (8) Seventy five yards Handicap | for girls 1st and 2nd Prizes |
| (9) Thread and needle Race | 1st Prize |
| (10) Quarter Mile | 1st and 2nd Prizes |
| (11) Bicycle Bending Race | 1st Prize |
| (12) High Jump | 1st and 2nd Prizes |
| (13) Obstacle Race | (5) Five Prizes |
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Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That, owing to the proximity of Jaffna and South India and owing to racial affinities of the people living in both countries, there had been more frequent and intimate intercourse between this place and South India than between any other parts of Ceylon and the neighbouring Continent. Ever since this Peninsula was peopled by the Tamils from South India, there had been no interruption to the direct communication between the two places; and the distance separating them being only about forty miles of sea, the people of Jaffna used to visit their mother country on business, on pleasure trips, and on pilgrimages, more easily than they could visit any other Province of this Island itself.

2. That, as Your Excellency is aware, Jaffna depends upon India not only for its food supply but also for most of its luxuries. A very large number of the Memorialists' relations and countrymen are employed under the Government of India and in the Native States, and also earn their living in India as merchants, contractors &c.. The sacred Shrines of the Hindus who form the vast majority of the people of this peninsula being also in India, pilgrimages to those Shrines were of frequent occurrence. The only market outside the limits of Ceylon for Jaffna Tobacco—the staple product of the peninsula—being in India, Jaffna merchants engaged in that trade used often to visit Tra-

vancore, and Cochin to personally attend to their business.

3. That since the beginning of the year 1899, however, Your Excellency's Government has, with the view to prevent the introduction of the plague into Ceylon, put a stop to the landing of passengers directly from India in any port of Jaffna.

4. That this measure, the memorialist humbly submit, though adopted with the best of intentions, has been the means of causing great loss, inconvenience, hardships and difficulties, to the people of Jaffna. Merchants who used formerly to superintend their business in India personally are now unable to do so, owing to the excessive cost and the hazardous nature of the return journey via Tutucorin and Colomb; and for the same reasons persons with small capital who earned their living by importing from India clothes, currysuffs, jewellery, cattle &c., are no longer able to do so. The sons of Jaffna who are employed in various parts of India and who used to visit their kith and skin as frequently as if they were living in some other part of the Island itself, are now obliged to forego the pleasure of visiting their native country, for fear of the long and circuitous journey which they have to undertake. Except under the direct necessity persons here avoid as much as possible a trip to India, owing to the difficulties attending the return journey. The memorialists need hardly point out to Your Excellency that the continuance of this measure is likely to affect the vital interests of this Peninsula.

5. That the memorialists beg further to point out to Your Excellency that a trip to any part of South India and back to Jaffna could have been performed by a person, before the establishment of the present quarantine regulations within a week's time and at a cost of between Rs 10. and Rs 20. But under the present restrictions the return journey is not only long, dreary and difficult, involving the crossing of two wide and boisterous seas between Tutucorin and Colombo and Jaffna, instead of only one shallow sea of about 40 miles between South India and Jaffna, but the time occupied in the journey and the expenditure involved make it almost prohibitive and beyond the reach of every one who is under the necessity of undertaking it.

6. The memorialists also beg humbly to submit that, though Jaffna is more intimately connected with India than any other part of Ceylon, it is Jaffna alone that suffers under the weight of the present plague regulations, all other parts of the Island under some, or without any, safeguards being allowed to land passengers from India. Even in Trincomalee and Batticaloa Indian passengers who get on Board the colonial steamers at Paumben are landed without any restriction.

7. That the people of Jaffna have patiently borne the hardships consequent on the imposition of the regulations in question and made no complaint against them to the Government, as the said regulations were made in their interests and as they were under the impression that the preventive measures were only of a temporary nature and would be removed after a short time.

8. But the present quarantine regulations have been in existence for more than three years and the plague has assumed an endemic form in India. The memorialists are, therefore, alarmed at the prospect of the present restrictions being enforced here indefinitely as long as the plague prevails in any part of India.

9. The memorialist beg specially to bring to Your Excellency's gracious notice that no indigenous case of plague has occurred in any part of South India south of Salem, though there has been daily communication with the infected parts; and that the Jaffnese go to and return from such parts of South India as are free from the plague.

The memorialists, therefore, most humbly pray that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to relax the present plague regulations as enforced in Jaffna, and order the landing of passengers from India in one Jaffna port under such safeguards as your Excellency may think proper and necessary to prevent the introduction of the plague into this Island.

And the memorialist as in duty bound shall every Pray

Jaffna 31st March 1902

Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo, 6th May 1902.

No. 1300.

Sir,

In reply to the Memorial dated 31st March addressed by you and certain others of Jaffna to His Excellency the Governor praying for relaxation of the Quarantine Re-

gulations in Jaffna, I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that the plague during the period from July 1901 to April 1902 shows a considerably greater increase in the number of cases and deaths, and has spread over a larger area than at the commencement of Qu-rantine in the North.

Under these circumstances it would be a serious responsibility to afford relief to a few where there is the risk of great danger to the general population.

His Excellency therefore regrets that your request cannot be granted.

A. R. SLATER
for Colonial Secretary

To
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1270
In the matter of the estate of the late Annamuttu wife of Kathirkamar Veluppillai of Tanenkilappu
D ceased.
Kathirkamar Veluppillai of Tanenkilappu
Petitioner

Vs
1. Kanthar Chanmukam and his wife
2. Chellamuttu of Tanenkilappu
Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kathirkamar Veluppillai the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Annamuttu wife of Veluppillai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esqr: District Judge, on the 22nd day of May 1902, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivaprakasam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 19th day of May 1902 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 24th day of June 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 22nd day of May 1902

Signed. W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
ORDER NI-I

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1274
In the Matter of the will and Estate of the late Mr. Thamotarampillai Chellappapillai Retired Chief Justice of Travancore.
Deceased.

Between
Sinnatamby Sapapatipillai of Vannarponnai
and
Thamotarampillai Ponnampalampillai presently of Vannarponnai
Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner Sinnatamby Sapapatipillai praying for grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Thamotarampillai Chellappapillai with a copy of the Last will annexed coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 2nd day of June 1902 in the presence of Mr. S. Kandayya Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavits of the Petitioner and of the witnesses to the Last will dated the 2nd day of June 1902 having been read, It is ordered that the will of the late Thamo-

tarampillai Chellappapillai dated the 30th day of July 1901 now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and that Sinnatamby Sapapatipillai the brother-in-law of the Deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him with copy of the will annexed unless the abovenamed respondent or any other person shall on or before the 10th day of July 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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