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Late Mr. C. Ponnampalam Advocate

Reference at the Jaffna District Court

Mr. Advocate Kathirgamalingam, said:—

"Before your Honour begins work this day, it is my sad duty to refer to the passing away of Mr. Cathiravelu Ponnampalam Advocate on the 8th day of October, 1971. Mr. Ponnampalam, Advocate, appeared in this Court before your Honour on the 6th of this month which was the day after his 71st birthday; that is the 5th October. He had completed 70 years and we did not realise that Mr. Ponnampalam was really ill or that it would be the last day of his appearance in this Court.

Very few families can be proud of having 3 or 4 generations of lawyers in their family in this country. Very few families in Jaffna can be proud of distinguished service to the country for 3 or 4 generations and Mr Ponnampalam was lucky to have been born in such an illustrious family in Jaffna town. He was born on 5 10-1901.

Mr. Ponnampalam's grand uncle Mr. V. Kasipillai was a great philanthropist and a reputed lawyer. He was Crown Proctor of Jaffna and was one of the first directors of the Jaffna Hindu College. He has been almost the financier of Jaffna Hindu College during his time. Mr. Casipillai on his own founded the Sri Parvathy Vidyasalai at Arivalai and had built the Sithi Vinayagar temple at Ariyalai.

Mr. Ponnampalam's uncle the Honourable Mr. Canagaratnam was a well known Proctor. He was the first Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council and he continued to be the Chairman till he resigned in 1926 and became a member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Canagaratnam was the Founder and the Editor of the "Ceylon Patriot".

Mr. Ponnampalam's father Mr. Cathiravele was a leading proctor during his time. He was Crown Pro-

tor for many years and acted for the Magistrate on many occasions. He was the second Editor of the Hindu Organ and took an active interest in the Saiva Paripalana Sabai.

His uncle Mr. C. Arulampalam was another distinguished advocate of this Bar. He was himself a manager of many schools. Mr. Arulampalam's son is Mr. Visuvanathan, Proctor, a member of this Bar.

Mr. Ponnampalam's brother Mr. Sittampalam, who is no more, was a Barrister who did not practise as a lawyer as he had entered the Ceylon Civil Service and later became a Member of Parliament and Minister of Posts and Telecommunications. Two of Mr. Sittampalam's children have joined the legal profession one daughter is an Advocate and the other is a Proctor, both of whom are practising in Colombo.

His brother-in-law the late Casipillai was another leading member of this Bar and practised his profession as a Proctor for many years with great distinction and was also a Mayor of Jaffna.

Thus there have been 4 generations of lawyers in the family of Mr. Ponnampalam.

Born with a silver spoon in his mouth, Mr. Ponnampalam had all the advantages of the tradition of service and wealth. He was educated at Royal College and later passed out as an Advocate in 1929. From that time he had been practising at this Bar. Very rarely he went to outstations except on a few occasions when his services were really required in cases connected with Trust as at Chilaw and at Chavakachcheri.

He had a large and lucrative practice. He was a specialist in law regarding Hindu Temporalities and Local Government. It is said that during the years he was in active politics as a member and Chairman of

the Urban Council and Mayor of Jaffna he used to have consultation at 4-30 a. m. with the proctors and clients and they made efforts to meet him at 4-30 a. m. as he had little time to devote to consultations at other times. This shows the great liking the proctors and his clients had for Mr. Ponnampalam.

As a lawyer he maintained the highest traditions of the Bar. He was a gentleman who was liked and respected by every judge before whom he appeared. He had a high reputation as a very capable draftsman of pleadings especially in Trust cases.

I must refer at this stage to the role he played in our Law Library. No lawyer in active practice would like to part with his Law books. At the most he would like to leave behind the books as a gift to the Library on his death. But Mr. Ponnampalam handed over his collection of rare and valuable books to our Library about 4 or 5 years ago and he took a great interest in building up the Library and bringing it up-to-date. He has presided at most of our Library committee meetings and has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the Library and its staff as well. He used to sit at the head of the table in the Library and this seat was reserved by unanimous consent for Mr. Ponnampalam. Any lawyer who walked into the Law Library would be greeted by Mr. Ponnampalam early in the morning. There would be a cluster of lawyers around him discussing matters of law as well as matters of public importance. The Library will not be the same as it was during his lifetime. We will miss Mr. Ponnampalam, who was normally called and addressed as "C. P." by all — whether juniors or seniors. Mr. Ponnampalam was a very good friend to a good number of us at this Bar. He was a pleasant and generous host to his friends and visitors to Jaffna. His death is a personal loss to most of us at this Bar. In

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FOR YOUR BOOKS

CONTACT

Saiva Prakasa
Book Depot

A Navalar Chronicle

S. Ambikaipakan

- 1822 18th December. Navalar born at Nallur Jaffna. Father Kanthapillai and mother Sivakamiam.
- 1827 Began Tamil studies under Subramania Upathiyayar and Velautha Mudaliar
- 1834 Admitted to Wesleyan School otherwise known as Perceval School (later became Jaffna Central College).
- 1841 Became a teacher at the Wesleyan School. Appointed Tamil Pandit to Rev. Perceval and both translated the Bible.
- 1842 Taught Tamil and Saiva Religion to deserving students in the mornings and nights without getting any remuneration.
- 1847 Started delivering lectures on Saiva Religion at the Vannarponnai Sivan Temple to counteract Christian propaganda.
- 1848 First journey to India in the company of Rev. Perceval to get approval of the South Indian Church for their translation of the Bible.
- 1848 August. Established the Vannarponnai Saiva Pragasa Vidyasalai.
- 1848 September. Resigned his teaching post to devote his full time to religious, social and literary work.
- 1849 Second journey to India for buying a Printing Press. Thiruvavaduthurai Mutt conferred the title of Navalar in recognition of his great learning and powers of speech. He visited other Saiva Mutts on their invitation and delivered lectures. Published Chudamani Nigandu and Soundariya Lahiri with his commentary.
- 1850 Wrote and published the 1st, 2nd and 4th Readers.
- 1852 Wrote and published the prose version of Periapuranam.
- 1853 Formed the Saiva Prakasa Sabha at Vannarponnai.
- 1854 Issued the tract — "Saiva Thooshana Parikaram" in which he met the attack of the Christian Missionaries on Saiva Religion.
- 1854 Oct. Third Journey to India: Took the vow of celibacy and got initiation to perform Siva Pooja.
- 1858 Fourth Journey to India. Established a Press in Madras. Reception at Ramnad by Ponnuswamy Devar.
- 1859 Published the text of Tirukovaiyar and Tiruvachakam.
- 1860 & 1861 Published Tirukural and Tirukovaiyar with old commentaries.
- 1862 Returned to Jaffna.
- 1864 Jan. Fifth Journey to India.
- 1864 Oct. Established the Saiva Pragasa Vidya salai at Chidambaram.
- 1864 Published Sethupuranam, Illakana Vilakkam, Churavali, Tholkappia Sutra Viruthi, Illakana Kothu, and Kanthapuram.
- 1868 Published Koilpurana Urai and Saiva Samaya Neri Urai.
- 1869 Published the pamphlet, "Nallarivu Sudar Kolluthal" to meet the attack on C. W. Thamotharampillai and himself.
- 1869 Published "Poliarudpa Maruppu".
- 1869 Case arising from the publication of the above.

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THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

விடையான் விரும்பி ஏன் உள்ளத் திருந்தான், இனிமடக்கு இங்கு அடையா அவலம், அருவினசாரா, நமனை அஞ்சோம்,....

The Rider on the Bull(God) took pleasure in being seated in my heart, no grief can afflict me hereafter, nither will any sin approach me I feather not Death.



மகசிவாயவே நமஸ்கரம் கவிவியும் மகசிவாயவே நமஸ்கரம் விசுவாயும் மகசிவாயவே நமஸ்கரம் நேத்துமே மகசிவாயவே நமஸ்கரம் காட்டுமே மகசிவாயவே

Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1971

U. N. STILL USEFUL

The dawn of the twenty sixth year of the United Nations Organization is certainly a great event for humanity as a whole for the simple reason that this august Assembly has survived the several setbacks that have been confronting it year in and year out.

The belated but bold move to seek a final and firm decision on the question of finding the proper place for People's China in the U. N. undoubtedly indicates the new trend of thought in political philosophy.

Late Mr. C. Ponnampalam Advocate

(Continued from page 5) fact some of us wanted to unveil his photograph 2 or 3 years ago, but some of his friends felt, perhaps due to superstition, that it would be a bad omen to have the photograph of Mr. Ponnampalam unveiled when he was alive.

Now I must refer to the part played by Mr. Ponnampalam in the political life of this country. From the time he became an Advocate, he took an active interest in politics. Mr. Ponnampalam was one of the earliest Tamil leaders to wear the simple national costume consisting of a spotlessly white verty, national bannian and shawl.

victory resulted in the capture of power by the revolting Reds and the fleeing away of the nationalists across the sea to neighbouring Taiwan.

If the U. N. should steer clear of all ingenious attempts by interested nations to create confusion in the simple matter of membership it must make the People's Republic of China the representative of the Chinese people and admit a new nation styled 'Taiwan'.

which have tended to bring stability in the administration of the Municipalities, which up to that time had resembled a game of musical chairs, were due to the efforts and advice of Mr. Ponnampalam to the late S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike with whom he was closely associated.

Mr. Ponnampalam took a great interest in the Jaffna Public Library. While he was Obairman and Mayor of Jaffna, he made arrangements to provide sanitary facilities at the Nallur Kandasamy Temple during the annual High Festival and made arrangements for financial assistance from the Central Government.

Mr. Ponnampalam expressed his views very strongly on political matters. He had the courage of his convictions and unlike other politicians, he was always prepared to change his views and state publicly that the views he had expressed on an earlier occasion were not correct.

As I said the tradition of service set up by his ancestors like Kasipillai and Canagaratnam, served as a background for him to keep up that tradition of service and he donated his entire fortune to the service of the Jaffna town in his political career.

In his attitude to social conditions in Jaffna, Mr. Ponnampalam was almost a revolutionary. Long before our politicians started talking about the upliftment of Harijans, Mr. Ponnampalam started a movement for the upliftment of the Harijans. In fact, he felt that the beating of drums at a funeral, which is almost an archaic remnant of a tribal custom and degrading to the community which beat those drums, should be done away with more than 30 to 40 years ago.

extent to which he worked towards the upliftment of the Harijans, although some of the Harijans went back to their old profession. But now we find that this custom has dwindled and is dying out in Jaffna. Mr. Ponnampalam was responsible for the establishment of the institution known as "Gandhi Nilayam" at Ariyalai.

He was generous and gave financial assistance to those who deserved it. He felt pity for the people living in the slum areas of Jaffna Town. The Karayoor Scheme was started mainly through his efforts when Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva his good friend was the Minister of Home Affairs and it became a reality long before he retired from active politics.

Mr. Ponnampalam has lived a full life. When he was seriously ill some years ago, his friends thought that he might pass away, but he survived that illness and we thought that he would but live for many more years to come, cruel death snatched him away from our midst.

He leaves behind his widow, his sister Mrs. Casippillai, his cousin Mr. Visuvanathan, Proctor and his nephew and niece who are the children of Mr. Sittampalam. Thought Mr. Ponnampalam is no more, the citizens of Jaffna will remember him always. A road has been named after him during his lifetime itself.

ate a void in our midst which cannot be filled. May I request your Honour to make a minute of these proceedings and cause it to be sent to the members of his family so that they may know that we feel the loss of Mr. Ponnampalam as much as they do.

The District Judge in reply said:- "Mr. Katbirgamingam and gentlemen of the Jaffna Bar,

My colleague and I join you in mourning the passing away of a leading member of your Bar, an illustrious citizen and one who for more than four decades rendered unselfish and self effacing service to the people of this country.

In all these spheres he was heir to a very rich heritage. In the sphere of law his family has a history of unbroken service for four generations. His grand uncle the late V. Casippillai was a leading member of the Jaffna Bar and was the Crown Proctor in his time.

With such illustrious examples before him, the late C. Ponnampalam perhaps had little choice in regard to his profession and was soon called to the Bar in 1929. Endowed with capacity for hard work, a brilliant and incisive mind and an independence of spirit he was a relentless fighter in the cause of his clients and soon forged ahead to the top ever at a time when the Jaffna Bar boasted of many giants in the profession who could have been an ornament to any bar in the Island.

He was an authority on the law of Trusts, particularly Charitable and Religious Trusts and in the law relating to Hindu religious establishments. He was much sought after in these matters and I think that it can safely be said that there was no trust case of any importance in the courts

during the last three decades in which Mr. C. Ponnampalam did not appear for one side or the other. In the presentation of his clients case, he was clear methodical and precise. He never overlooked an important point but at the same time never indulged in irrelevancies, even in his very last appearances before me, alas, a few days ago, he eliminated all evidence and confined his case to a short point of law.

Although he fought hard for his clients, he never left any bitterness or rancour behind him.

He was always amenable to reason and earned the respect and admiration of the many eminent Judges who presided over these courts. Mr. Ponnampalam not only maintained the highest traditions of a very noble profession but left it enriched by his own contribution conduct and example. His gift of books to the Jaffna Law Library will be a permanent monument to him. His passing away bares a void in the Jaffna Bar which will be difficult to fill.

Although law was his first love. Mr. Ponnampalam was equally devoted from his early student days to politics. He was a progressive at a time.

When it was neither fashionable nor advantageous to be one and remained a progressive to the end of his days. Hereto he had a rich family tradition; his uncle the late A. Canagaratnam was the Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council in the 1920s and later a member of the Ceylon Legislative Council while his brother the late C. Sittampalam was a Member of Parliament and a Minister of State.

Mr. Ponnampalam was Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council for many years and later when Jaffna was given Municipal status he became the Mayor. He was responsible for many of the amenities which Jaffna boasts of today. He introduced Sanitary facilities at the Nallur Kandasamy Temple for which purpose he was responsible for obtaining a Government grant. He was responsible for pushing through the Karayoor Housing Scheme as well as the Jaffna Water Supply Scheme. Although during the latter years he ceased to be a member owing to illness, he continued to dominate municipal politics right up to the very end. His mantle in this sphere of his activity has fallen on the capable shoulders of his

ORDER NISI
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 2759

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Arumugam Balaratnam of Ariyalai West, Jaffna

Deceased
Elizabeth widow of Balaratnam of Sanguveli Manipay

- Vs Petitioner
- 1 Annamattu widow of Arumugam
 - 2 Arumugam Murugesu
 - 3 Arumugam Markandu
 - 4 Arumugam Kulanthavadevelu
 - 5 Selvanayagi widow of Thambialayah
 - 6 Kanthan Asaipillai and wife
 - 7 Kanagammah all of of Kalaimagal lane Ariyalai

Respondents
This matter coming on for disposal before K. E. Kathirgamingam Esquire, Acting District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of September 1971 in the presence of Mr. S. C. Mahadeva Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 18th day of August 1971 having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be and she is hereby declared entitled to as the widow of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased and that the same be issued to her accordingly unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 25th day of November 1971 show sufficient cause to the contrary.

This 3rd day of September 1971
Sgd. A. Vythialingam
District Judge Jaffna

cousin Mr. A. Visuvanathan a member of this Bar. His death is an equally great loss to the people of Jaffna Town.

When all is said and done, when the strife and battle are over, one remembers Mr. Ponnampalam as a kind, gentle and lovable spirit, whose presence never failed to brighten the scene. For many years he suffered an ailment with great fortitude and courage and never let it interfere with his work or his geniality. To all of us his loss is as personal as it is great.

I will accede to your request and cause a copy of these proceedings to be sent to those who mourn his death today, as much as we do, so that they may know the great esteem in which Mr. Ponnampalam was held by these with whom he worked."

Fitting Reward for Sincere Devotion

The observance of religious rites and austerities have a special import and will definitely ensure prosperity and fetch mental solace to one who does them with faith and sincerity. Sri Rama performed the funeral obsequies of Jatayu, the giant eagle, which sacrificed its life for His sake by fighting with Ravana to prevent him from carrying away the Divine Mother, Sri Rama seemed as if He was swayed by sentiment when He lamented over the successive misfortunes He had met with, first being deprived of His kingdom, then getting separated from His wife and after that losing a valuable companion in Jatayu. In His incarnation as Sri Rama, the Almighty was extremely cautious not to disclose His identity but on occasions unintentionally He had to reveal who He was. To Jatayu. He was prepared to confer any exalted status he might wish to choose. Who else except God can give this solemn promise, asks Kurathazwar in his "Athimanushasthavam."

Manjakkudi Sri Rajagopala astrigal in his discourse in the "Sri Anantapadmanabhaswami temple, Adyar, said in extending succour God is not guided by a devotee's status or wealth but only by the depth of his feelings. This Sri Rama demonstrated by His visit to the hermitage of an old, poor, low-caste woman, Sahari, who had been awaiting His arrival, tasting the fruits she gave Him and blessing her. The Divine Princes then forged their friendship with Sugriva, who agreed to depute his army to locate Sri Sita.

—Madras Hindu

Letter to the Editor

The Pearl Fishery

Sir,
Regarding the query in the Ceylon Observer of 13-10-71 by 'Roundabout' as to the antiquity of the Pearl Fisheries of Ceylon, it would appear to me the earliest available reference to it is by Nearchus who was the Admiral in charge of Alexander's fleet that sailed from the Indus to the Persian Gulf, (Heeren, 'Asiatic Nation' Vol. 1 P344). that is about 350 B. C.

This also was referred to by Periplus, and Ptolemy (about 100 A. D.) in their geography. Coldwell makes this interesting reference in his "Grammar of the Dravidian Languages," P 99, when dealing with the emporium known as Kolchoi, "This place is mentioned both by Ptolemy and by the author of the "Periplus", both of whom agree in representing it as the headquarters of the pearl fishery...From the name of this place the Gulf of Mannar was called by the Greeks the Colchic Gulf. The Tamil name of the place is almost identical with the Greek. It is Kolkei; and though this new euphemically pronounced Korkei, through the change l before k into r by rule, yet it is still pronounced Kolka in Malayalam, and I have found it written Kolkei in an old Tamil inscription in the temple of Trichengode...The identification of Kolkei with Kolkoi is one of much importance. Being perfectly certain, it helps forward other identifications. Kol in Tamil means 'to slay'; kei is

"hand". The meaning of Kolkie, therefore, is 'the hand of slaughter' which is an old poetical term in Tamil for 'an army', 'a camp'....."

The identification of Coldwell is of interest as it confirms the tradition that the Pandians worked the Pearl Fisheries with criminals. The army apparently in those days must have been conscripted from amongst the criminals. In fact it is of interest to note that the first European armies to arrive in the Manar Gulf area were, according to Portuguese historians, soldiers drawn from amongst the prisons of Portugal, who preferred to risk their freedom in foreign climes and unknown lands to languishing in jail for years if not for the rest of their lives. The pearl Fishery headquarters at the Ceylon end was at Aripu on the North West coast of Ceylon.

It is also not improbable that these Pearl Fisheries attracted the Kings of Egypt. This Pearl Fishery is clearly indicated in Ptolemy's map of India, prepared by Petrus Bertius, as, Cholcious Sinus in quo colymbosis pinici, (Colchic Gulf in which lies the pearl diving place). I have dealt with this and allied matters in my work "Ceylon in Retrospect," a typescript copy of which is available at the Colombo Museum and the Government Archives.

yours faithfully,
J. R. Sinnatamby

286, Buller's Road,
Colombo 7,
16. 10. 71.

A Naval Chronicle

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- 1870 Returned to Jaffna after six years stay in India. Rousing Reception in Jaffna.
- 1872 Established the Hindu English School at Vannarpannai. Published the tract "Yalpana Samaya Nilai".
- 1872 & 1873 Established Saiva Prakasaa Vidyalayas at Kopay and Pt. Pedro.
- 1875 Published the tract on Nallur Kandasamy Temple.
- 1876 Took up the case of the people suffering from cholera at Karaiyur, a predominantly Catholic area.
- 1877 Famine in Jaffna. Criticised the administration for mishandling the situation. Established relief centres where gruel ((kanji) was supplied
- 1878 Sent a memorial to the Governor about corruption among the officials in Jaffna.
- 1879 Carried on an intensive campaign in favour of the appointment of Ponnambalam Ramanathan to the Legislative Council and succeeded.
- 1879 5th December. Attained the Lotus Feet of the Lord.

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ORDER ABSOLUTE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 2763
 In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Kandappu Karthigesu of Vaddukodai East.

Deceased Pagavathippillai widow of Kandappu Karthigesu of Vaddukodai East
 Petitioner
 This matter coming on for disposal before A. Vythilingam Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 30th day of August, 1971 in the presence of Mr. N. Ehamparam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 30th day of August, 1971 and the affidavit of the Notary and the witnesses dated 30th day of August, 1971 having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 4287 made by the deceased abovenamed on the 12th day of March, 1971 and attested by N. Ehamparam, Notary Public, the original of which has been produced and is now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and that the Petitioner abovenamed is the executrix named therein and that she is hereby declared entitled to have Probate thereof issued to her accordingly on her payment of Estate Duty and taking Oath of Office. This 30th day of August, 1971
 Sgd. A. Vythilingam
 District Judge, Jaffna
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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 2742

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Arumugam Muttukumaru of Old Road, Kopy South, Kopy
 Deceased
 Panithawathy widow of Arumugam Muttukumaru of Old Road, Kopy South, Kopy

Vs. Petitioner
 Minor 1 Mahirajah son of Arumugam Muttukumaru
 " 2 Arulrajah son of Arumugam Muttukumaru
 " 3 Kiriji daughter of Arumugam Muttukumaru
 " 4 Ampikai daughter of Arumugam Muttukumaru
 " 5 Periatnamby Ganessalingam, all of Old Road, Kopy South, Kopy

Respondents
 The 1st to 4th Respondents are minors appearing by their guardian-ad-litem the 5th Respondent

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the

abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before A. Vaithilingam Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 12th day of June 1971, in the presence of Mr. Muttukumaraswamy proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read and filed of record:-

It is ordered that (a) the 5th Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 4th minor Respondents to represent them in these proceedings (b) that the Petitioner be appointed Administratrix of the estate of the abovenamed deceased and that Letters of Administration be issued to her accordingly, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person interested in the above estate shall on or before the 29th day of September 1971 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

And it is further ordered that the 5th Respondent shall appear in Court and also shall produce before this Court the 1st to 4th minor Respondents on the aforesaid date at 9-30 a.m.

Jaffna, this 12th day of June 1971
 (Sgd) A. Vythilingam
 District Judge

Time to show cause extended to 22 - 12 - 71
 Jaffna, 29 - 9 - 71

Sgd. A. Vythilingam.
 District Judge
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Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 2765

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late S. Kandappu Velupillai of Mullaippulam, Karainagar
 Deceased

Parasakthy widow of Kandappu Velupillai of Mullaippulam, Karainagar
 Petitioner

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner coming on for disposal before A. Vythilingam Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 30th day of August 1971 in the presence of Mr. C. Rasiyah, proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 30th day of August 1971 and the affidavit of one of the witnesses to the Last Will of the abovenamed having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 1229 dated the 23rd day of March 1953 attested by K. S. Mahesa Sarma Notary Public, the original of

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 2754

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late K. Thanigasalam of 19/1 Chetty Street, Nallur, Jaffna
 Deceased

Gunapooshanum widow of K. Thanigasalam of 19/1 Chetty Street Nallur, Jaffna

Vs Petitioner

- 1 K. Logeswaran
 - 2 T. Vignakumara
 - 3 T. Asokan
 - 4 T. Maheswaran all of do
- The 2 & 4 Respondents are minors by their g-a-l the 1st Respt.

Respondents
 This matter coming on for disposal before A. Vaithilingam Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 3rd day of August 1971 in the presence of Mr. C. T. Kumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read:- It is ordered that the 1st Respondent be appointed g-a-l over the 2, 3 and 4 minor Respondents and that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner, widow of the deceased, unless the Respondents or any persons interested in the matter shall show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court on the 11th day of November 1971.

This 3rd day of August 1971
 Sgd. A. Vythilingam
 District Judge
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which has been produced and deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and the Petitioner abovenamed is the executrix named therein and she is hereby declared entitled to have Probate thereof issued to her accordingly unless any person or persons interested shall appear before this Court on the 15th day of December 1971 and show sufficient cause to the contrary.

This 30th day of August 1971
 Sgd. A. Vaithilingam
 District Judge
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