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JAFFNA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1931

GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

RELIGION PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART in the life of the Eastern people. The valuable traits in their character are largely due to it. But recently as a result of contact with the intellectualism of the West and the secular education imparted in the schools, there has sprung up a class of people in our country who have no place for religion in their scheme of things. They regard it as an old fashioned affair, inimical to human freedom, social progress and general enlightenment. They, like the people of Soviet Russia, will not hesitate to ban religion from the schools as an intellectual and social poison. The secularisation of education in the West has produced atheism, agnosticism and materialism in the field of religion, while in the field of politics and economics it has created socialism, communism and bolshevism. Today the stability of society in the West is threatened by these disruptive forces. If the spiritual character of our civilisation is to be maintained and if our country is to escape from those evils which secular education has produced in the West, religion, should as in the past, form the essential factor in the education of the youth of the country.

Some of the patriotic and thoughtful members of the Education Commission appointed by the Government, emphasised the important place religion should occupy in the curriculum of schools. There was general agreement in the Commission that an early training in religion did have a great influence on the education of the people; and further it was agreed among them that the religious education did have a fundamental effect upon the development of character. But when they came to make their recommendations, on account of the mistaken notions about the neutrality of the State in religious matters, they ignored altogether the place of religious education in the schools of the Island. No doubt, there is no uniformity in religious matters. We do not deny that a Government should be fair and just to all, irrespective of the creed they profess. It should not encourage one religion at the expense of another, nor should it use the public revenue to subsidise one religious agency to proselytise people belonging to a different religion. But it is wrong, as pointed out by the late Sir P. Ramaswami, to withdraw support for training in their religion for all children attending Government and assisted schools.

The Government has the supreme voice in the education of the youth of the country. It spends more than eleven million rupees yearly on education. 1490 schools are built and maintained by the Government. Nearly 2500 schools are assisted schools, but they depend for their existence on Government aid. It is not a difficult matter for the Government to provide instruction in the religion of the children in the schools maintained by them, nor is the principle of religious neutrality violated by insisting on every assisted school making provision for similar teaching, whatever may be the denomination to which the school belongs. Such a provision so far from accentuating religious differences, will remove all causes for conflict in the field of education, avoid multiplication of schools and promote religious harmony and concord among the people.

Closely associated with the problem of religious education is the question, whether the Government is justified in rendering aid to schools where children are taught religion other than the one professed by them. The anomalous

character of this system has been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, and this has not been removed by the existence of the conscience clause in the Education Ordinance. As pointed out by the Hon. Mr. D. B. Jayatilake, in an article contributed to the now defunct "Buddhist" this clause is a dead letter and that the clause should be recast in a positive form so as to meet the present situation. The Education Commission has recommended the need for a change in this clause. It is their recommendation, that in the matter of religious teaching written consent of the parent is required. This was intended to apply to those schools where instead of teaching the religion of the child the principles of a different religion are taught. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government but no step has been taken as yet to give effect to it. We are sure that the Education Committee of the State Council will lose no time in this matter and will take early steps to remove the longstanding complaint of the people of this country against institutions which have been established for the purpose of proselytisation.

Govt. Training School, Jaffna.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TAMIL TEACHERS.

A number of Boarding and Tuition Scholarships of Rs. 120 a year, and a number of Free Tuition Scholarships only, tenable for two years from September 1, 1932, at the Government Training School, Jaffna, will be awarded. Particulars can be had from the Superintendent of the Training School.

Jaffna U. D. C.

TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER.

The triennial elections of the Jaffna Urban District Council come off on the 5th of December, the nomination day being November 21. The nomination papers must be delivered at the office of the Jaffna Urban District Council at or before 12 noon on November 21st.

The Budget.

SECOND READING TO BE RESUMED ON TUESDAY.

The Second Reading of the Budget will be resumed on Tuesday. There is also the likelihood of a message from the Governor being tabled on the question of the proposed salary cut, a correspondence on which, it will be remembered, has been initiated with the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Drought Ends in Mannar.

GREAT RELIEF TO MEN AND CATTLE.

A Mannar correspondent writes that a rain-storm broke the four months' drought in Mannar on Thursday last. It rained for half an hour with lightning and faint thunder. On Friday also there was torrential rains.

It will be remembered that Mannar was the worst sufferer by the drought. Cattle, not to speak of men, were on the verge of death for want of water and consequently of lack of grass. Cattle began to eat paper and rags. It was a pathetic sight for some days past to see the cows in town, waiting at the stand-pipes, for water to tickle down to wet their tongues.

The recent rain is a great relief to the people and livestock in Mannar.

All-Ceylon Youth Congress.

FIRST SESSION IN COLOMBO.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the All-Ceylon Youth Congress, it was decided to convene the first session of the All-Ceylon Youth Congress on the 19th December at Colombo.

The proceedings are to be preceded by the holding and saluting of the Congress Flag. Delegates from two Provincial Congresses and twelve affiliated Leagues will attend.

The President for the sessions will be elected at the November meeting of the Executive Committee.

Murikandy as a Stopping Place

TRIAL FOR A MONTH.

We are reliably informed that Murikandy between Mankulam and Killinochchi will be made a stopping place for trains from the 27th instant.

From tomorrow, the 6.10 a.m. down train from Kankesanthurai and the 7.5 a.m. up through train from Colombo will call at Murikandy at 198 1/2 mile, opposite the cooly line, twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, to enable pilgrims visiting the shrine to entrain and detrain.

The down train will reach Murikandy at about 9.30 a.m. the up train will leave Murikandy at about 4 p.m. This arrangement will be on trial for a month and if the number of passengers entraining and detraining is satisfactory, it will be continued.

Child With Many Hands.

LUNUWA HOSPITAL SURPRISE.

The Moratuwa correspondent of the "Observer" states that a Tamil woman gave birth at the Lunuwa Hospital last week to a child with several hands. Hindus of the locality complimented the woman on having given birth to a child resembling one of their deities.

The baby died, and the body was removed to Colombo by the District Medical Officer.

Labour Legislation

FUTURE POLICY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Labour legislation on the lines of the Hague Convention will form part of the future policy of the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry, and Commerce of the State Council states the "Times".

This policy was virtually accepted at a recent meeting of the committee which had to consider a communication Government commending the importance of introducing labour legislation in Ceylon in keeping with the requirements of the Hague convention.

It was argued that local labour conditions did not permit of a general acceptance of the provisions of the Convention, and that a reply to this effect should be sent to the Secretary of State, assuring him, nevertheless, that the spirit of the provisions would be observed when introducing such legislation.

The draft reply in these terms was, however, opposed by a majority of the Committee, and it was finally decided to adopt the Secretary of State's suggestion, and to intimate to him their decision.

Invitation From America.

GANDHIJI REGRETFULLY REFUSES

London, Oct. 22nd. Mrs. Ghose and her two daughters called on Mr. Gandhi and invited him to visit America, but he regretfully declined to consider the proposal.

Wood Preservation.

AN INDIAN'S DISCOVERY.

Simla, Oct. 21.

A discovery by an Indian forest research official, which is characterised as a landmark in the history of wood preservation, is announced by the German Professor, R. Falck who, writing to the High Commissioner for India, says:

"It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity of announcing to you, a very important and useful discovery which Mr. Kamesam's experimental work in my laboratory has led to deduce. Since he came to my laboratory, his aim has been to discover wood preserving material as good as or better than Creosote, but much cheaper than the latter. In this connection I have given him all facilities, and have had numerous discussions with him. He concentrated on the fixation of arsenic in wood, and after three months of hard, systematic and thorough research combined with a rich knowledge of this subject and an intellect of a very high order, he has been successful in his experiments. We think this process is the cheapest and best for the whole world. The discovery we have made in my laboratory is one I consider to be a landmark in the history of wood preservation and Mr. Kamesam has carved a name for himself. I have taken action to apply for a patent for the new process which we have chosen to call "Fal Kamesam" process in our joint names. It is needless for us to say that your Government can use the process without payment of any royalty."—Hindu.

News & Notes.

The prize money in the Irish Sweepstake on the Manchester November Handicap is at present £1,000,000.

According to statistics prepared by the Government Agent, there are over a thousand unemployed in Newera Ehiya. The worst sufferers have been employees of the Public Works Department, the bulk of whom are Indian Labourers. It is understood that three schemes of relief have been prepared and will come up for consideration shortly at a meeting of the Board of Improvement.

A marriage tax, a duty on the professions, a levy on share transactions and an entertainment tax are among the further sources of revenue proposed to be tapped by the Municipality of Bombay, in addition to the levy of a terminal tax on passengers coming in and going out of Bombay, a surcharge on the tobacco duty and the levy of an export duty on every bale of cotton.

His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, who has been watching with deep concern the difficulties created by the present financial situation, has decided to contribute two lakhs of rupees from his privy purse. He hopes that the determined efforts of his Government supported by the co-operation of his subjects, will bring about an early recovery in the general economic condition.

Keen satisfaction is expressed in London at the news that the Bank of England has repaid £21,000,000 of the 90-day credit of £75,000,000 obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank on August 1st, states a British official wireless message. City comment is highly favourable and it is suggested that this indication of the strength of the British financial position will have a steadying influence and promote the revival of general confidence.

Chinese Artist in Ceylon.

HIS MESSAGE TO CEYLON.

Mr. Ku Jen Foo, an acknowledged exponent of contemporary Chinese Art, who is on a brief visit to Ceylon held an exhibition of his paintings at the Y. M. B. A. Borella, on Friday last. Mr. W. A. de Silva opened the Exhibition.

The Exhibition will remain open till today (Monday).

In the course of his message he said that what he had brought to Ceylon on that occasion were only a few paintings by old Chinese Masters as well as a number of his ordinary paintings. They would give them an idea of Chinese Art and he hoped that with the aid of these pictures their bond of friendship would be renewed after a period of 2000 years. He further stated, "I hope we will be able to cultivate a relationship for our mutual benefit and I suggest that such work be initiated in Ceylon Art. Ceylon and Chinese works of Art may be exchanged between the two countries for exhibition purposes or both countries might combine and have an exhibition yearly in order that our views may be exchanged for the benefit of Oriental Art."

London University Exam

B. A. & B. Sc. RESULTS

Nagendra Thambiah has obtained a Third Class Honours, in History.

Kandiah Velupillai has passed the B. A. Examination

B. Sc

Kidnapillai Mylevagenam has obtained a First Class Honours in B. Sc. (Special) Mathematics Part I

Srikanthan Sionthamby has obtained a pass degree in B. Sc.

Gandhiji's Cable to Jawaharlal

NOT HOPEFUL

London, Friday.

Mr. Gandhi was specially interviewed by Reuter to day with reference to a report published in London that he had cabled to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that nothing could be expected from the Round Table Conference.

He said that that was his feeling, but it must be remembered that his cable was in reply to Jawaharlal's cable giving a graphic description of the agrarian situation in the United Provinces, and he was referring to that matter.

Asked by Reuter whether any interpretation could be given to his cable that he was not giving the Round Table Conference a chance of success Mr. Gandhi said that there was evidently some misconception of his cable. Jawaharlal Nehru had nothing to do with the proceedings of the Round Table Conference and he referred only to the situation in the United Provinces.

At any rate as far as he was concerned Mr. Gandhi was giving the Conference every chance possible for him to give. He was endeavouring to help where he could, putting no hindrance in the way. If the Conference failed it would fail because of its inherent weakness, and because as he pointed out the British Government were not responding to the Congress claim. —(Observer)

Treasure Trove in Lahore.

HERMIT DISCLOSES SECRET.

An attempt will shortly be made to dig treasure worth £125,000,000 from Derawar, which place, centuries ago, was the capital of a wealthy kingdom, says a message from Lahore.

Legends about the existence of treasure ten feet below the sandy earth passed to the present generation and several abortive attempts were made to unearth it. A Hindu named Dewan Lakshmi Chand claims that he knows the spot where the treasure is hidden, the secret having been disclosed to him by a hermit. Lakshmi Chand has signed a contract with His Highness the Nawab of Bahawalpur, whereby Lakshmi Chand will pay for the digging operations and receive seven-sixteenth of the treasure and His Highness get nine-sixteenth.

Alleged Enticing of Married Woman.

TWO TAMILS CHARGED IN F.M.S.

K. Lumpur, 9.31.31.

A case of considerable interest to the Jaffna community commenced before Mr. Cooke, yesterday afternoon, when two Tamils, P. Kandiah and A. Kandiah, were charged with enticing away a married woman, the wife of a clerk employed at the Locomotive Department of the F.M.S. Railways, and with abducting of the offence respectively.

Mr. J. M. Labrie appeared for the prosecution and Mr. T. Rajendra for the defence.

Mr. Labrie, at the outset, said that there was a good deal of commotion over this matter. There were many Jaffnes interested in the case and there was a suggestion from certain people that if His Worship would exclude outsiders and the Press in this matter, it would be in the good interest of the community.

His Worship: Surely, Mr. Labrie, I can only exclude outsiders and the Press if the evidence is of an extremely delicate nature.

Mr. Labrie said that His Worship had absolute discretion in every case to hear it in the manner His Worship decided.

His Worship said that the Court was an open public Court to which the public had a right and it was a valuable constitutional right.

Counsel said that in this case no particular piece of evidence would be given to prove immorality. But the main question was that of enticing away with a view to the commission of immorality.

His Worship said that he could not grant the application.

K. Vellupillai, a clerk employed in the Locomotive Department, F.M.S. Railways, said he married his wife in Jaffna, Ceylon, on Sept. 4, 1926. After his marriage he left his wife in Ceylon and came to Malaya. In September, 1928, his wife came to this country and they lived together. When he returned home from work at 4.15 p.m. on September 16 this year he found the door of the house locked and the windows closed. He made enquiries from neighbours and was informed that the second accused had taken his wife away in a car. He entered the house and found a trunk and certain things missing. He knew the two accused. They had also come from Jaffna.

The hearing was adjourned until October 20.

A Sensational Prison Story

HOW PRISONERS EFFECTED ESCAPE.

ALLEGED INDUCEMENT BY OFFICERS TO BURGLE BANK.

The case came up before Mr. M. F. de S. Jayaratne, Police Magistrate, Jaffna.

The two prisoners Podiya and M. A. Sinno Appu, were charged with having committed house-breaking by night with intention to commit theft by entering through the roof the building occupied by the Jaffna Commercial Corporation, Ltd.

Inspector R. Stewart appeared for the prosecution.

Departmental Inquiry.

Mr. A. R. Hallock, Office Assistant to the Government Agent, Northern Province, and Superintendent of Prisons, Jaffna, said that on or about June 13 the two accused escaped from gaol. The first accused was arrested and brought to Jaffna about June 24. He was ill at that time. The first accused made a statement to Mr. Benedict, Assistant Gaoler, on June 29. On July 2 the accused was brought before him (Mr. Hallock). The statement made to Mr. Benedict was read out to him in the presence of accused. He also examined him further. He offered him no threats, or inducement or promise of any kind to induce the accused to make a statement. The statements were made in the course of a departmental inquiry regarding the escape from the gaol.

Voluntary Statement.

The second accused was arrested and brought back on July 14. He was examined by him (Mr. Hallock). He did not want the accused to speak the truth. A voluntary statement was made to him. In the course of the statement he said that on the advice of the first accused he did it. Mr. Hallock produced the statements made by both accused.

Statements of Accused.

In the course of his statement the first accused, prisoner Podiya, had stated:—"I have passed five years and six months in gaol. I had no intention of escaping from gaol. I was in Jaffna for the last nine months. During that period I behaved well. If I wanted to escape I could have easily done so when I was in Colombo. I was attending Scout Camp, when I was in Colombo, and I could have escaped or gone home when I was not supervised during the Camp periods.

"I was helped and induced by some of the gaol officers to escape, and as I did not want to displease them, I escaped. Guards Edirisinge, Bogoda and Amarasinghe helped me with cigarettes, cigars, garje, etc., from time to time. They also helped prisoners William Francis and Lee, with the object of rendering any help required by me. Prisoner William helped me by tying two poles together and having the staple of the store room loose for me to open it without any force or noise.

Awakened by a Kick.

"I was fast asleep that night, and prisoner Francis came and put me up by kicking against my leg, and helped to screen me from others' view when I jumped out of the ward. Prisoner Lee lowered the light to prevent me being seen by others. Prisoner Sinno Appu raised the expanded metal and jumped outside the ward and I followed him. Sinno Appu and I went to the stores where the poles were kept, removed them and climbed up the wall by keeping the pole against the wall near the hospital latrine.

Over the Rampart.

"We then carried the pole to the rampart and lowered it against the outer wall by tying a rope to the end of the pole and securing it to the spy whole of the watch tower behind the gaol kitchen. When we got down Guard Edirisinge and Police Constable Charles met us and took us to the beach, where there is a broken bus in front of the house occupied by Guard Edirisinge. There I was given a sarong and baidan, and prisoner Sinno Appu a verty cloth and a baidan.

"We were asked by Guard Edirisinge and P. O. Charles to break into the Commercial Corporation Bank and burgle it. Sinno Appu and I went to the roof and got into the building. We were not able to get anything, as everything was secured well in iron safe. We left the building. Edirisinge handed me ten cigarettes and a match box and cash Re. 2.50 for both of us.

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Motor Vehicles in the Island

U S A HEAD THE LIST.

A summary of the classification by countries of origin, of the various types of motor vehicles on the registers in Ceylon, issued by the Registrar-General, shows that on September 30th there were 23,881 motor vehicles in the island. Of these 14,950 were motor cars and cabs, 2,376 were omnibuses, 2,947 lorries and vans, 29 tractors, 144 trailers and 3,435 motor cycles.

The United States of America headed the list with a total of 10,677 of which 6,685 were motor cars and cabs, 1,937 omnibuses, 1,765 lorries and vans, five tractors, three trailers and 281 motor cycles.

The United Kingdom came second with a total of 8,686, of which 4,851 are motor cars and cabs, 81 omnibuses, 686 lorries and vans, nine tractors, 70 trailers and 3,089 motor cycles.

Canada came next with 2,081 followed by France with 1,080 and 1,058.

September Statistics

During the month of September 61 motor vehicles were registered in the island.

In this month the United Kingdom led in the number of sales with a total of 31, with the United States of America taking second place with 20. Of the remaining 10, France claimed four, Italy three, Canada two, and Germany one.

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Car on Beach.

"The car was brought to the beach. All the four of us got in and drove along the Colombo road. The guard and the constable got down after accompanying us for about a mile. I went as far as Anuradhapura and Sinno Appu got down on this side of Vavuniya. I got down at Anuradhapura, met a friend, got some money and went to Colombo by train. The car came back to Jaffna. The coverlet worn by us when we escaped and two pieces of baidans with marks were buried in the broken bus.

"The escape was arranged about three months ago for the sake of burgle the Commercial Corporation. A dagger was sent by Guard Edirisinge three days before the escape through prisoner Francis while returning from the Reclamation Grounds."

Gun Powder and Match.

The special gang prisoners also pressed me to come to their gang. I once applied to the Superintendent for a transfer to Welikade to evade the requests of the officers and the prisoners. I was not given a transfer and asked to wait till I passed one year in this gaol. I had no trouble with any officers. I behaved well. But in order not to displease these Guards under whom I will have to work during my stay in Jaffna and Special Gang prisoners who were their friends, I escaped. Guards Amarasinghe and Bogoda asked me to escape during the turn of Meron. Bogoda also asked me to escape during the turn of Chellappah. I am sorry for the escape.

Before breaking into the bank, Guard Edirisinge handed me a cigarette tin full of gun powder, battery, match box and rope. As I could not make use of them I handed them back to him.

When I got into the building of the Corporation through the roof, I opened an almirah where there was stationery. When I broke open a table drawer a handkerchief was found in it and I took it away. I found two apples and one late and the other dropped down.

Overseer on Leave

"I did not wish to divulge the name of Overseer Janz before this because he has been of help to me in this gaol. I know well that he purposely took leave in order to share the booty from the Commercial Corporation. He brought me cigarettes and sent me the knife through prisoner Francis. The knife was made on the orders of Guard Edirisinge by the smith who works in the Reclamation Forge. Overseer Janz too came to see us near the Fiat Cross Street Junction, dressed in black, or rather dark clothes. I told Sinno Appu not to mention Overseer Janz's name in the statement he made to the Superintendent on the day he was captured because Overseer Janz was an officer with three stripes."

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MATRIMONIAL

KANAGARATNAM — KANAGAMBIKAI

The marriage took place on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 10 p.m. at Vannerpore West of Mr. S. Kanagaratnam of Agra Oorah, Agrapattin, with Miss O. Kanagambikai daughter of Mr. R. Kanagasabai of Somerast, Talawakele.

The ceremony took place at the bride's residence at Ombumalai and was largely attended.

Auction Sale.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Under Testamentary Jurisdiction No 7642.

Under and by virtue of the commission issued to me in the above case, I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned properties on Tuesday, November 17th 1931 commencing at 4 p.m. at the spot.

1. Land situated at Iropalai called Paddayadie in extent 19 lms V O and 1 kiy with coconut trees and shares of wells lying on the Northern and Southern lands together with the right of way and watercourse subject to life interest in favour of the said K. M. Mailvaganam.

2. Land situated at Do called Cheddakaddy in extent 4 lms V O, subject to life interest in favour of Katheresa Madalar Mailvaganam.

J. A. SETHUPATHY,
Auctioneer & Commissioner.

"Sethupathy Vasa"
Jaffna.

(Mr. 589. 26th)

AUCTION SALE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Under Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7814.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in the above case, I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned property on Tuesday November 17th 1931 commencing at 10 a.m. at the spot.

A divided half share in extent 25 3/8 lms, V O on the West of all that piece of land situated at Vannarponnai East called 'Adiyarkoottan Varampu' in extent 5 1/2 lms, V O with house wall and other appurtenances and bounded on the East by the property of Thirapanattar, North by road, West by water channel, and on the South by the property of Thirumalingapattar.

J. A. SETHUPATHY,
Commissioner,
"Sethupathy Vasa,"
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Mr. 589. 26th.

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Manager.

OBITUARY.

MRS MANICAM SANNATHAMBY.

We regret to record the death of Manicam, widow of the late Mr. R. Sannathamby of Anadolai, and mother of the late Mr. R. S. Subramaniam, Accountant, Railway (Extensions) Manner, and Mr. R. S. Mylvaganam of our Printing Office at the ripe age of 80, on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

The funeral took place this same day and the remains were cremated at the Erakkalamplly crematorium at Anadolai. He leaves behind him a son Mr. Mylvaganam, three daughters and a host of relatives. We extend our condolences to the bereaved family.

A Sensational Prison Story

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"I had informed Overseer Wijewardene that I had made arrangements to escape, and he said that escaping was not advisable, but as I was having too much trouble in goal, I might, he said, do as I wished. Then I told him that it was not on account of trouble I was going, but because I had been asked to rob the bank. After that I saw Guard Edirisinghe and Overseer Wijewardene talking to each other for a long while. On the day we escaped Overseer Wijewardene came to our ward every five minutes to see that we did not escape during his watch. He knew we were going, but did not wish that we should make good our escape when he was on duty. He, however, helped us to escape by talking to the guards for a long time and delaying the guards, Menon and Antholpillai, from walking on their respective beats."

An Expert Burglar

"Normally we could not have escaped but by the three officers talking for over 20 minutes between L ward and the well. We were afforded ample time and opportunity to escape, which we did in less than five minutes."

H1184 Egonis Appu now in Mahara Ghal knows the full facts of our escape. He will bear out my statement. It was the two of us who originally wanted to escape and it was he who suggested that I should go with him. But when his transfer to Mahara came in the meantime, Egonis Appu was taken on to understudy him. Egonis is an expert house-breaker and burglar and it was he that ordered Guard Edirisinghe to fetch the requisite supply of gun powder and stuff.

Alleged Design on Head Gaoler.

"Now the move is that when special gang Kandiah is discharged next month, he will send a revolver through Overseer Januz to prisoner Obelliah and he is to hand same over to me so that I may shoot the Head Gaoler and thereby win fame (this at the exhortation of Overseer Januz). I asked all the facts from Obelliah of the special gang."

"I would have reported all these facts before, but

"I did not feel like exposing the higher officers in the prison, whose names I have mentioned to-day. They have been good to me in various ways but since my being re-arrested, I realize I have done wrong, and in my own interests I am making a clean breast of it all."

Second Accused's Statement.

The second accused's statement from the point, where he and the previous accused had left the prison, was as follows:—

"At the spot where Guard Edirisinghe and a Police officer named Charles, that was the first time I saw him and I do not think I can identify him. We four proceeded to the broken down bus body near the Customs Jetty opposite the godowns. There both Edirisinghe and the Police constable said there was a bank which they wanted us to burgle and get money of which large sums were there."

"They gave Pody and me a large rope, some gun powder or dynamite, a cigarette in a torch, matches, etc. The Police constable took us to the spot and Edirisinghe kept watch. The Police constable, Pody and I went on the roof and removed the tiles and the constable showed me a spot to get down. Pody descended, I followed and the constable stood above to see. Pody was given a clasp knife by Edirisinghe. An almirah with the key in the lock stood in the room."

"Powder Wouldn't Light up".

"There was a safe, a fairly big one, to which Pody put the gun powder and set the thing alight but nothing succeeded; the powder wouldn't light up. We reported that nothing could be done and ascended the roof. We reset the tiles and pulled up the rope and proceeded to the spot where the 'bus body was."

The events thereafter as described by the previous accused were corroborated by this accused.

Plan Drawn by Accused.

Constable Supar Naidu, who had investigated the case with Inspector Sotirish on June 11, said he went to the premises of the Jaffna Commercial Corporation, Ltd., and found the tiles on the roof removed. The facts were reported to the Court.

Mr. G. H. Bromley Superintendent of Police, produced the plan of the scene. He said that it was drawn by the first accused. He held an identification parade. The accused was unable to identify Constable Charles.

Further inquiry was fixed for the 29th instant.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7943.

In the matter of the estate of the late Ammapillai wife of Murgusu Chellappu of Thirunelvely East, Jaffna

Deceased.

Murgusu Chellappu by his attorney Murgusu Sivakkoluntoo of Thirunelvely East Jaffna.

Vs.

Petitioner.

- Minors
1. Pakkiam daughter of Chellappu of Thirunelvely East
 2. Ratnavathi daughter of Chellappu of do
 3. Ratnasabapathi son of Chellappu of do
 4. Ponnampalam son of Chellappu of do appearing by their guardian-ad litem
 5. Thamboo Ramalingam of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour, Esq., District Judge, on August 4th 1931, in the presence of Mr. S. Oumarasutier, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated July 27th 1931 having been read. It is ordered that the 6th respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th minor respondents for the purposes of this testamentary action and it is declared that the petitioner Murgusu Sivakkoluntoo is entitled to have letters of administration as attorney of Murgusu Chellappu who is the husband of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before October 30th 1931, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. D. H. Balfour,
September 29, 1931. District Judge.
O. 297. 22 & 26.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 458.

In the Matter of the Estate of Thankam widow of Ponnas Suppan late of Vilankulam

Deceased.

A. B. Kumarakulesingam, Secretary, District Court, Mannar.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Nagamuttu Sivalingam and
2. Anjalal widow of Muttaramy both of Sirunelacenal in Mantal South

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of A. B. Kumarakulesingam, praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Thankam widow of Ponnas Suppan, coming on for disposal before R. M. Davies Esquire, District Judge, on October 9, 1931, in the presence of Mr. F. J. A. Ponraj, Esq., Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 28, 1930, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the Secretary, District Court, Mannar, 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 October 30, 1931, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem of the 1st Respondent for the purpose of representing him in these proceedings unless the Respondents above-named shall on or before the said date show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

October 9, 1931. B. M. Davies,
O. 290.—22 & 26. District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 455.

In the Matter of the estate of Gardiebalage Hing Appu late of Anuradhapura

Deceased

Gardiebalage Carolis Appu of Urtavayan Kulem in Mantal South

Vs.

Petitioner.

1. Gardiebalage Appu Singho
2. Gardiebalage Diavet Silva
3. Gardiebalage Henry
4. Gardiebalage Wilmet Silva, all of Urtavayankulam in Mantal South

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Gardiebalage Carolis Appu praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Gardiebalage Hing Appu coming on for disposal before R. M. Davies Esquire, District Judge, on the 5th day of October 1931 in the presence of Mr. F. J. A. Ponraj, Esq., Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of October 1930 having been read; It is declared that the Petitioner is the brother 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 15th day of October 1931 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the 1st Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of representing them in these proceedings unless the Respondents above-named shall on or before the said date show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

October 5, 1931 B. M. Davies,
Time to show cause extended District Judge.
to 8th November 1931.
R. M. Davies
D. J. (O. 289—26 & 29)



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7869.

In the matter of the estate of the late Theivanalpillai wife of Sarmugem Ponniah of Vaddukoddai East

Deceased.

Elonatanby Nagamuttu of Vaddukoddai attorney of Sarmugem Ponniah of Vaddukoddai

Petitioner.

Vs.

- Minors
1. Thanapakkiam daughter of N.S. Ponniah
 2. Visaladchippillai widow of Kathiravelu Vallilasingam of Vaddukoddai West

Respondents.

This matter coming for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on April 18, 1931 in the presence of Mr. P. Canapathipillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the above-named 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent for the purpose of this action and that the Petitioner is as the attorney of the husband of the deceased, entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named Deceased unless the Respondents above-named or any others shall on or before May 27, 1931 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

May, 6, 1931. Sgd. D. H. Balfour,
Extended to 28 10 1931. District Judge.
O. 298. 22 & 29.



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