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## Order Nisi.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7952.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Chellammah wife of Karthigesu Kanaspathipillai of Panakuduthivu East.

Deceased

Karthigesu Kanaspathipillai of Panakuduthivu East

vs.

1. Kanaspathipillai Thirunavukkrasan and

2. Muttipillai widow of Marogesan of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minor 1st Respondent and that Letters of Administration be granted to him to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 4th day of September 1931, in the presence of Mr. K. V. Rasiah, Proctor, for Petitioner and affidavits of the Petitioner dated 21st day of August 1931 having been read; It is ordered that the above-named 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor 1st Respondent and it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased and that the said Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before October 16, 1931 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. D. H. Balfour,  
District Judge

September 17, 1931.  
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## The Hindu Organ.



JAFFNA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1931

## GOVERNMENT AND DRINK

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THE REPORT OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER for 1931 bristles with observations of a generalising nature which may appear plausible enough but which, in our opinion, are obviously misleading. However much the Government may justify itself as regards the Excise policy it is following, we cannot help feeling that the position of Government is in no way different from that of a private individual with vested interests. The Ceylon Government is not merely interested in raising Excise revenue. It has the monopoly of the purchase, storage, bottling and wholesale distribution of the whole Island's supply of arrack. So long as the Government is interested in the liquor business in both these ways, it is idle to expect us to believe that the Government is the greatest temperance organisation in the country and that the Excise Department, above all, is responsible for the gradual reduction in consumption of arrack.

"The net arrack revenue in the year 1929-30", says the Excise Commissioner in his report, "was Rs. 6,642,434, with a consumption of 546,445 gallons. In 1912-13, the first year of the Excise Department, it was Rs. 4,636,188, with a consumption of 1,509,342 gallons. This Department is entitled to claim that the policy it has pursued is responsible for the retention of the revenue at this level with the reduction in consumption by nearly 64 per cent." The Excise Department may be trusted to keep the revenue not only at this level but even at a much higher level, but we have a right to challenge its claim that the policy it has pursued is responsible for the reduction in consumption. The Excise Commissioner himself admits that the fall in consumption during last year at least had little to do with the closure of a few unimportant taverns but it was due entirely to the trade depression and we all know that the real reason for the gradual distaste for country

liquor is the growing fancy for cheap foreign liquor. A man may stock any quantity of foreign liquor in his own home but of country liquor he is allowed to possess at any time only a very limited quantity. It is our firm belief that if at all the drink evil is to be eliminated, the first step towards it should be the prohibition of the import and sale of foreign liquor altogether. While the revenue from foreign liquor is much less than in the case of arrack, the public expenditure on the former is considerably greater than that on the latter. The Excise Commissioner himself admits that "it is to the benefit of the public revenue, not to speak of local labour and capital, to divert to country liquor as large a portion of the money now spent on foreign liquor as possible". For our part we would rather the money be diverted to other more useful channels than even the popularisation of country liquor. But then the Government deals in arrack and it is natural that it should expect the people to extend their patronage exclusively to arrack.

What a poor idea of what temperance means is in the mind of the Government may be gauged from two Excise Notifications which the Excise Commissioner has no hesitation in calling temperance measures. What is regarded as a purely temperance measure is the lowering of the minimum strength at which foreign spirits were permitted to be sold in the Island from 25 degrees under London-proof to 35 degrees under London-proof. We must confess we cannot see any temperance in this. Another Government temperance measure is the reduction of the limit of sale by retail of toddy from 1 imperial gallon to half that quantity. If the buyer chooses to finish the other half on the spot where does temperance come in?

"Jaffna, as usual, occupied a very large part of the Excise horizon", says the Excise Commissioner. Jaffna is indeed the happy hunting ground of the officers of the Excise Department and in their own particular horizon Jaffna should certainly occupy a very large part. "The district can no longer call itself dry." What a sad confession to make! Did the Excise Department ever try to keep it dry? Even when the public of Jaffna were most anxious to do so, the officers of this Department ranged themselves into a sort of opposition and put all sorts of obstacles in the way. When the taverns were closed, the Department was as strong as ever and could have devoted all its energies to put down drink. But it miserably failed to do so.

We do not agree with the Excise Commissioner when he says that there is a fairly large unsatisfied demand for liquor, which will run considerable risks to find satisfaction. It would be more correct to say that there is considerable attraction for illicit traffic because the profits are large in spite of the risks. The Excise Commissioner himself admits that, in the most important part of the peninsula, outside the Urban area, indications on the whole are that prohibition sentiment is yet strong enough to defeat a local option vote for the reopening of taverns. The western part is that portion of Jaffna where the major part of the population of Jaffna lives, and this admission on the part of the Excise Commissioner tantamounts to saying that the majority of the people of Jaffna are still for prohibition. Here at least we are at one with the Excise Commissioner.

## Kankesanturai Sanatorium.

OPENING IN NOVEMBER

The Kankesanturai Sanatorium will be opened for paying patients about November 1931, stated the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services in a letter read at the Colombo Port Commission.

The D. M. S. S. explained that as soon as the Budget was passed by the State Council, it would be possible to open the Kankesanturai Sanatorium to paying patients.

## No Reduction in Salaries.

## CHIEF SECRETARY'S REPLY TO CRITICISMS.

The Budget Debate turned the corner this evening (Friday), says the Lobby Correspondent of the "Ceylon Daily News", when Sir Bernard Burdillon and Mr. Seneviratne gave spirited replies to the criticism levelled against the estimates by 26 members since Tuesday afternoon.

The Minister appealed to the house for despatch with the Appropriation Bill so that he and his colleagues could have the opportunity of settling down to constructive work for the good of the country.

The Chief Secretary declared that a reduction of salaries could not be contemplated but that the reduction of establishment must be executed ruthlessly. The Public Services would be only too willing, he added, to share the general sacrifice imposed by an Income Tax.

## A Stoppage at Murikandy.

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## MEMORIAL TO RAILWAY AUTHORITIES.

It is understood that a memorial, signed by a large number of residents of Jaffna and presented through Gato Mudaliyar T. Karalappillai, member, Railway Advisory Board, requesting the railway authorities to make Murikandy a stopping place will come for consideration at the next meeting of the Railway Advisory Board.

There is a shrine of Lord Ganesha at Murikandy, which is largely visited by Hindus and others alike. Worshippers, are now put to great inconveniences as there is no station near about this shrine. A stoppage at Murikandy, will therefore, be of great convenience to pilgrims and will be welcomed.

## Lighting of Public Places.

U. D. O VOTES RS. 2500.

A supplementary vote of Rs. 1000 was made by the U. D. O. at its last meeting, for the electric lighting the Grand Bazaar market, the Small Bazaar, the Fish Market and the R at House. A sum of Rs. 1500 had already been spent.

## Anti-Crime Crusade.

## FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AND RALLY

The first annual general meeting and the first annual Rally of all Anti Crime Associations and Conciliation Committees in Ceylon will take place at 5 p. m. on Friday the 16th instant at the Town Hall, Colombo. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Graeme Thomson will preside.

## Inadequacy of Rickshaw Stands.

PETITION TO U. D. O.

At the last meeting of the U. D. O. Mr. R. R. Nalliah presented a petition from the rickshaw pullers complaining about the inadequacy of the number of rickshaw stands and praying for fixing of more stands.

The Chairman, Mr. Sivagurunathar, said that Mr. Asaipillai who was acting for him at the time of the rickshaw pullers' strike had done the correspondence between the Council and the Superintendent of Police. An agreement was arrived at as to the fixing of places for stands between them.

Mr. Somasundaram was of opinion that the Council should have looked into the matter earlier.

It was then decided to refer the petition to the Superintendent of Police for action.

## Gampaha Training School Exam.

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THREE TAMIL CANDIDATES.

V. Nagiah, J. A. Solvadurai and K. S. Subramaniam are the three Tamil candidates who have passed the final examination of the Government Bilingual Training School, Gampaha and are awarded the Trained Bilingual Teachers' Certificates.

## News &amp; Notes.

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Mr. G. S. Wodeman has been appointed a Deputy-Collector of Customs, Colombo.

Dr. S. C. Thuraijajah, Medical Officer of Health, Northern Province, has been nominated to be a member of the Sanitary Board of the Mullaitivu District.

Mr. B. G. Meaden, Deputy Director of Irrigation, has been appointed to act as Director of Irrigation from October 19 during the absence of Mr. W. Brown.

The Local Government Board resolved at its last meeting to recommend to the Governor that Mr. J. C. Ratwatte, Adigar be nominated a member of the Board in place of the late Mr. J. H. Meedeniya, Adigar.

A claim for £1,000,000 damages against Great Britain by Finland has been discussed by the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva. The money is claimed to recompense owners of Finnish mercantile ships looted by Great Britain by Russia during the war.

An interesting function in connection with the Gaudni Jayanti celebrations under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee was held in which about 1000 persons belonging to all class and communities, including 200 of the Depressed classes, participated in a cosmopolitan dinner given by the Committee at Jinnah Hall.

Mr. Lloyd George who is incapacitated by illness has issued a manifesto denouncing the Conservatives for plunging the country into a "wanton" election. He has locked the famous Liberal treasure chest and it is further stated that he as landlord of the Liberal headquarters premises has handed a notice to quit, to the organisation at present there.

In view of the "grave" information received from China, says a message from Geneva, the League Council is meeting on Tuesday to discuss Manchuria. The Japanese Minister, Mr. Shigemitsu, boards on Friday a destroyer for Nanking to present a warning that Japan will hold the Chinese Government responsible for any consequences of failure to suppress the anti-Japanese movement.

## Conference of V. C. Chairmen.

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A Conference of the Chairman of the Village Committees of the Northern Province was held on Saturday last at 9 a. m. at the Jaffna Kancheri to revise rules of the Committees.

## Doctor Gives Evidence as Layman.

## FEES TO BE GUARANTEED FOR EXPERT OPINION.

An eye specialist, Dr. P. Billimora, who was called to give evidence in a case of attempted murder before the acting Police Magistrate of Negombo, refused to give his expert opinion unless his fees were guaranteed, but gave evidence as a layman.

## A. G. A. Refuses to Grant Licence.

## NO GANDHI DAY PROCESSION IN TRINCOMALEE.

It is reported that the A. G. A. of Trincomalee refused to grant licence for a procession on Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, when applied for by the Secretary of the Youth League. It seems that the arrangements had cost a fairly large sum of money and all that was wasted. The people did not wish to act contrary to law.

A mass meeting was held presided over by Mr. Balasubramaniam in the absence of Mr. M. M. Subramaniam, who, however, arrived after a while.

It is said that further developments are expected.

**Karayur Slums**

WILL A VOTE BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET?

**DEPUTATION TO STATE COUNCILLORS**

Hon. Mr. C Battuvantudawa, the Minister for Local Administration, has assured the deputation from Jaffna that awaited on him, on the question of the Karayur Reclamation scheme, that he would try to introduce in the Budget a vote for Rs. 18,000, the estimate of the P W D for laying out roads and drains in the selected section.

The deputation that waited on the members of the State Council re the Karayur Reclamation Scheme consisted of Mr. B Sivagurunathar, Chairman U D C, Mr. P Moses and Fr. P M Francis. They have submitted a report which was tabled at Saturday's meeting of the U D C. The deputation left Jaffna on the 17th inst for Colombo. They met the Hon Mr. C W W Kannangara in Jaffna and took him round and showed him the reclamation land on the same day. Mr Kannangara was convinced of the urgency of relief and promised his support.

**Vote of Rs. 18,000**

In Colombo the Deputation first met the President, Local Government Board, on the 18th September, through whose courtesy they were invited to a meeting of the Executive Committee of Local Administration that evening. At the Committee, Mr. Sivagurunathar explained to the members the importance of, and the urgency for, settling the people from the congested area of Karayur on the Reclamation Grounds, pointed out various causes that have delayed the scheme so far and pleaded for the inclusion in the Budget of an amount sufficient for providing light roads and building drains and latrines on the selected portion. He suggested that in the event of Government finding it difficult to appropriate the necessary funds during their financial year, the Government should give an undertaking to do so in more prosperous times, but should allow people to settle down immediately on the place—the sites of the roads and drains having been previously marked out on the ground. It was brought out that a sum of Rs. 18,000 was estimated by the P W D for laying down the roads and drains in the selected section, but that it was not included in the budget for want of representatives from the North to press Jaffna's claims in the Council. According to the report, the Committee appeared to think that the Central Government should not be called upon to bear any further expenditure for some years to come by way of grant towards building tenements etc but that the local authority and the public should assist the people in putting up dwellings. The deputation had to give an undertaking that the Council and the public would help the people to put up the tenements.

The Committee agreed to allow semi-permanent buildings and insisted that sufficient provision should be made to prevent a new slum area being created in the reclaimed land and to avoid further over crowding in the vacated area.

The Committee finally promised to send in its recommendation early to the Board of Ministers.

**Promise of Support**

The deputation then met Hon. Messrs. Moan Marikar, Peri Sundaram, T. B. Panahokke, D. B. Jayatilke and Messrs. S. W. Dassanaka and A. E. Goncalves and Dr. R. Saravanamuttu all of whom promised their support. Mr. Jayatilke while showing his entire sympathy with the cause, pointed out the difficulty of including a fresh vote in the Budget which had already been prepared and printed and was in the hands of the Ministers. This vote, he said, could only be included as a supplementary vote at the Committee stage after the second reading of the Budget. He promised his support for the provision of his item in the next financial year's expenditure.

The deputation finally met the Hon. Mr. C. Battuvantudawa, Minister for Local Administration.

The deputation had to complain of the indifference shown by the Local Government Board over this matter and of its delay in placing all the papers and reports received from the Council before the Central Government.

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**All Ceylon Union of Teachers.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the All-Ceylon Union of Teachers will be held on Saturday, the 17th instant at 3 p.m. at the Zshira College, Colombo.

**Resolutions :**

The following are some of the resolutions that will be moved at the meeting:—

This Union urges upon the Government the necessity of constituting a board of Examiners to conduct all public examinations at present held by the Department of Education.

This union requests the Government to introduce a system of Day Training Colleges throughout the Island to afford facilities of training to those teachers desirous of obtaining professional qualifications.

This Union urges on the Minister of Education the desirability of so altering the composition of the Board of Education that one half may be representative of the Government, the Department, the managing bodies of Schools and the public generally, and the other half may be representative of the teaching profession including the heads of Schools.

Whereas security of tenure is indispensable to building up in Ceylon an efficient and self respecting teaching profession; and whereas therefore no teacher should be discontinued from service except for serious educational inefficiency or gross unprofessional conduct; and whereas cases have occurred where teachers were discontinued without sufficient reason, requests the Government and the Director of Education to institute an Arbitration Board consisting of representatives of Managers, Teachers and the Department to inquire into and arbitrate in cases where teachers seek the intervention of the Board.

**Sir Ramanathan Jubilee Committee.**

NOTHING DEFINITE ABOUT THE STATUE.

At a meeting of the Sir Ramanathan Jubilee Committee held last Thursday at the Low-country Products Association presided by the Hon. Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara it was announced that the Committee was negotiating purchase of the oil painting of the late Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan by Mudaliyar A. O. G. Amarasekera.

The Secretary read a communication received from the Clerk of the Council intimating that the Hon. Speaker had no objection to the unveiling ceremony being held in the main lobby, subject to certain conditions as regards admission on that occasion.

The Committee accepted the conditions and the Secretary was instructed to write accordingly to the Clerk of the State Council.

Regarding the statue of Sir P. Ramanathan the Secretary informed the meeting that he was still in communication with the original Ramanathan Committee but no reply had yet been received as to their intentions.

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**Minister to Visit Jaffna**

The Minister thought, says the Report, that not only the Local authority but the public and the Catholic Church should come to the assistance of the settlers in putting up buildings. He was firm on the fact that no further applications for assistance should be made to the central Government for at least some years to come.

He was of opinion that 1/16 of an acre was barely sufficient for a tenement and should not therefore be reduced. He assured the deputation that he would try to introduce the vote in the Budget.

Mr. Battuvantudawa has promised to pay one day's visit to Jaffna at his earliest opportunity to have a first hand information of the proposed scheme. He said that if the Government was satisfied of the success of the present scheme he would be prepared to advocate the grant of additional blocks for the settlement of the people of Karayur from time to time.

The Minister having raised the question of portable water supply to the settlers, the deputation undertook to induce the Council to provide the necessary supply from the wells in the locality through tanks and stand-pipes.

**Minorities Deadlock.**

FAILURE TO ARRIVE AT COMMUNAL SETTLEMENT

GANDHIJI'S ATTEMPT AT SETTLEMENT

The failure to arrive at a settlement in the Informal Minorities Committee in London and the deep sorrow and humiliation felt by Mahatma Gandhi over it, were expressed in a statement made by Gandhiji at the Minorities Committee.

Mr. Gandhi said: "It is with deep sorrow and deeper humiliation that I have to announce the utter failure on my part to secure an agreed solution of the communal question through the informal conversations among and with the representatives of different groups. I apologise to you, Prime Minister, and my other colleagues for this waste of a precious week. My only consolation lies in the fact that when I accepted the burden of carrying on these talks I knew that there was not much hope of success, and still more in the fact that I am not aware of having spared any effort to reach a solution.

"But to say that the conversations have, to our utter shame, failed, is not to say the whole truth. The causes of the failure were inherent in the composition of the Indian delegation. We are almost all not elected representatives of the parties or groups whom we are presumed to represent. We are here by nomination of the Government. Nor are those whose presence was absolutely necessary for an agreed solution to be found here. Further, you will allow me to say that this was hardly the time to summon a Minorities Committee. It lacks a sense of reality in that we do not know what we are going to get.

**"Sun of Freedom"**

"If we knew in a definite manner that we are going to get what we want, we should hesitate 60 times before we throw it away in a sinful wrangle, as it would be if we are told that the getting of it would depend upon the ability of the present delegation to produce an agreed solution. A solution can be the crown of a Swaraj Constitution and not its foundation—if only because our differences have hardened, if they have not arisen by reason of foreign domination. I have not a shadow of doubt that the iceberg of communal differences will melt under the warmth of the sun of freedom.

I therefore venture to suggest that the Minorities Committee be adjourned *sine die* and that the fundamentals of the Constitution be hammered into shape as quickly as may be possible.

**Tribunal Suggested.**

"Meanwhile, the informal work of discovering a true solution of the communal problem will and must continue, only it must not halt or be allowed to block the progress of Constitutional building. Attention must be diverted from it and concentrated on the main part of the structure. I hardly need point out that my failure does not mean the end of all hope of arriving at an agreed solution. My failure does not even mean my utter defeat; there is no such word in my dictionary. My confession merely means the failure of the special effort for which I presumed to ask a week's indulgence, which you generously gave. I propose to use this failure as the stepping stone to success, and to invite all to do likewise, but should all efforts at agreement fail, even when the Round Table Conference reaches the end of its labours, I would suggest the addition of a clause to the expected Constitution appointing a judicial tribunal that would examine all claims and give a final decision on all the points left unsettled.

**The Punjab Problem.**

"Nor need this Committee think that the time devoted to the informal conversations was altogether wasted. You will be glad to learn that many friends, not members of the delegations, have been giving attention to the question. Among these I would mention Sir Geoffrey Corbett. He has produced a scheme of re-distribution of the Punjab, which, though it has not found acceptance, is, in my opinion, well worth studying. I am asking Sir Geoffrey if he will kindly elaborate and circulate it among the members. My Sikh colleagues have also produced another, which is at least worthy of study. Sir Hubert Carr produced last night an ingenious and novel proposal to set up for the Punjab two Legislatures, a lower to satisfy the Mussalman claim and an upper nearly satisfying the Sikh claim. Though I am no believer in a bicameral legislature, I am much attracted by Sir Hubert's proposal and I invite him to pursue it further with the same zeal with which I gratefully admit that he has followed and contributed to the informal deliberations.

"Lastly, inasmuch as the only reason for my appearance at these deliberations is that I represent the Congress, I must clearly set forth the

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**Jaffna Urban Council.**

ROAD NAMED AFTER THE LATE MR. KANAGARATNAM.

The monthly meeting of the Jaffna Urban District Council was held on Saturday, the 10th instant at 9 a.m. at the Kachoheri Sales Bungalow, the upper hall where the Council meeting are usually held, being not available, as a conference of Chairman of Village Committees was held there. Mr. B. Sivagurunathar, presided. Others present were Messrs. M. Asaipillai, K. Somasundaram, P. Moses, C. Arulampalam, R. B. Nalliah, A. M. M. Abdulader and the Medical Officer of Health.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Pursuant to notice Mr. C. Arulampalam moved the following resolution:

That with a view to perpetuate the memory of the late Hon'ble Mr. A. Kanagaratnam in the Council area for his invaluable services to the Council as its first Chairman, this Council do have the road being newly constructed to connect the N. Vantural Road with the Obemman Road in Ward No. 4, named "Kanagaratnam Road."

Mr. Asaipillai seconded. Carried. In reply to question the Chairman said that they had already spent about Rs. 14,000 on this road. The lands for the road were acquired and it cost the Council Rs. 10425 05. The value paid to the lands was somewhat higher than the market value. He would suggest that they allowed that road as it was, without metalling for so year or two, as they could not find money now for that work.

The following resolution which Mr. Arulampalam moved, pursuant to notice, was lost for want of a seconder:

That as the present prevailing practice of some applicants to posts and tenders for market rents, advertised for by this Council, personally interviewing members of this Council for getting their relatives or friends to do so with a view to influence the members to vote for the appointment of those applicants or selection of those tenders, is not calculated to secure the appointment of applicants or selection of tenders solely on grounds of merit, this Council do take the necessary steps to inform through the Advertisement notices all future applicants to posts or tenders for market rents that interviewing of members of this Council by applicants or tenders personally or through their relatives or friends on their behalf will be considered by this Council as a disqualification for such applicants or tenders when their applications or tenders come up for consideration before the Council.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Nalliah the Council resolved to impose the same rates and taxes for the year 1932 as in 1931.

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position. Despite appearances to the contrary, especially in England, the Congress claims to represent the whole nation, and most decidedly the dumb millions, including numberless Untouchables who are more oppressed than depressed, and also in a way the more unfortunate and neglected classes known as the backward races."

**The Untouchables.**

Mr. Gandhi then read the Lahore Congress resolution on the subject and said that, however much it might have failed in its realization, the Congress, since its inception, had set up pure Nationalism as its ideal and had endeavored to break down communal barriers, and the Lahore resolution was the culminating point in the advance towards Nationalism.

Mr. Gandhi added: "If, however, a national solution is impossible and the Congress scheme proves unacceptable, I am not precluded from endorsing any other reasonable scheme acceptable to the parties concerned. The Congress position on this question is, therefore, one of the greatest possible accommodation. Where it cannot help it will not obstruct. Needless to say, the Congress will wholeheartedly support any scheme of private arbitration. It seems to have been represented that I am opposed to any representation of the Untouchables in the Legislatures. This is a travesty of the truth. What I have said, and what I must repeat, is that I am opposed to their special representation. I am convinced that it can do them no good and may do much harm. But the Congress is waded to adult franchise, therefore millions of them can be placed on the voters' roll. It is impossible to conceive that, with Untouchability fast disappearing, the nominees of these voters can be boycotted by the others.

"But what these people need more than election to the Legislatures is protection from social and religious persecution. Custom, which is often more powerful than the law, has brought them to degradation of which every thinking Hindu needs to feel ashamed and do penance. I should, therefore have most drastic legislation, rendering essential all special persecution to which these fellow countrymen of mine are subjected by an so-called superior class. Thank God the consciousness of the Hindus has been stirred and Untouchability will soon be a relic of our sinful past."

"Times."

**The Cultivation of Chillies in the Jaffna District.**

Mr N Serattirej, Manager, Experiment Station, Jaffna, writes in the Tropical Agriculturist:—  
**Cultivation.**

The amount of chillies consumed annually in Ceylon is about 1,250,000 lb worth some three million rupees. These are principally imported from Madras. But there is a great difference in quality between the chillies grown in Ceylon, particularly in Jaffna, and the chillies imported from Madras—the former being the better. Chillies are a remunerative crop both to large and small cultivators. The Department of Agriculture has tried to encourage the cultivation of chillies in recent years by the distribution of leaflets on the cultivation of the crop and by the distribution of seeds and seedlings of improved varieties. The encouragement given to this crop in the Jaffna Peninsula alone is shown by the following figures of distribution from the Experiment Station, Jaffna:

Year	Quantity of Seed chillies distributed	Quantity of seedlings distributed
1926	1059	21,850
1927	434	46,000
1928	844	88,985
1929	854	4,600
1930	885	125,800

Chillies are more especially successfully cultivated in the drier districts. In the wet zone where the rainfall is not excessive the crop should be planted during such seasons so that the crop may be ready for harvesting during dry months. In Jaffna the return from chillies is second to tobacco in point of money value. Places of heavy rainfall are not very suitable for this crop as rain is harmful to it, especially during the flowering season and the period of curing.

Well drained red loams are best suited for chillies. It is on the lighter soils that the greater part of the wet season crop is grown. On the mixed and more loamy soils containing a fair quantity of lime, the finest crop of chillies is raised under irrigation. In the Jaffna District, in the Pachilalpaill division, chillies are planted in sandy soils. It has been found by experience that even sandy soils when heavily manured are capable of giving a good yield. On light soils the crop is said to be liable to leaf and bud shedding after a light shower. Nowhere perhaps can more luxuriant crops of chillies be seen than in the red loamy soils of Valikamam North, Valikamam West, and Vadamaradhi. The same variety, however, that is grown in the paddy lands of those places is not so luxuriant nor so productive. In the grey loamy villages of Manipay, Sandilipay and Sudumalai fairly good crops are given. There is some difficulty in draining these grey loamy soils, chillies cannot stand water-logging and transplanting of the crop has to be done in time to avoid the heavy rains of the North East monsoon. Chillies grown in these soils are not so pungent as those grown in red soils.

To be continued.

**Order Nisi.**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7912.

In the matter of the estate and effects of Kathirappillai wife of Sanmugam Sinnathamby late of Karaitivu East

Deceased.  
Sanmugam Sinnathamby of Karaitivu East

Petitioner.

1. Besamma daughter of Sinnathamby
2. Sellamma daughter of Sinnathamby
3. Sinnathamby Mottiah
4. Sinnathamby Sanmugam and
5. Sinnappillai widow of Sanmugam all of Karaitivu East

Respondents

The 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Respondents are minors and appear by their guardian ad litem the 6th Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire, District Judge, on June 17, 1931 in the presence of Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated June 10, 1931, having been read; It is ordered that the 5th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of acting on their behalf representing them and protecting their interest in the matter of the administration of the estate of the deceased and that Letters of Administration to the deceased of the deceased be issued to him as the husband of the deceased unless the Respondents appear before this Court on July 27, 1931 and show cause to the contrary.

Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge.

Order Nisi is extended to 21st September 1931

Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge.

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**Order Nisi.**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7928.

In the matter of the estate of the late Rasammah wife of Kandiah Sellathurai of Kockuvil West.

Deceased.  
Karthigesu Thuralappah of Kockuvil West, Jaffna

Petitioner.

1. Kandiah Sellathurai of Kockuvil presently of Dalai in the District of Retnapora.
2. Chellammah wife of Karthigesu Thuralappah of Kockuvil West, Jaffna

This matter coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire, District Judge on the 16th day of July 1931 in the presence of Mr. K. Aiyadurai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and Affidavit of the Petitioner having been read;

It is hereby ordered that the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the above estate as the father of the deceased unless the Respondents appear and show cause to the contrary on or before the 14th day of September 1931

Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge.

Extended to 26th October 1931.

Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7927

In the matter of the estate of the late Rasammah wife of Chellappah Sivassampoo of Evinal, Punnalaikadduvan.

Deceased.  
Chellappah Sivassampoo of Evinal, Punnalaikadduvan

Petitioner

Vs.

Minor 1 Alakanandan son of Sivassampoo of Evinal, Punnalaikadduvan,

2. Pandaram Aiyacuddy do

Respondents

This matter coming for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 16th day of July 1931 in the presence of Mr. K. Aiyadurai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is hereby ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent and the Petitioner be declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the above estate as the husband of the deceased unless the Respondents abovenamed appear and show cause to the contrary on or before the 14th day of September 1931.

August 8, 1931 Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge

Extended to 26th October 1931

Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge

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**Order Nisi.**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7935.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Chelliah Gunasinghe of Udavil late of Rangoon

Deceased.  
Thiagarajah Ellathambay of Udavil in Jaffna

Petitioner.

Vs.

Vallar widow of Venasithambay Karthigesu of Udavil

Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 28th day of July 1931 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated July 28, 1931, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the uncle of the said deceased

Continued up.

**Order Nisi.**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7941.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Sangarasappillai Visuvanathan of Kandarodai.

Deceased.  
Sinnathamby Kandiah of Kandarodai

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Marimuttappillai widow of Visuvanathan
2. Visuvanathan Mankinayakam
3. Visuvanathan Manicavasagar
4. Visuvanathan Vaithianathan all of Kandarodai

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 8th day of August 1931 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 27th day of June 1931 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of representing them in this case and of protecting their interests, and that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner as the cousin of the deceased unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court on the 17th day of September 1931 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

September 4, 1931 Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge.

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and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before September 9, 1931 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge.

September 4, 1931.

Time extended till 21 10 31,

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