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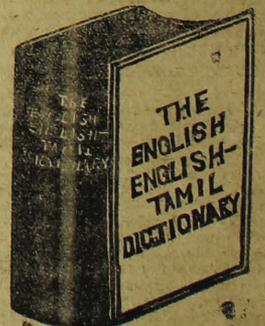
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JAFFNA, MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1916.

THE WAR.

The war has now entered on its third year, with the turning of the tide in favour of the Allies. In every front they are on the offensive and are gaining. It will not be long before Germany will be compelled to sue for peace and a peace will be concluded which will relieve the world of German aggression and tyranny to the lasting benefit of man and civilisation. In the long run God helps a righteous cause and every loyal British subject prays to bring this terrible war to an end resulting in the complete triumph of British arms and of their allies. The following telegram to the Viceroy from the Secretary of State for India reviewing the present situation and past performances cannot fail to be interesting and useful:—

The situation at the close of the second year of the war may be summarised as follows:—Germany had hoped to crush France in the first year, but France recovered from the initial shock. Germany then hoped to strike Russia to the ground last year, but, despite all the German successes, the Russian army remained intact. Germany returned to France and struck at Verdun, but Verdun is still unconquered. Germany has unbroken armies and some reserves in her depots. She says she has no fear of famine. Financially she has still confidence of her people, and the neutrals have not yet gone against her. But the enthusiasm engendered by the first successes has disappeared. Public opinion in Germany has distinctly changed and now shows signs of fatigue. The hope that she can crush her enemies in detail by well directed blows has vanished and the German people are beginning to think about the future.

The German financial system is very fragile and if Germany cannot end the war quickly to her advantage she will pass through a terrible period of economic difficulties.

After calling up her trained men Germany has called up various categories of untrained men, beginning with the youngest. The 1916 and 1917 classes have already been summoned and only inferior material is left. Men up to 46 years of age have also been called up. In the depots there are from 150,000 to 200,000 wounded who have recovered and the 1917 class, but once these resources are exhausted there remain only old men and convalescents. Yet Germany has to maintain war on all fronts and support her Allies in widely extended fields of operations.

She has not yet suffered a crisis owing to lack of effectives, but that crisis is approaching, and though she has still great resources of labour and is employing prisoners of war and the inhabitants of the invaded countries, she is dependent on her own activities and cannot draw on neutral countries as the Allies can. The blockade has not brought actual starvation, but it must be pressing hard on the Germans, or they would not shew such rage at its continuance.

Austria is in a worse position than Germany. She has called up men of 52 and already enrolled the 1918 class.

Turkey cannot give the help expected of her or improvise a modern army.

On the other hand, neither Russia, Italy nor Great Britain have yet been able to employ all their resources.

Germany at the beginning had superiority in the quality of munitions, but these have been rapidly diminishing.

Germany has had many victories, but the Allies are now stronger than they ever have been and their resources in men and material are now greater than the resources of Germany.

The following Reuter's Special Service telegram to the "Times of Ceylon" also is worth being quoted prominently:—

London, Aug. 4.

Mr. Balfour's statement is one of many reviews on the war published on the second anniversary. These are most inspiring, showing that though

the Allies have captured a million square miles of territory as compared with 170,000 by the enemy, the Allies' advance must not be measured by miles. They have at length secured the initiative in Europe, a result to which the collapse of the Germans at Verdun and the Battle of Jutland materially contributed. "The Times," for instance, says: The German record of the past eight months is blank negation, but the task of the Allies is still most arduous. The Germans still stand fast on their main fronts east and west, from which it may take a long time to expel them. Yet the inspiring results of the fighting on the Somme and of the Russian pressure in the east show that the task can be accomplished. The troops of the Allies are absolutely confident of victory.

It is universally emphasised that the British Navy has already proved the decisive factor in the war, while there is no more striking feature of the struggle than the rebirth of the British nation. As Mr. Bonar Law said during the Colonial estimates debate in the House of Commons last evening: One of the outstanding facts of the war was the wonderful part played by the United Kingdom and every part of the Empire.

FASTS, FESTIVALS, AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL VALUE.

For the last three months or so, the leading Hindu Temples in Jaffna have been celebrating their festivals one after another. Fasting and feasting the eyes and mind with the pious proceedings of the pompous Pujas and processions of the Temple festivals have been the order of the day with most Hindus in Jaffna. The climax was reached on Friday last when the Nallur Kandaswamy Temple started its annual festival which will be continued for about another month. These religious fasts and festivals were undoubtedly intended to have an educational value and to exercise a corrective influence on the life and conduct of the votaries. It is proper, therefore, that we pay more attention to their educational aspect and esoteric significance so that we may derive greater benefit from them.

Education in its broadest sense denotes the gradual development of the latent powers of man—physical, moral and intellectual. The ultimate aim and the only end to which education should lead one is spiritual perfection and realization. The world or Prapancha is the best school provided by God for man's education. Every incident in man's life, subjective or objective, pleasurable or painful, is intended to exert a corrective and purifying influence over him and lead him on and on to the realization of the transient nature of all sense pleasures and impress on him an all-absorbing desire to seek refuge at the Feet of the Great Lord of Eternal Existence, Knowledge and Bliss. The Hindu Rishis were and are still the exponents of the best educational system in the world. The blind cannot lead the blind. It is only the spiritually enlightened who can lay down an educational system that could guide the development of those in a lower plane of life. The Sanatana Dharma of our ancient Seers gives us the most rational and efficient principles of education. It is a well-known fact that Hindus occupied a pre-eminent position among the nations of the world from time immemorial, till a few centuries ago; and this was due entirely to the fact that they then adhered more steadfastly to the Dharma than they do now. And now, if we desire true political liberty, social amelioration, and economic advancement, the best thing we can do is to educate ourselves to a true appreciation of the Dharma and stand steadfastly in its light. We may be perfectly sure that there is a Higher Power who shapes our destiny according to our deserts.

Among institutions established by the Eternal Dharma for the training and education of man, the Hindu Religious Fasts and Festivals take a leading place. The inter relation and inter-dependence of mind and body is an admitted fact. It is necessary to bring about, by means of prescribed diet, by fasting, &c., certain conditions of the physical body to realize certain conditions of the subtler bodies. The general object of fasting is to alter the balance between the physical and super-physical forces in man so as to give the latter forces a preponderating power which will lead one to the holy, benign presence of the desired Deva or Devi, and gain for him Siddhis and occult powers leading ultimately to spiritual realization. It also helps man to control the senses normally when he withholds from them their legitimate pleasures at certain times. It is also a well-recognized fact among Hindus that the Sun, Moon, Planets and the stars largely govern magnetic conditions in the physical plane. Hence fasting on certain favourable days such as Sivaratri, Navaratri, Skandashasti, &c., was enjoined as an important condition to help one in the attainment of the desired object. To obtain the full educational benefit of fasting, it is essential that one should observe at the proper time the prescribed rules of diet and cleanliness,

and establish mental purity by exercising the strictest possible control over his senses. In many diseases, the curative effect of fasting without any religious motive, is admitted even by Western Medical Science.

Hindu Religious festivals too, like fasting, have an educational object at the background. As an institution of popular education it is even more important. It affords different attractions to men of different temperaments and conveys to them spiritual education through different channels. The music and dancing, decorations and illuminations, the chanting the Vedas and Devarams and the Bajana of the Bhaktas—all these afford one food for enjoyment and edification. Through these festivals, one's attachment to the unreal is utilised to lead him to the real. During a popular festival the whole atmosphere of a Temple is charged with spiritual fervour, and the charming presence and countenance of the presiding Deity beams with Divine Grace and power before the eager concentrated gaze of the votary. These cannot fail to move the most stony heart and bring repentance and contrition in the mind of the most obdurate character. To the student of the occult, the series of Temple festivals, are pregnant with philosophical import. They represent allegorically, a whole process of cosmic evolution and involution. From the Dwajarojana or Kodi Etam which represents Srishti or creation, leading to the different Utsavams representing different stages of evolution or Sthiti, and then to Ratha Utsavam representing Sambharam, Theertham representing Throbhavam, and the Mouna Utsavam on the night of the Theertha festival representing Anugraham, all are allegorical of the Cosmic process, and the right understanding of the Mantras and Poojas offered in them materially help one to realize it.

We have penned the above lines mainly with the view to stimulate in our Hindu readers a desire to study, understand and practise the tenets and ceremonies of their religion and thereby derive the greatest educational benefit from them. Religious revival should be the dominating and inspiring incentive to our progress. We should unite and make all possible efforts to make the Hindu Priesthood and the Hindu Temples the sacred centres radiating spirituality and purity. Our priests should be better educated, more spiritual-minded, and be able to command the respect of their followers. In Temple service or in family ceremonies they should be able to foster the religious faith and understanding of their followers. Again, the Devadasis of the present day who are allowed to perform certain services in Temple festivals, have not the least claim to the name they bear, or right to the service they perform in Temples. The great evil of their conspicuous presence in Temples was pointed out by no less a religious authority than Arumuga Navalar. Critics of our religion never fail to employ this abuse to silence the mouths of those Hindus who speak of the superiority of Hindu religious institutions. In many of the Hindu Native States of India this abuse in Hindu Temples has been suppressed by Legislation. All these reforms can be effected if our Hindu countrymen unite and co-operate with each other, and manifest a higher conception of the duty they owe to their religion and country.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Irish traitor Casement, has been hanged—a fate which he well deserved for the attempt he made to betray his country. He went to Germany to tamper with the allegiance of the Irish soldiers who were prisoners in Germany with the object of making them fight against the British. He then came over to Ireland to foment rebellion in that country. He would have been shot long ago with the other Irish rebels but for the fact that his arrest took place before the proclamation of Martial Law in Ireland. We are surprised that there should have been attempts made to save his life by any loyalists.

The distribution of Prizes at the Royal College, Colombo, took place on the 3rd instant. H. E. the Governor presided and distributed the prizes. The Governor delivered a short and interesting address conveying wholesome advice to the Students. On the important question of higher education and the establishment of the Ceylon University College, His

Excellency made the following observations:—

"After only three and a half months in Ceylon—during which time I have not altogether been idle, I confess I have not had the time to consider the very large question which comes up and which appears to affect the whole future of higher Education in the Colony (Applause). It is a very interesting and very important question, perhaps, the most important question which can come before a Governor. It is a matter of regret that my predecessor, who had devoted very much time and attention to the matter, and who had become thoroughly the master of it,—was not able to remain here to complete the work which had begun and which, I know, he had closely at heart. At the same time it is a matter which has to be faced, and faced very soon; and I hope that before long when I am placed in possession of the report of the Committee over which my friend Sir Anton Bertram presided and to which other eminent members of the community gave their services, I shall be able to take the matter into what is called active consideration. (Loud applause). In the meantime any opinions which I could give you would be the views of my advisers—and I have the utmost confidence in my advisers—but I should like to check their advice from personal knowledge. (Loud and continued applause). I do not wish you to understand that I do that from any lack of confidence in my advisers, but it is an advantage both to them and to me that I should know personally something of the questions that come up for discussion."

Within the short time of his assuming the great responsibility of his high office, the Governor has won the confidence of the people by his liberal sympathy and sound judgment. The proposed appointment of the Excise Commission is the latest instance in which His Excellency has shown sound statesmanship. We hope His Excellency will earn the gratitude of the people of Ceylon by making liberal provisions for higher education. On questions affecting the Educational wants of the Ceylonese, Indian models will be found more suitable to local needs than purely English models.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE VALE FESTIVAL—The grand annual Vale festival with the Silver Car at the Hindu Temple of the Natucotta Chetty community at Wallawatta will take place on Sunday the 13th instant

MEETINGS IN JAFFNA IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATES FOR THE TAMIL SEAT—A meeting in support of Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasagra's candidature took place at the Ridgeway Hall on the 4th instant, with Rao Bahadur C. Murgasampillai, Retired Deputy Collector, as Chairman. Another meeting takes place this evening at the same place in support of Mr. J. H. Vanniasingham. This is to be followed by a meeting at the Ridgeway Hall on the 9th instant in favour of Mr. W. Duraiswamy. The meeting in support of Mr. A. Sapapathy is fixed for the 14th instant to be held in the same Hall.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.—Mr. E. B. Dopham, the Director of Education, is in Jaffna having come on a tour of inspection. We extend to him a hearty welcome on his first visit to Jaffna as Director of Education.

RURAL SCHOOLS ORDINANCE.—At the instance of the Director of Education a meeting will be held at the Jaffna Kaohochi on the 11th instant at 2 P. M. to discuss the question of introducing the Rural Schools Ordinance into the Jaffna District.

THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION.—At the meeting of the Directors held on the 31st ultimo, it was resolved to recommend a dividend of 12 per cent for the past year. This is very creditable considering war conditions which have hampered the operations of Companies in general.

KATRAGAMA PILGRIMAGE.—Srimath Ambalawana Swamigal, Messrs. K. Vaitilingam, Renter, A. Sithambaranatha Pillai, Notary Public, A. Ponnambalam and A. Ponniah, Asst. Inspector of Schools, are among those who left Jaffna for Katragama on a pilgrimage.

PERSONAL.—Mr. V. Arasaratnam, Forest Ranger, Murungam, having been deputed by Government to study Forestry in Coimbatore, has left for India last week and will remain there for two years to complete his course.

—Mr. P. Vythialingam, Advocate, has been appointed to act as Police Magistrate of Pt. Pedro and Chavakachochi for 8 days from the 9th instant

THE RAMANATHAN COLLEGE.—The Annual Prize-distribution at the Ramanathan College takes place on Saturday the 19th instant at 4.30 P. M. Mr. E. B. Danham, B. A., Oxon, Director of Education, will preside.

A NATTUKOTTAI CHETTY HONORED.—Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettiar of Kanadukathan has been appointed by the Madras Government to a seat in the Legislative Council. The Hon. Mr. Chettiar is a great capitalist and philanthropist. Realising that money was to be accumulated only to be judiciously spent, Mr. Chettiar did several acts of charity. He gave three lakhs of rupees to the Madura College, and many wells for low caste men. He is also a strong supporter of the Congress and the Social Reform movement.

THE VIDYASAGAR DAY.—The twenty fifth Vidyasagar Memorial meeting was held at the University Institute, Calcutta, on the 30th ultimo. Maharaja Jagadindra Narayana Roy of Natore presided. Speeches were made eulogising the life and character of

Vidyasagar who is the father of modern Bengali literature.

THE INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL CUP COMPETITION.—The Jaffna Sports Club Committee has appointed Messrs. G. F. de Livera, H. N. Wood, V. Joseph, S. Ignatius, C. Emmanuel, and S. Rajaratnam, a sub-committee to manage the Football cup competition among the different colleges in Jaffna. Mr. C. Emmanuel will be the Secretary of the Committee.

HINDU SCHOOLS, KARAVEDDI.—All interested in the progress of Hindu Education in Jaffna will be happy to hear that the proprietorship of the Tamil and English Hindu Schools in Karaveddi has been transferred to an Association formed for the purpose and the Management vested in the hands of a Board of Directors consisting of Messrs. V. Mudaliyar Chittampalam, Maniagar Vadamaradhi East, K. Chinnatamby, Maniagar Vadamaradhi West, A. K. Sittampalam, and S. Sapapathipillai.

THE YOUNG MENS' HINDU ASSOCIATION.—Sri C. T. N. R. M. Narayana Chettiar of Karakudi, a Millionaire and philanthropist, with his friends, paid a visit to the Y. M. H. A. headquarters on the 1st instant at 6.30 P. M. He was received in the hall by Messrs. V. M. Muttukumaru, W. Mudaliyar Mattuvellupillai, Merchant, A. Ambalavannar, Proctor, M. S. Ehatamby, Advocate, S. Kandyay, Proctor, V. T. Sampantham, Tamil Pandit, N. Ramachandra, A. V. Somasundaram, Assistant Secretary, S. T. Chittampalam, Sheriff, Customs, K. Chelliah, S. Nadarajah, and many others. The visitor was garlanded by Mr. M. Sathasivampillai. Mr. M. S. Ehatamby, Advocate and Secretary, in a short and pleasant speech explained the objects of the Association. The visitor having inquired into the financial condition of the Association offered to become a benefactor of the Association and in an eloquent speech thanked the Assembly for the pleasant reception given to him. Pan Supari was distributed before the assembly dispersed. The visitor left for Colombo the next day.

OBITUARY.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Chellatturai, wife of Mr. S. Chellatturai, Apothecary, Nedunkeny, who went took place at her residence in Kokuvil West on the 3rd instant. She took ill of fever at Nedunkeny and was treated by Dr. S. Thuraiappah. She was subsequently removed to Jaffna by motor car and was treated by Dr. C. Sittampalam. But in spite of careful nursing and the best medical treatment she passed away. Our sympathies are with the bereaved.

Y. M. H. A. ACTIVITIES.

Head Quarters.—Mr. S. Kandyay, Proctor, delivered a very instructive lecture on "Sadhana" on the 4th instant. Several members present partook in the discussion which followed.

Vaddu Branch.—Mrs. F. F. Emery of Ramanathan College will deliver a lecture today (7.8-16) on "Religious Life" at the Vaddukoddai Branch.

Head Quarters.—Mr. Rajah Arulampalam will deliver a lecture on "Samayaprasavam" (initiation) on Friday the 11th instant. A discussion will follow.

—Mr. E. K. Sivasubramaniya Iyer B. A., led a discussion on "Mantras" on the 2nd inst.

Kathaprasangam.—At the Head Quarters on the 9th instant, the Vetharanya Bagavathar will give Kalakshepam at 6 P. M.

Benefactors.—Mr. V. S. S. Coomaraswamy B. A. and C. T. R. M. Narayana Chetty of Ramnad have been elected Benefactors of the Association.

Library.—Mr. V. M. Muttukumaru, the Jaffna Maniagar, has presented the Library 43 very valuable volumes on Religious questions.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at 2.30 P. M. Wednesday at the Council Chamber. H. E. the Governor presided; the other members present were:—The Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, C. M. G., the Hon. the Brigadier General F. Hackett-Thompson, C. B., the Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagdon, the Hon. Sir Anton Bertram, K. C., the Hon. Mr. A. C. Allnutt, the Hon. Mr. J. G. Fraser, C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. B. H. Sellings, the Hon. Dr. G. H. Rutherford, the Hon. Mr. C. S. Vaughan, the Hon. Mr. F. Bowes, C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. T. H. Chapman, the Hon. Mr. P. Ramanathan, C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. W. H. Abdul Bahman, the Hon. Mr. T. B. L. Moonesalle, the Hon. Sir Christoffel Obeyesekere, Kt., the Hon. Mr. H. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. B. Huyshe Elliot, the Hon. Mr. A. Kanagasabai, the Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham, the Hon. Mr. Charles Vanderwall, the Hon. Mr. A. J. R. De Soysa and Mr. A. G. Clayton, Clerk to the Council.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. ALLNUTT—took his oaths as a member of the Council.

PAPERS TABLED.
The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—named certain Ordinance to which H. E. the Governor has given assent and tabled certain papers.

PETITIONS.
The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—presented certain petitions—two from those who had suffered from floods and asking for relief; one from the inhabitants of Egoda Uyana requesting to be exempted from Riot Compensation; one from Seyid Hamid Sultan re acquisition of his land; he was not aware it was to be acquired and wishes it restored or adequate compensation paid.

The Hon. Mr. Moonesalle—presented a petition from Disnayake Hamine stating that her husband had been convicted by Court Martial and that an enquiry be held by the G. A. to enable him to prove his innocence.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. SHAW AS ACTING C. J.
The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—gave notice that in shall move for papers re the passing over of the claims of Mr. Justice Ennis and appointing his junior colleague to the acting Chief Justiceship.

THE NEW CENTRAL STATION.
The Hon. Mr. P. Ramanathan, referring to the answer given by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on July 15th, 1914, to his question regarding the opening of the new Fort Railway Station asked—Why the new Fort Railway Station has not yet been opened to the public, and when it will be opened? If it is necessary to provide accommodation for the private stores of rice merchant to ask further why the railway stations at the Pettah and the Fort should not be fitted up as rice stores, so as to permit of the new Fort Station to be put its legitimate use?

The Hon. Mr. Bowes—said (in reply to the first part) he would refer to his reply at last meeting—re date of opening new Fort Station. The evaluation began on 10th July and the portion required for the storage of rice was almost completed. The station would be open in a little over three months from today.

MOTIONS.
The Hon. Mr. P. Ramanathan—move—That Council go into Committee to consider the additional rules 35 (i) and 35 (j) made by His Excellency the Governor under section 30 of "The Notaries Ordinance, 1907."

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—explained how he came to give notice of this motion after the 40 days (the period required).

His EXCELLENCY—said that Mr. Ramanathan was in order.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—said that 48 hours within which to attest deeds was insufficient as in the case of illness or a public holiday this could not be done. He suggested extension to six days.

The Hon. Mr. Vanderwall—seconded.
The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—promised to give consideration for the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—thanked him.
The Hon. Mr. A. Kanagasabai was to move—That provision be made for establishing a Licensing Board in each Province, with adequate official representation, to decide whether or not to issue a license for a tavern for the sale of intoxicating liquors. He, however, moved that this motion be allowed to stand over till next meeting.

This was allowed.
The Colonial Secretary—while he did not wish to oppose the postponement regretted that Mr. Kanagasabai had not felt able to carry on because he had to make certain statements in the air as it were, statements which in the public interest should be made without delay. The first was that His Excellency had decided to appoint a Committee to consider the question of the manufacture and sale to spirits in the island. He was not able at that moment to give the names of the members, but if the Hon. member himself would serve it would be very gratifying. With regard to Licensing Boards to which the Hon. member had referred H. E. had decided that where there was not already an unofficial majority an additional member would be appointed in order to give that unofficial majority. The third point was with regard to taverns. He gathered from his planting friends that the difficulty of controlling the drinking habits of the coolies was not so easy as seemed. There was a comparatively easy way of dealing with it and that was to prohibit removal of spirits from the taverns, in other words the principle of the on and off license, and to substitute on licenses entirely. His Excellency had authorised him to say that this new form would be introduced.

It has then agreed that the matter should stand over.

The Hon. Mr. F. Bowes—moved—That from and after the date of this resolution Customs duty shall be leviable upon the articles specified in the schedule hereto the amount therein stated: Schedule: Motor vehicles, other than motor lorries and other than vehicles which are imported under license given by or on behalf of the Governor, for every Rs. 100 of the value thereof, Rs. 33 2/3.

The Hon. Mr. Bowes—briefly spoke to the motion and remarked that by this they were furthering the interesting of the Allies.

The Hon. Mr. Sellings—seconded.
The Hon. Creasy—moved an amendment in the interest of the horse importers.

The Hon. Mr. Balasingham—seconded.
The motion was carried.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—MOVED.—That this Council approve the payment to the Disabled Ceylon Men's Fund, out of the revenue of the Colony, of a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,000,000, in such instalments as His Excellency the Governor thinks fit.

The Hon. Mr. Pagdon—seconded.
The Hon. Mr. Huyshe Elliot—supported.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan—wished to have some more information as to the number disabled up to date and what proportion that proceeded from Ceylon likely to be disabled.

The motion was carried.
PENSION TO A CONSTABLE'S WIDOW.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—moved—(2) That in terms of section 31 (1) of the Pension Minute a pension of Rs. 100 per annum be granted to the widow of Police Constable David Kaspar Lopez who was killed on June 13 last while in the discharge of his duty.

The Hon. Mr. Pagdon—seconded—carried.
COLOMBO DISTRICT COURT.

The Hon. Mr. H. Creasy was to move—That a Committee of this Council be appointed to inquire into the transaction of business in the District Court of Colombo, and more particularly as to the adequacy of the present clerical staff to cope with the work they have to do, and as to the accommodation provided for the clerical staff, for witnesses and parties to actions on the hearing of such actions, and for the proctors who practise in the said Court.

The Hon. Mr. Creasy—with consent of the Council—got the motion to be held over till the next meeting.

EXPORT DUTY ON PLUMBAGO.
The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—moved the first reading of Ordinance—

"To impose an Export Duty on Plumbago."
The Hon. Mr. Pagdon—seconded.
The first reading was passed.

"An Ordinance relating to Eminent Property and other matters" were discussed in Committee to enable the Attorney-General to make a certain amendment.

The Council was postponed for Wednesday, Aug. 9th
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