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S. Somanudara Aiyer,
Mts. 480.
Colomboturai, Jaffna.

CHANGE OF NAME.

I Nannithamby Sellathurai of Abai-cottai born on the 9th day of December 1901, who was known and called by the name of Nannithamby Ponnampalam up to this time, desire that the name, N. Sellathurai, to be changed as N. Ponnampalam.

Mts. 478.

The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, MONDAY, MAY 12, 1924.

HONOURING THE GREAT DEAD.

When men who are admittedly considered great in a country are added to the majority, it is the duty of the people who have been benefited by their labours to honour them duly and perpetuate their memory. We regret that our people are very backward in the matter of honouring the great men who have passed away after serving their country long and faithfully and adding to its prestige by their character and achievements. If the patriotic services of the distinguished men of our country who have died are not appreciated by the people and their memory cherished and perpetuated, it will indicate that our people do not possess gratitude and the faculty of appreciating what ought to be duly appreciated, and have not come to that degree of civilization in which such appreciation will be heartily and spontaneously manifested. We regard this want of keenness in our people in appreciating the noble and self-sacrificing lives of those who have died as not merely a reproach on their national character, but as highly prejudicial to their national advancement and welfare. It is a fact well worth bearing in mind that in Western countries and in some advanced countries in the East, the memory of the great personages who have passed away is carefully perpetuated with the double object of doing honour to them and benefiting the countries in which they lived and worked. Statues and monuments are erected, institutions established and scholarships founded, all at very great expense for the purpose. While some of these remind the people of those countries of the great lives lived by the distinguished men and serve to keep alive the feelings of deep affection which the people have for those great men and stimulate the fit ones among the people to follow and emulate their noble examples, others in addition to that contribute materially to the intellectual, moral and economic advancement of the people.

We regret that the people of this country generally let the memory of their great men fall into oblivion. It cannot be given as an excuse for the serious remissness that there have not been enough great men in our country. We are of opinion that Jaffna has produced a few at least who may be well regarded as among the greatest men in Ceylon. Besides, it is not the degree of greatness which counts. In every walk of life there have been men and women who, though they have not all of them risen to greatness, yet deserve to have their memory perpetuated according to the services they rendered to the country.

There has been a heavy calamity to this country and the entire Island that two of her most distinguished and most patriotic sons have departed this life within the past six months. The memories of the late Sir P. Arunachalam, and Mr. A. Sapapathy, must be enshrined in the hearts of our people for ever for their unparalleled services to their motherland. Their memory should be cherished with the deepest gratitude and the greatest affection by the people for whose highest and lasting welfare they spent themselves to the very end of their earthly existence. We are sure that never within living memory, or in the period covered by the recorded history of Jaffna or Ceylon, have two such patriotic Tamil men flourished who have not only done remarkable services to the country, but have added lustre to the great Tamil community of Ceylon by their spotless private and public life and

their matchless, self-sacrificing services. We feel that it will be a shame and a reproach on the people of this country if they do not manifest their deep indebtedness to them by some abiding monuments which will perpetuate their glorious memory.

We fervently hope that the leading men in this country will speedily concert measures with a view to giving effect to our suggestion.

THE WEATHER.

There are signs of impending rain, but it has not rained during the past two or three weeks. The rain that fell before was not sufficient to allay the great heat.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a telegram of condolence which has been sent to us by the Ceylonese residents of Kuala Lumpur expressing their heartfelt sorrow at the irreparable loss this paper and the Tamil community has sustained by the death of Mr. Sapapathy.

TIME OF POLLING FOR ELECTIONS—It has been notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that polls shall, in all cases, open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and close at six o'clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for such polls. He has done this under the powers conferred on him by rule 17 of Schedule II of "The Ceylon (Legislative Council) Order-in-Council, 1923."

MOTOR ACCIDENT—On the 9th instant, a man of Averagall, who was travelling by a motor bus which was on its way to Jaffna from Point Pedro tried to get down from the bus at Annapanthi while it was moving. He fell down, and one of his legs was fractured.

DRIVER OF A MOTOR BUS FINED—The driver of a Karadive Motor Bus was recently fined Rs. 7.50 by the Acting Police Magistrate of Jaffna for overloading. Drivers of motor buses who commit this offence will do well to take a warning from what has taken place.

THE JAFFNA ORIENTAL STUDIES SOCIETY—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Oriental Studies Society was held on Saturday the 10th instant in the hall of the Jaffna Hindu College. Mudaliyar C. Rasanayagam presided over the meeting. The Subjects Committee for the next examinations was appointed; and the results of this year's examinations were considered.

RETIREMENT OF P. O. M. O.—The Hon. Dr. G. J. Rutherford, Principal Civil Medical Officer, is shortly to retire from service.

ACID POISONING—We learn that Mr. H. G. Perera of the University College was admitted to the General Hospital on Tuesday the 6th instant, as he had accidentally drunk some dilute sulphuric acid.

THE JURY LIST FOR 1924—It is reported that the work in connection with the preparation of the Jury list for 1924 has commenced at the Fiscal's Office, Colombo.

TODDY RENTS IN JAFFNA—Thirty-one toddy rents in the Jaffna District for the year commencing 1st July, 1924 to 30th June 1925, are to be sold on the 13th and 14th inst. The sale will take place at the Jaffna Kachehri by public auction. Six taverns within the Jaffna Urban District area, one at Pariyavilan in Valigamam West and six at Valamarchchi Division will be sold on the 13th instant. The remaining taverns, seven in Pachchilaipalay Division, one in Karachy Division, three at Poonakari Division, five in the Islands Division and two in Dait will be sold on the 14th inst.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT—The Government has decided to give a scholarship for an Architectural Assistant for the Archaeological Department to be sent to India so that he may receive the necessary training there.

THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER—The Government has approved of the plans for the new Council Chamber and the Secretariat which were proposed to be built at the Galle Face. The Council Chamber and the Secretariat are estimated to cost about 8 lakhs and two and a quarter million rupees respectively.

STEAMER SERVICE ROUND THE ISLAND—The Government has renewed the contract with the Ceylon Steamship Company for continuing the steamer service round the Island in view of the fact that the Railway extension to Batticaloa will not be completed before the end of 1925 and the extension to Trincomalee not before the end of this year.

ELECTIONS—The Government is busy making arrangements for holding the elections about the middle of July. The 11th or the 13th of July or a day intervening is likely to be the date of the elections. All heads of Government Departments have been instructed to be ready to serve as Registering Officers.

NEW SUPREME COURT INTERPRETER—Mr. C. Arasaratnam of the Badulla Kachehri has been appointed to the post of Tamil Interpreter. Mudaliyar of the Supreme Court. He will leave Badulla for his new station on the 14th instant.

LALA LAIPAT RAI—Lala Lajpat Rai who had been visiting Berlin left for London on the 1st instant. The Indians in London have raised funds for the presentation of a purse to him.

MATRIMONIAL—The marriage of Mr. N. K. Ratnasabharathy of the Train Controller's Office, F. M. S. Railways with Sowpabakavathy Sivanandannayagi, eldest daughter of the late Mr. S. Manickavachakar and niece of Mr. V. M. Kanagaratnam, Retired Station Master, F. M. S. Railways and Planter, Colomboturai, and of Mr. V. M. Saravananthun, Proctor and Notary Public, Kandy, will take place on Thursday the 15th instant 6 a. m. Reception will be held for 2 days at the residence of the bride in Colomboturai. Mr. Saravananthun is now in Colomboturai having come for this wedding. Cor.

WESTERN DIVISION SEAT—At a public meeting held at Chankana West, Karalpillai Mudaliyar has announced his decision to withdraw from the contest for the Western Division Seat in favour of Mr. Duraiswamy.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY—It has been decided to wind up the Colomboturai Co-operative Society at the beginning of the next financial year.

THE APPEARANCE OF A NEW PLAGUE—A new kind of plague called the pneumonic plague, has been recently discovered to exist in Ceylon. This is the result of an outbreak of this plague at Chekku Street in Colombo, which resulted in five deaths. The various types of plague known thus far are not transmissible through mere contact. The new plague is said to be caused by mere contact and not by the bite of rat fleas as in the case of the other types of plague.

MURDER OR SUICIDE—The dead body of a man of Vadaliadaippu near Pandatruppu was found hanging from the cross on a grave at the Pandatruppu Roman Catholic cemetery on the 9th instant. It is reported that at the inquest held over the body the nearest relatives of the deceased bore evidence to the effect that it was a case of suicide.

KARAITIVU Y. M. H. A.—At a meeting of the Karaitivuz Y. M. H. A. held at Karaitivuz Y. M. H. A. Free Library on Saturday the 3rd instant at 6 p. m. under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Arunugam, Proctor, S. C., a vote of condolence was passed on the untimely death of Mr. M. Thisainayagam, Proctor, S. C. who was residing at Karaitivuz for a number of years. Sympathetic references were made by Messrs V. Thillainathar, S. A., K. S. Mahasa Sarma, A. Kanapathy Pillai, V. Thambiah, A. Arunugam, S. A. Nathan, and S. Sithamparapillai of the qualities and character of the deceased person. It was unanimously resolved that some sort of monument be established to perpetuate his memory.—Cor.

OBITUARY—We regret to record the sad death of Mr. M. V. Kandiah, Chief Clerk, Audit Office, Kalamant, on Monday the 5th instant at his brother-in-law's residence at Tampat. The funeral took place on the same day. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son to bemoan his loss.—Cor.

—We deeply regret to record the untimely death of S. Viswanathan of Karaitivuz, (Senior Certificate student of Jaffna Hindu College) which occurred on Tuesday the 6th inst. at 3 a. m. after a short illness of pneumonia.—Cor.

THE LATE MR. A. SAPAPATHY.

A GREAT TAMIL LEADER.

(By J. T. P.)

The quick succession of national bereavements within the last three or four months, makes us fully realize the truth of that old dictum of Shakespeare, "When sorrow comes, they come not single." Our nation still bemoans the deaths of Arunachalam and Harry Cross. Their funeral drums have scarcely ceased to be heard. The clear, manly voices of their distant notes still ring in our ears. And now comes the sad news that Mr. Sapapathy's course is run.

I can recall well an evening when I approached him a tall commanding personality stood before me. The whiff of time

seemed to have done its work. Furrows and wrinkles covered his face, but yet a youthful smile adorned it. He knew his time has come to stop, to say farewell to the public gaze and seek the region of his country home. To every Tamil youth he would say, "Recognize the individuality of the Tamil race with the emancipation of Lanka; do it without giving anything away." In fact, this was the creed of his politics. He was the high priest of this Temple of Thought, and never did he fail to arrive after this ideal.

He enjoyed a very high position of respect and affection among his countrymen, due no doubt, to his untiring industry and effort. He was the architect of his own fortune. Being endowed with a good stock of patience and fortitude, he chalked out his future in an admirable way. He was born in 1853 of middle class parents. He completed his secondary education by passing the Entrance Examination of the University of Colombo, a few years later, he diverted his attentions to Journalism, which afforded him the necessary opportunities to make himself his intense patriotism and zeal for service. We know that Journalism is a jealous mistress, and she held him for her own. Mr. Sapapathy was well adapted to enter this profession. We are acquainted with his flowing diction and the originality of his style. The high standard of Journalism in this north, over which Mr. Sandrasegaram waxed eloquent the other day in Kandy, is mainly due to Mr. Sapapathy's efforts. This was testified in 1914 by a public appreciation of his services.

To deal with the multitudinous works of such a vigorous and versatile personality as Mr. Sapapathy is beyond the province of a little sketch. Wherever there was scope for service to the country, and particularly to the Tamil community, there we would find Mr. Sapapathy hard at work. The Jaffna Hindu College stands as a memorial to his efforts to further Hindu Education. He was associated with this institution since its beginning in 1897, being one of its most enthusiastic founders.

His services in the Legislative Council are well known. If we only turn over the pages of Hansard, we will come to understand the "sweet reasonableness and prudent moderation," which characterized his utterances. His love for his country and for his Sinhalese brothers were vividly portrayed when he stood up by our G. O. M. and in the interests of peace and safety, demanded the rejection of Mr. Dawbigin from the Police Force.

Mr. Sapapathy will, however, be best remembered for his most valuable services to his Tamil countrymen. As a Vice President of the Tamil Mahajana Sabha, and as one of the founders of the Jaffna Association, he did a good deal of spadework. He is truly hailed as the most zealous public man of Jaffna of his time. He never sacrificed Tamil interests. He always desired the individuality of the Tamil race to be preserved. In this connection, he comes second only to the Ponnampalam brothers. He will be greatly missed in the New Council, to which he would have been returned unopposed, and the absence of his wise counsel will be keenly felt. In brief, he was a great Tamil and his loss, at this juncture, is greater still to the Tamil race.

"He was a man, take him all in all,
I shall not look upon his like again."

SPIRITUALIZATION OF POLITICS.

Mr. S. Kandappa, Proctor S. C. one of the four candidates for the Southern division of Jaffna spoke on the "Spiritualization of Politics."

Mr. F. B. Muttuganem, Advocate, presided. There was a fairly large gathering. The Chairman in introducing the lecturer for the evening, emphasized the supreme importance of the spiritualization of politics. He said that the West had been brought to its present degradation owing to its pursuit of materialistic gains. Spiritual principles of conduct must be applied to practical politics. The whole effort of politics must be purified in dedication of service to the motherland. He said that Mr. Kandappa is the fittest man to talk on the subject. He paid an eloquent tribute to his honesty, integrity of character and extreme simplicity of manners.

Mr. Kandappa spoke as follows on what was meant by spirituality, the double nature in man, the noble and the ignoble; how a politician must develop the noble nature in him and crush all his base passions which would destroy genuine politics. He explained to the audience his temporary withdrawal from politics for the sake of self culture. He found that with the experiences that he had gained, it was time he entered politics and applied a purer mind to the problems of the day. He traced his activities in the Mahajana Sabha and the Jaffna Association. He warned his hearers against the ignoble use of politics. He said he stood for absolute unity in the land. He discountenanced strongly the communal virus within the country. He was for Tamil and Sinhalese unity. He quoted the American parable, composing of various races and working harmoniously for the common good. He exhorted the audience to send the best man to the Council. The full speech of Mr. Kandappa is being withheld for want of space.

Sundaramurthi of Madras:
Deeply regret loss Jaffna's beloved son may
Ishwara console you!!

BOLSHEVİK "CONSPIRACY."

"THE MASTER HAND."

PROSECUTION ARGUMENTS.

Cawnpore, May 5.

In the Bolshevik Conspiracy case Mr. Ross Alston commenced his arguments to-day on behalf of the prosecution. Asked by the Judge (Mr. J. M. M.), all the four accused stated that they did not desire to produce any defence witness in their behalf.

Mr. Alston said "There are some aspects of the case that I wish to convey at the outset of my address. The prosecution believe the master hand in the conspiracy was a Bengalee residing in Berlin who called himself M. N. Roy though his real name is Bhattacharya. It is further believed that all the documents that have been put in evidence and which purport to have come from M. N. Roy came from this person, but so far as the present trial is concerned the personality of the writer of these letters is wholly immaterial. It would in no way affect the relevancy or value of these documents if it be shown that not one really came from Roy. If it is proved that the accused before the Court agreed either between themselves or with any other person, known or unknown to join in the conspiracy with which they are charged and shared the views expressed in these letters, they were guilty whoever the author of these documents may have been. It is difficult to imagine any counsel in a case of conspiracy to murder saying to the jury 'even if it has been proved that the accused before you did agree to murder it had not been proved that the letter which invoked them to commit the murder and in compliance with which they communicated with each other with a view to commit this murder was really the person whose signature purports to be on the letter. No one has proved the signature on the letter or the writing in the letter to be that of the person who is supposed to be the author of the letter. It is possible that the letter is a forgery and in which case the accused have been grossly deceived and are entitled to an acquittal.' It is only when Roy himself comes before a Court for trial that his authorship of complicity in these documents would become of importance. The same consideration apply to the documents signed 'Koroff Kossine' as well as to the person who wrote the connections or additions in English to some of these documents and who is believed to be Evelyn Roy. It is certain, however, from passages in some of the letters of the accused that the authenticity of the writing about Abani Mukerji was not questioned by the writers of these letters. One copy of this letter was actually found on Usmani.

NO BAN ON COMMUNISM AS SUCH.

The next point to be mentioned is that in considering the original letters that were intercepted and kept the accused to whom the letter was written cannot be said to have had the knowledge of the contents of that letter if it was not allowed to reach him. In such cases the letter which is admissible under Section 10 of the Evidence Act must be considered in the light of the argument that such a letter would never have been written to that person if the writer had not known that the person to whom he was writing shared his views. The difference between the whole force of Roy's letters to C. R. D. is said the tone of his letters to the accused illustrates this point. There is nothing in the letter to Mr. C. R. D. which even suggests that Roy is writing to some one who shares his views, whereas his letters to the accused are inexplicable except as letters between known conspirators. We must be careful to distinguish between documents which show the scope and the object of this conspiracy and documents which connect the accused individually with the conspiracy. There was nothing illegal in mere organisation of Roy's Workers' and Peasants' Party or Singaravelu's Labour and Kisan's Party until the first organisation was based on the Communistic view of economics. I wish to emphasise this statement because I want to make it clear that this case has nothing whatever to do with Communism as an economic doctrine.

Judge to Mr. Alston: What is Communism?

Mr. Alston: It is the belief in sharing by everybody of everybody else's property. Sir, I want to make it clear that I am not here to prosecute communists as such, but I am here to prosecute certain persons who, believing in communism, conspired together to give effect to their belief by means of criminal force which was to be exercised when the time was considered opportune by the members and workers of the peasants' association that Roy proposed to establish in India. But as the British dominion in India was believed to stand in way of this achievement it was made an essential part of this conspiracy that that dominion must be destroyed. An alternative way of describing this conspiracy shortly would be to say that its object was the destruction of British dominion in India and the Workers' and Peasants' association was to be the instrument. Either view brings the conspiracy under Section 121 (A) of the Penal Code.

Roy's Visit to Moscow.

Cawnpore, May 5.

Mr. Alston then outlined the main points of the case. He said in December 1923 Manabendra Nath Roy, as he called himself in his correspondence, though this is not believed to be his real name, went to Moscow to attend a meeting of the 4th Congress of the Communist International as a self-appointed representative of India. His presence at the Communist International meetings is recorded in the 'International Press Correspondence' which is the official propaganda organ of the Communist International and his paper 'the Vanguard of Indian Independence'.

From Moscow Roy wrote to Dr. Datta a long letter dated the 2nd November 1923 which was intercepted and kept. He explained his presence at Moscow by saying that he was taking part in the preliminary work of the 4th Congress. "I am in charge of the Eastern Section of the Congress," he added that the Eastern question was one of the principal points of the agenda. He also wrote that the question of forming a new party to represent the leadership of the Indian movement had been very much discussed, that the organisation of a mass party was necessary and that since Mr. Roy the ground was being prepared for such a party which he and other workers and other workers of propaganda. With these remarks Roy proceeded to give the outlines of economic and political programmes for India that the Communist International had drawn up at Moscow—

Jaffna Urban District Council.

NOTICE CALLING FOR TENDERS.

Tenders are hereby invited for the erection of a market building at Kalkola Bazaar.

Tenders should be made on forms which will be supplied at this Office upon a deposit of Rs. 10/- for each form. They should be in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for building a Market" on the left hand top corner of the envelope, and addressed to the Chairman, Urban District Council, Jaffna and should reach this Office not later than 12 noon on Friday the 30th May, 1924.

Plan of the building, specification and bill of quantities may be seen at this Office.

The tenderer whose tender is accepted will be required to furnish within one week after he is informed of such acceptance security in cash to the extent of one tenth of the amount of his tender and to enter into a contract. Should he fail to do so, his deposit will be forfeited.

All forfeited deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Further particulars may be obtained at this Office.

By Order,

S. E. R. Solomon,

Secretary, U. D. C.

Office of the Urban District Council,

Jaffna, May 8, 1924.

G. 593.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction 5371.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vallamuttu Thamotharampillai of Chulipuram

Thamotharampillai Vallilagam of Chulipuram

Deceased.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Thamotharampillai Navaratnam of do. presently residing with K. Nagalingam, Sargel Siput, Kuala Kangsar, Perak. P. M. N.

2. Thamotharampillai Muttirambay of Chulipuram

3. Thamotharampillai Sappiah of do. presently of Pulohin, Johore, in F. M. S.

4. Thamotharampillai Sellaratna of do.

5. Sellamsh daughter of Thamotharampillai of do.

6. Thamotharampillai Sangaranpillai of do.

7. Mathiah Kandiah of do. The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents are minors by their guardian ad litem the 7th Respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the 7th Respondent above-named be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the above-named deceased, be granted to him, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on January 29, 1924, in the presence of Mr. B. Candiah, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 22, 1924, having been read: It is ordered that the said 7th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents and that the Petitioner as one of the heirs of the deceased be entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents shall, on or before April 3, 1924, appear before this Court and show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,

District Judge.

February 21, 1924.

Time to show cause extended to May 20, 1924.

G. W. W.

D. J.

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Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5425.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vallamuttu wife of Kanlar Ponniah of Karativu West

Kanlar Ponniah of Karativu West

Deceased.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Arumugam Sanmugam of Karativu West

Minor. 2. Ponniah Balasubramaniam of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 1st Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 2nd Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the above-named deceased be issued to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on March 19, 1924, in the presence of Mr. A. Arumugam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 13, 1924 having been read: It is ordered that the above-named 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 2nd Respondents for the purpose of representing him in this case and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased be issued to the Petitioner as her lawful husband unless the above-named Respondent or any other person shall, on or before April 15, 1924 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,

District Judge.

April 3, 1924.

Time extended to 20, May 1924.

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