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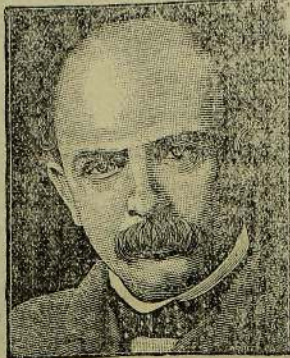
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3790.
 In the Matter of the Will of the late
 Veeragattiar Vallipuram of Manippay
 Deceased.
 Vallipuram Cheliah Canagasabai of Manippay
 Petitioner.
 This matter of the Petition of Vallipuram
 Cheliah Canagasabai of Manippay, praying for
 Letters of Administration to the Last Will of the
 above-named deceased, with copy of his Will
 annexed thereto coming on for disposal before
 E. Pieris, District Judge, on January 16, 1919,
 in the presence of Mr. E. Ragesampillai, Proctor,
 on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of
 the said Will dated December 9, 1918, having
 been read: It is declared that the Petitioner
 is the son and sole heir of the said deceased and
 is entitled to have Letters of Administration to
 the estate of the said deceased with
 his Will annexed thereto issued to him
 or any other person shall, on or before February
 13, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction
 of this Court to the contrary.
 P. E. Pieris,
 District Judge.
 January 23, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3763.
 In the Matter of the Estate of the late
 Kathiresar Thampipillai of Navaly
 Deceased.
 Kathiresar Cheliah of Navaly
 Petitioner.
 Vs.
 Annamgam Suppiah and wife
 Annammal of Navaly
 Appellant widow of Thampipillai of do
 Respondents.
 This matter of the Petition of Kathiresar Cheliah
 of Navaly, praying for Letters of Administration
 to the estate of the above-named deceased,
 Kathiresar Thampipillai of Navaly, coming on for
 disposal before J. Homer Vanniasingham, Esquire,
 Acting District Judge, on December 18, 1918, in
 the presence of Mr. K. Arulambalam, Proctor,
 on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of
 the Petitioner, dated December 17, 1918, having
 been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is
 one of the heirs of the said deceased and is entitled
 to have Letters of Administration to the estate of
 the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondents
 or any other person shall, on or before February
 13, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction
 of this Court to the contrary.
 J. Homer Vanniasingham,
 Acting District Judge.
 January 24, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3781.
 In the Matter of the Estate of the late
 Murugar Kartigeesu of Vadukkodai
 Deceased.
 Kartigeesu Ponnambalam of Vadukkodai
 Petitioner.
 Vs.
 1. Kartigeesu Arulampalam
 Kartigeesu Thillayampalam
 Kartigeesu Thiruchethampalam of do
 Respondents.
 This matter of the Petition of Kartigeesu Ponnambalam
 of Vadukkodai, praying for Letters of Administration
 to the estate of the above-named deceased,
 Murugar Kartigeesu of Vadukkodai, coming on for
 disposal before P. E. Pieris, District Judge, on
 January 8, 1919, in the presence of Messrs. Sivaprasadam
 and Kanagasabai Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner
 and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January
 6, 1919, having been read: It is declared that
 the Petitioner is an heir of the said deceased and
 is entitled to have Letters of Administration to
 the estate of the said deceased issued to him
 unless the Respondents or any other person shall,
 on or before February 13, 1919, show sufficient
 cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the
 contrary.
 P. E. Pieris,
 District Judge.
 January 21, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3795.
 In the Matter of the Estate of the late
 Pavalavally daughter of Kanther Sangarsappillai
 of Velanai West
 Deceased.
 Sivagam Pillai widow of Valramattu Sinnathambay of Velanai West
 Petitioner.
 Vs.
 Kanther Sangarsappillai of Velanai West
 Respondent.
 This matter of the Petition of Sivagam Pillai
 widow of Valramattu Sinnathambay of Velanai
 West, praying for Letters of Administration to
 the estate of the above-named deceased, Pavalavally
 daughter of Kanther Sangarsappillai, coming
 on for disposal before J. Homer Vanniasingham,
 Esquire, Acting District Judge, on January 21, 1919,
 in the presence of the Petitioner and the affidavit
 of the Petitioner, dated January 16, 1919, having
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 J. Homer Vanniasingham,
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 January 24, 1919.



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 JAFFNA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1919.
 AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The first quarterly meeting of the Board of Agriculture held at Kandy on the 30th ultimo was a very important one. His Excellency the Governor presided and subjects of momentous importance to the welfare of the country were discussed at it. Paddy cultivation and the increase of the Island's food supply, naturally occupied the foremost place in the discussions. Three very valuable and suggestive papers on these subjects were read at the meeting. The Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando read a paper on "Cultivation of Paddy under the Tanks from an Economic Standpoint." It was shown with the help of facts and figures that paddy cultivation even in the most favourable districts in Ceylon was not a paying occupation. Figures quoted from an article on the production and uses of rice in the "Bulletin of the Imperial Institute" for April 1917 showed that Spain yields 101 bushels per acre, Japan 77, Egypt 73, Italy 68, British Guiana 54, Java 40, India as a whole 30 to 40 and Ceylon 15. The Doctor deduced the inference from these figures that "the extremely poor yield in Ceylon is admittedly due to bad and careless working". It is stated that with the simple methods of cultivation as practised in India a forty-bushel crop can easily be obtained. On the present yield of 15 bushels there remains little or no surplus to the landlord after paying the cultivators' share, and even for the cultivators, what they get as their share is hardly sufficient for the needs of themselves and their families. A paper on "The production and distribution of food supplies" by Mr. W. A. de Silva, and another on "Suggestions for securing larger food supplies" by Mr. C. Driberg, were also read at the meeting.

The papers above referred to and the remarks made by the Director of Agriculture and other members as well as by His Excellency the Governor in the discussions that followed lead us to hope for a bright future for the Island in regard to Agriculture. It was admitted as an undisputable fact, in the papers that were read at the meeting, and by those who offered remarks, that, with the adoption of improved methods the present yield of paddy can be easily doubled and that, paddy cultivation in Ceylon can be conducted on an economically sound basis. This fond hope has been entertained ever since the starting of the Agricultural Society, but its realisation has not yet been attained. The present scarcity in our food supply, and the economic distress which is now felt in the country, have brought the question of agriculture to the forefront. The question requires speedy solution not only for making our Island self-sufficient in the matter of her food-supply, but also to provide a remunerative avenue of employment to more than ninety per cent of our population whose hereditary occupation is agriculture. The present poor prospects of agriculture has had the effect of weaning many a peasant of his hereditary attachment to the land and driving him to the cities in search of better work. From the great personal interest which His Excellency is taking in the matter of agriculture and from the fact that within the short time of his assuming the Government he has fully grasped the real need of the people, and is determined to supply them as efficiently and as expeditiously as possible we may confidently expect a bright future for agriculture in our Island.

The suggestion made by His Excellency the Governor to divide the work of the Agricultural Department under the two heads of major products and minor products is a very practical one. Under the major products will come tea and rubber and probably coconuts, and under minor products will come paddy and all the other products embraced in village agriculture. His Excellency's opinion was that they required two separate Boards to deal with each of these divisions. The major products are mainly in the hands of large capitalists who are wealthy, educated, and capable enough to organize their strength in the form of

Associations and Federations and help themselves, even if the Government should fail to help them. The same cannot be said of the village agriculturists who are too poor, ignorant, and disorganised to help themselves. It is only just and proper that a very large percentage of the vote allocated to the Agricultural Department should be handed over to benefit the Board dealing with the minor products. We hope that this important suggestion made by His Excellency will soon be adopted in the working of the Agricultural Department.

His Excellency the Governor also dwelt in his speech on the importance of Demonstration Farms in village agriculture. The only way to get the peasant to improve his land was to show him how to do it, and not merely to say to him to do this or that. His Excellency also said that he felt the necessity of introducing some drastic reorganization, but before he could decide he required more experience of the country. Although he made no definite statement yet, he hinted on the practicability of starting provincial organizations with the Government Agent as President and a member respectively from the Agricultural, Irrigation, Land Settlement and Forest Departments. Though we would like to see the executive power in such provincial organizations remain in the hands of local men of light and lead, we should consider it of great advantage that representatives from the aforesaid Departments are members of the Provincial Boards. The working of these Departments are at present not coordinated to the Agricultural needs of the people, nay, they are in many instances worked to the detriment of village agriculture. It is important that Government should make these Departments understand that their interests are not antagonistic, but subservient to the needs of the village agriculturists. We would also like to see the Railway Department added to those mentioned by His Excellency for it will be found that the Railway Department can contribute as much as, if not more than, the other Departments to the success of village agriculture.

Before concluding this article we would take the opportunity to remind the Government of the special agricultural needs of Jaffna. The intelligence and industry of our peasants are proverbial. With all this in their favour, they find it hard to eke out a living from agriculture. Agricultural Schools, Model Farms and Tank Settlements schemes are as much needed in the interests of the poor Jaffna peasants as much as Industrial and Commercial Schools and the improvement of education in the interest of the whole Peninsula.

JAFFNA FLOOD RELIEF.

It is now more than two months since the great floods occurred in the Jaffna District. Immediate relief was granted to those who stood in need of such relief. A little more than Rs 27,000 has been collected for the Relief Fund, besides the 5000 dollars voted by the Straits Government. The total amount will thus be about Rs 36,000. More than half of this amount has come from the Straits and Federated Malay States. The Flood Relief Committee after affording immediate relief by the free distribution of rice and selling it at a reduced rate in such places as required such relief, appointed a Sub-Committee with Mr. V. M. Muttukumaru, Manager of Jaffna, as Secretary, to organize measures to help the people to rebuild the houses destroyed by the floods. This Sub-Committee deputed some of its members to go to the affected villages and prepare with the assistance of the Headmen and Members of Village Committee lists of persons who are in need of such help with the amounts that should be contributed in each case according to circumstances. The Sub-Committee having held four meetings under the presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. A. Sapapathy and adopted the lists prepared and submitted to it, has made its report to the General Committee recommending the payments according to those lists. At the meeting of the General Committee held on the 3rd instant under the presidency of the Government Agent, the report of the Sub-Committee was adopted and it was resolved to place the funds required in the hands of the Sub-Committee for the payment of those to whom relief was recommended. The Sub-Committee meets again this evening for the appointment of persons to go to the villages, to make payments and obtain receipts, without giving room for any complaints. The payments for re-building of houses will begin next week. It is believed that about Rs. 20,000 will have

to be devoted to this purpose. A large quantity of timber in the shape of jungle posts and sticks is also given free in very many cases according to the recommendation of the Sub Committees.

His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of his visit to Jaffna promised a Government grant for the relief of those who lost their cattle during the floods. This amount cannot be less than the amount collected from all other sources. This Government contribution with the balance that might remain after other measures of relief are granted will be devoted to help those who lost their cattle and are unable owing to poverty to replace them. At the meeting of the general Committee held on the 3rd instant, a Sub-Committee was appointed to prepare a list of those who are in need of this relief.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

SUPERINTENDENT, MINOR ROADS, JAFFNA.—We are glad to learn that Mr. W. Ramesagopal Superintendent of Works Local Board, has been appointed to this post at the meeting of the Provincial Road Committee held on the 4th instant.

SUCCESS OF A JAFFNESE IN ENGLAND.—Information has been received by the last mail that Dr. S. Ponniah of Omutpuram, Jaffna, has gone through F.R.C.S. taking Eye Diseases as the Special Subject.

THE SARASWATILASAR SABHA.—This well known amateur Dramatic Society gave a performance last night at the Ridgeway Hall under the patronage and in the presence of the Chief Justice, Sir Anton Borman "Aisodhikandam" in Hariachandra Vissem was staged. The acting, music, and the scenic arrangements were good and were much appreciated by His Lordship as well as by the large number of ladies and gentlemen who were present on the occasion.

TONDAMANAR HINDU ENGLISH SCHOOL.—The Education Department having sanctioned the separation of the Tondamanar Hindu Anglo-Vernacular School, which is a branch School of the Jaffna Hindu College, and founded and maintained at a cost of about Rs. 170 per mensem, since 1912 by Mr. S. Veerakathipillai, the leading merchant and shipowner of the place into two departments viz English and Tamil, an English School has been started from the 1st instant. A Trained Teacher, who holds a 1st Class Certificate will take up the Headmastership from the 1st March 1919 and boys will be admitted up to the School Final Class. We wish the school every success and hope that Mr. Veerakathipillai will by his beneficial and supply the place very soon with an efficient staff which is an urgent need for Vadamardochy.

AN "AT HOME".—The Members of the Jaffna Bar were "At Home" on Tuesday last from 5 p.m. at a beautifully decorated enclosure adjoining the eastern side of the Ridgeway Hall to meet His Lordship the Chief Justice who is now in Jaffna presiding over the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court. Besides the lawyers there were present most of the prominent members of the Jaffna community. His Lordship on arrival was received with music and garlands. He was then introduced by the Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai to the Members of the Bar and other gentlemen who were present on the occasion. A band of Tamil musicians discoursed sweet music the whole time the function lasted. Refreshments of the best type were served in great profusion. The arrangements for the function were excellent, reflecting very great credit on those who were entrusted with them. It was 6 15 p.m. when the guests dispersed.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO GALLE.—H. E. the Governor will visit the Southern Province on Feb. 21st, 23rd and 25th (Galle District). At a special M. C. meeting held on the 3rd instant, the Hon. Mr. Holdings in the chair, it was resolved that the Public Reception be held at the Pavilion on the Esplanade, where an Address will be read. The Galle P. A. will also present an address.

MATRIMONIAL.—The marriage of Srimathi Manikayakarasi, daughter of the late Mr. R. M. Chinnappah Pillai, Merchant, Tinnivelli, with Mr. S. Ambasavanar of Colombathurai, Government Surveyor, Dayatalawa, will take place on Monday the 10th instant at 8 30 p.m. at 'Temple View' Tinnivelli the residence of her cousin Mr. S. Bhamparam, Surveyor.

A COCONUT ESTATE SOLD FOR Rs. 2 LAKHS.—A coconut estate, named Tammany, situated in the Chitaw District, the property of Dr. S. C. Paul and Mr. C. Ganasekaram, has just changed hands, the purchasers being Messrs. U. S. Gooosekera & Co, the price paid being Rs 225,000. The property is 512 acres partially in bearing. The property was purchased by the present sellers from the late Mr. F. J. de Mei in Jan. 1918 for Rs 150,000, so that apparently the sellers made a clear profit of nearly 50 per cent.
 —The "Ceylon Observer".

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 30.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that the advantage of control of the Colonies by the League of Nations seems scarcely to be disputed in the abstract.

Paris.—Mosers, Hughes and Massey interviewed by Renter showed the greatest reluctance to discuss the attitude of the Peace Conference to the German Colonies.

WILSON INTERFERES IN COLONIAL QUESTION.

The "Daily Mail" learns from Paris that despite the Dominions representatives' energetic protests the Imperial War Cabinet has accepted President Wilson's theory for the internationalisation of the German Colonies.

The "Daily Chronicle" learns from Paris that the unhappy consequences of international control in Morocco are largely accountable for the French suspicion of the American and British principle of trusteeship in the conquered territories.

Paris.—Mr. Hughes has communicated to Renter the following statement received from the Commonwealth Government which he stated represented the attitude of Government and the entire Australian people and himself.

London, Jan. 31.

Paris.—The "Journal des Debats" refers to the evil consequences of internationalisation, established at the Berlin Conference in 1885, and says it is not in the direction of the internationalisation of Africa that the Peace Conference should devote its efforts.

INDIAN DESIRES.

The Daily Mail learns from Paris that the British Government having accepted President Wilson's plan hopes for an easier solution to the territorial problems in Asia, Central Africa and notably in Mesopotamia of which India expects to be the mandatory. India also desires to be the mandatory of a large portion of German East Africa as a field of emigration.

London, Feb. 1.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Although details have not yet been worked out respecting the provisional arrangements for dealing with the German Colonies and the occupied Turkish territory it is believed that the compromise will be satisfactory and fulfill all reasonable hopes regarding the future of these territories.

London, Jan. 31.

A communique from Paris says:—The representatives of the five Great Powers continued their exchange of views on the German Colonies in the Pacific and Africa with the Dominions representatives.

Paris.—M. Tardieu, High Commissioner for France on American War affairs, told the foreign journalists this morning that the French and British Governments accepted Dr. Wilson's principle of mandatories for the Colonies, subject to their approval as to the method by which the mandates will be given.

Paris.—According to the "Temps" the chief Brazilian Delegate at the Peace Conference stated that as regards the questions of general interest Brazil would follow the lead of the Great Powers, with whom she had always maintained most friendly relations.

London, Feb. 1.

The well known political writer, M. Perlinax, writing in the "Echo De Paris," regarded Mr. Lloyd George as a righteous man who, having done good service in the War, was straying into false paths in pursuit of the vision of the supernational. M. Perlinax pleaded with him to return to real politics.

Paris.—Interviewed by Renter's representative, a high British authority said he was surprised by the smooth working of the Conference. There have been bickerings, of course, but the willingness to bridge the differences and do justice to the other side exceeded anticipations.

London, Jan. 31.

The "Daily Mail" learns from Paris that it is understood that the Premiers of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have agreed on their own scheme regarding the powers to be relegated under the mandatory system and are urging this strongly upon the Conference.

mentent promised his support in safeguarding the Australian position. Australia will not continue in independence opposition to Dr. Wilson's plan.

London, Feb. 1.

Washington.—The China Agency reports that China will ask the Peace Conference to revise the Sino-Japanese Treaties of 1915.

FREIGHT REDUCTIONS TO AUSTRALIA.

London, Jan. 30.

A meeting of representatives of the Australian and New Zealand shipping lines yesterday decided on a substantial reduction of freight from England, beginning in about a fortnight, when it is understood the first uncontrolled sailing will take place.

BRITISH REGIMENT IN VIENNA.

London, Jan. 22.

Vienna.—A detachment of the Warwick, mentioned on Jan. 15th, were hospitably received. The Regimental Band gave a crowded concert for the benefit of a fund for free breakfasts to school children.

THE ALLIES IN RUSSIA.

London, Feb. 1.

A British North Russia communique says:—Strong Bolshevik attacks at Tarasevo compelled the Allies to retire twenty miles Northward. The Bolsheviks commenced gas shelling, but the Allies are completely equipped against gas.

THE INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

London, Jan. 30.

Despite drizzling rain the crowds on the streets at Belfast increased last night, gangs of men and women jostling, urging and shouting in the darkness. The only lights were those of passing taxicabs and pedestrians carrying electric torches and Chinese lanterns.

London, Feb. 1.

The situation in Belfast last evening was unchanged. Patrols of strikers assisted the Police to maintain order. Mr. Lloyd George replied to a telegram from Mr. Devlin, asking Government to intervene at Belfast, that he wholly concurred in Mr. Bonar Law's reply to the Lord Provost of Glasgow, and said that Government did not control the hours of labour in the shipyards.

PORTUGAL.

London, Feb. 2.

A Madrid message from Oporto states that as the Monarchist victory is confirmed. A National Government has been constituted with Sen. Pava Concoiro as Premier and Minister of War. The Government controls a large part of Portugal, and the arrival of King Manuel is awaited.

THE U-BOATS.

London, Jan. 31.

It is authoritatively stated that 37 of the surrendered U boats have been distributed as follows:—France 16, Italy 10, Japan 7 and America 4. It is considered the submarines are worthy of serious attention by the Naval constructors as very fine work.

—The Ceylon Observer.

Notice.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3711.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Ayampillai Sittampalam of Chundichully

Deceased.

Nicholas Muttiash of Chundichully

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Elayapillai widow of Sittampalam of Chundichully
2. Canaganmah daughter of Sittampalam
3. Sivaparkiam daughter of Sittampalam
4. Magespathy daughter of Sittampalam
5. Nagarabram daughter of Sittampalam
6. Sittampalam Muttiaratham all of Chundichully, minors by their guardian ad-litem their mother the 1st Respondent.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Nicholas Muttiash of Chundichully, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Ayampillai Sittampalam of Chundichully coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 23, 1919, in the presence of Messrs. Sivaprasasam and Katreau, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated November 12, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is not of kin of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before February 18 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

January 29, 1919.

NOTICE.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3724.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sethupillai wife of Nayankuddi Kanagasabai of Alaveddy

Deceased.

Nayankuddi Kanagasabai of Alaveddy

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Kantapper Natkunar of Alaveddy and Minor
2. Valliarumai daughter of Kanagasabai of Do. The 2nd Respondent is a minor appearing by her Guardian-ad litem the 1st Respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Nayankuddi Kanagasabai of Alaveddy, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Sethupillai wife of Nayankuddi Kanagasabai, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on

191, in the presence of Mr. V. S. Ponnambalam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated November 28, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before February 11, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

January 30, 1919.

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