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Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8745.

In the Matter of the Estate of Tampimuttu Gnanapiragasam of Vaddukoddai East in Jaffna, late of Seremban Deceased.
Kammany widow of Gnanapiragasam of Vannarponnai East Petitioner.

1. Tampimuttu Sivappiragasam of Do.
2. Gnanapiragasam Narendra of Vannarponnai East Respondents.

Kammany widow of Gnanapiragasam of Vannarponnai East Petitioner.

1. Tampimuttu Sivappiragasam of Vaddukoddai East
2. Gnanapiragasam Rajendra of Vannarponnai East, by his Guardian ad litem the 1st Respondent Present Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kammany widow of Gnanapiragasam of Vannarponnai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased, Tampimuttu Gnanapiragasam, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on February 4, 1919, in the presence of Mr. S. Sittampalam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 10, 1918 and January 20, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her 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.

February 6, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8788.

Class I.
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Anthonippillai Sebastiampillai Ilayatamby of Mathakal Deceased.

Anthonippillai Sebastiampillai Swakkeenuppillai of Mathakal Petitioner.

1. Arokkiam widow of Sebastiampillai of Mathakal
2. Anthonippillai Sebastiampillai Amerthanathapillai now of Kuala Selangor Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Anthonippillai Sebastiampillai Swakkeenuppillai of Mathakal, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased, Anthonippillai Sebastiampillai Ilayatamby of Mathakal, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 15, 1919, in the presence of Mr. S. Sittampalam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated January 13, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs 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 27, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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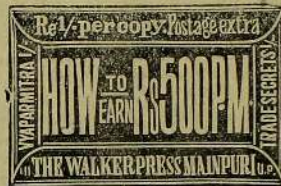
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3803. In the Matter of the Estate of the late Tankamuttu wife of Senior Vaittilingam of Vannarponnai East Deceased. Petitioner. Senier Vaittilingam of Vannarponnai East. Respondents. 1. Chellamuttu widow of Voeravagu of Vannarponnai East 2. Vairamuttu Annamalai and wife 3. Manikkam of Do. 4. Kantar Kantyah of Do. and 5. Sinnatamby Rasiyah of Do. This matter of the Petition of Senior Vaittilingam of Vannarponnai, praying for Letters of Administration of the estate of his late wife Tankamuttu, coming on for disposal before P. E. Peiris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 27, 1919, in the presence of Mr. B. Tambyah Pillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit and Petitioner having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him unless the Respondents above named or some other person shall, appear before this Court on February 20, 1919, and show sufficient cause to the contrary. P. E. Peiris, District Judge. January 27, 1919.



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SELF-DETERMINATION IN COMMUNAL LIFE.

The decadence of the communal system which, preserved and maintained an organic social life in every village, is the root-cause of many of the moral and social evils that now prevent our national elevation. The alarming growth of the drink habit, the evil of litigation, caste arrogance, the discarding of the old national customs tending to foster simplicity and spirituality in social life, the prevalence of distrust and disunion—all these causes that have contributed to our national downfall may be traced ultimately to the decadence of the old communal system. Every village community was a self-determining, self-sufficient, and self-reliant republic in itself. Its foundations were laid on the old system of caste-organizations which, in addition to their spiritual aspect, had also a social, economic and altruistic aspect. The modern caste system with its endless divisions of social ranks breeding disunion and distrust, mutual jealousy and hatred, is a gross perversion of the old caste system which prevailed in our country even two centuries ago. Though the caste system in ancient days was founded on birth and heredity, it was free from the innumerable subdivisions with their arrogant pretensions for superiority, which disfigure it at the present day. Every caste was diffused with a democratic spirit in its internal management, and external relations with the fellow castes of the community. Except in the case of those castes who pursue immoral, unclean, and sinful occupations no other castes were debarred from any civic rights. Even in regard to the low castes oppression and tyranny was altogether against the old communal spirit, and was not so largely prevalent as in recent times. Many instances could be quoted of low castes rising high in the social scale through their own exertions and merit.

Every Village Community, as all students of our history know, was a little republic or Kudi arasu in itself, and the different castes who constituted the Community were called Kudi makkal or children and citizens of the Republic. The precedence given to the Agricultural class or the Vellala caste, was intended to serve an economic purpose, as agriculture was the most important occupation and the mainstay of society. It was through the patronage of the State and the sufferance of their fellow castes that the Vellala caste enjoyed some sumptuary social privileges and precedence in the olden days. But, under the present changed conditions, it would be folly to desire a perpetration of these privileges without the willing consent and co-operation of the other castemen. All social rules and usages which hinder the development of mutual concord and co-operation should be ruthlessly demolished if our community desires to secure their happiness and perpetuate their race.

Self-determination is the watchword of the future. The whole civilized world has fought for it and suffered untold hardships to establish this principle as the fundamental basis of human progress. If, in a community, one class or caste attempts to deny the right of self-determination to another class or caste embraced in it, that community will, in consequence of its evil social Karma, lose its privilege of self-determination, and will in its turn become enslaved to another community, more powerful than itself. As in the case of individuals so also in the case of nations, classes, and castes, it is Dharma or righteousness that exalts, and it is Adharma or unrighteousness that degrades. The willing and ready acquiescence of every caste to concede the right of self-determination to every other caste should be the first condition of progress in our communal life.

For a practical application of the principle of self-determination in our communal life, it is necessary that every caste should organize itself on the broadest ground of brotherhood, both in its internal social life and in its external relation with its fellow castes. This will first necessitate the sinking of all sub-caste distinctions in all social relations. If one should become great, it must be through his superior merit in education, right conduct, and fellow-feeling, and not through the force of his arrogant presumptions. Those who are guilty of such arrogance and those who bow their head before such arrogance are equally guilty, and are the corruptors of communal life in our country.

In every civilized country in the world there is now manifested a great desire for reconstruction. The old social and industrial ideals have been found to be wanting in the light of the most modern thought. What we Hindus require is, not reconstruction, but the revival of our ancient spiritual ideals of life embodied in social institutions that will stand the test of modern national requirements. It will be futile to stick to the letter of our ancient usages and institutions in every minute detail. We must try to discriminate between essentials and non-essentials in such matters, and what is of supreme importance, we must not, on any pretext, give up the honest simplicity in life and devotion to the Sanatana Dharma and religious culture, which made our ancient progenitors the spiritual preceptors of humanity.

In every country we notice the stirrings of the new spirit. True patriots, to whom the rendering of love and service to their fellow countrymen is their religion, are rising up infusing life and virility to the inert apathy of the people. The following words of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, found in his Convocation Address at the Hindu University published in our last issue, describe most truly the new type of leaders our country wants at present:—

"The country needs something more virile than the accomplished gentleman. It needs men of enthusiasm, even more than refined intellectuals pursuing the easy path of worldly wisdom, worldly compromise, and worldly success. It needs men of stout hearts and strong hands, who will not allow their conscience to be dragged by sophistry of any kind, or their nerve to be paralysed by the fear of unpopularity, but will oppose wrong whenever found and fight unflinchingly the battle of social justice and emancipation on behalf of the weak and down-trodden."

We earnestly invite our readers to ponder over these words of an enlightened Hindu Prince and try to attune their hearts to become responsive to the call. The Co-operative Societies' Ordinance and the Village Communities' Ordinance are measures which should be more largely utilised than at present to effect the economic, moral, and political elevation of communal life in the villages. If the people are well educated on the purport of these measures and trained to work them, independently of official aid, we may be certain that most of the moral and social evils that are now the cause of decadence in Village Communal life will soon disappear. There will be developed in the people a greater capacity for self-reliance and self-determination for collective life.

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LONDON MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.—Sinhalese has been included as an optional subject for the London Matriculation Examination. THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.—B. O. Ahip of Wesley College was the Inter-Arts scholarship and M. V. del Tufo of the Royal College was the Inter-Science scholarship.

MALLEGAM ENGLISH SCHOOL.—The annual prize distribution of the Institution will take place tomorrow at 5 a. m. Mr. E. B. Denham, M. A., C. S., Director of Education will preside and distribute the prizes.

MATRIMONIAL.—The marriage of Miss. Manikayakarasi daughter of the late Mr. R. M. Chinnappapillai of Tinneveli with Mr. S. Ambalavanar of Colombogam, Government Surveyor, was celebrated according to Hindu rites at Temple View, Tinneveli, the residence of her cousin Mr. S. Eamparam, Surveyor, on Monday the 10th instant at 9.30 p. m. The premises were gaily decorated and the pandal which was specially put up was a real work of art. A very large number of friends and relations from different parts of the peninsula were present on the occasion and were hospitably received and entertained by Mr. S. Eamparam and his brother-in-law Mr. S. Veluppillai, Registrar of Lands, Jaffna. Our congratulations and good wishes to the newly wedded couple.

THE LANKA SUBBHA VILASA SABHA.—The eleventh half yearly General Meeting of the above Sabha was held at 37 Hultsdorf, Colombo, on the 8th February, 1919, at 6 p. m. The Hon'ble Mr. Balasingham, the President of the Sabha, presided. There were about sixty members present. The Managing Committee's Report and Audited Accounts for the half year ending 31st December, 1918, were read and adopted. Of the Sabha's activities during this half year one is worthy of special mention. On the 18th December last Rama's Ekka was specially staged towards the relief of those who suffered by the floods in Jaffna in November, 1918 and the net proceeds (viz., Rs. 775/-) were utilised on Food Relief Work. The following office-bearers, &c., were elected for the ensuing half year:—President: The Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. Saranmogam, C. Arumugam, A. C. Muttucumar, Proctor, and M. A. Arul Anandan, Advocate, and Drs. E. V. Ratnam and R. Sravanamuttu; Honorary Secretary: Mr. James Joseph, Advocate; Assistant Secretary: Mr. P. Amirthalingam; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. P. S. Hallock; Assistant Treasurer: Mr. N. Thiagarajah; Committee Members: Dr. Nallamma Muralikrishna and Messrs. S. Somasundaram, Proctor, W. Sathasivam, Proctor, A. Suppiah, Chief Sheriff, Goods Office, Colombo and A. Homer; Literature and Arts Sub-Committee: Messrs. A. Sabaratnam and S. Thiagarajah; Dramatic Sub-Committee-Conductor: Mr. K. Chornalingam; Stage-Directors: Messrs. A. Selvaratnam, Sub Inspector of Police and S. Mahadeva, Head Overseer, P. W. D., Colombo; Other members: Messrs. S. Manuayakam, C. R. Maharaajah and M. S. Thiruvilangam; Social Sub-Committee: Mrs. R. S. Saravanamuttu and Mr. V. P. Somasundaram Pillai; Auditor: Messrs. S. Kanagaratnam and P. Thiagarajah; Honorary Members: Sri Ambalavanar Kaogagasabai, Sir P. Arunassalam, Messrs. C. Namasivayam, J. P. A. Thiyasingham, Advocate, M. Sivaprasanna, S. Vythianatha Mudaliyar and Mas. R. Saranmogam. FINANCES.—The balance to the credit of the Sabha on 1st July, 1918 was Rs. 1278 84. The total income during the half year was Rs. 2720 65 and the total expenditure, Rs. 2587 19. The total balance to the credit of the Sabha on the 1st January, 1919, was Rs. 1412 30. —Cor.

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BUDDHIST TEMPORALITIES COMMISSION.—The Buddhist Temporalities Commission met at the Residency, Anuradhapura, on the 11th and 12th instant under Mr. Denham, Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. T. B. L. Mooneswalle and the Secretary, Mr. J. R. Toussaint, were also present. The following witnesses were examined:—Messrs. B. Stephen Perera, D. L. C. Jinadasa, M. L. D., T. B. Pohoyadi and K. B. Kulatunge, Registrar of Lands; and on Wednesday the following gave evidence:—Messrs. H. C. P. Ball, H. B. Freeman, G. A., Balakrishna Dissawe, K. B. Panabokke, R. M., the Anunayake Priest of Bo Maluwa and Naranwita Sumanasura, Chief Priest of Ruanweliseya Degoba. The trustee appointed by the Atamastana Committee was absent owing to ill-health.

THE WORLD'S RICE SHORTAGE.—Japanese merchants, says "Millard's Review," are buying large quantities of Chinese rice and transporting it to their own country, forecasting that the price is bound to rise sooner or later, and preparing to sell it to Europe or America at a good profit. The Mitsui and the Okura Companies, for instance, have recently purchased more than 2,000,000 pikula in Kiangsu and Chekiang.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION IN CEYLON.—The Education Department have taken up the question of Industrial Education and are making efforts to get more industrial schools opened in the island. They have appointed a special Inspector of Industrial Schools, and have chosen Mr. Earnest Van Dort for the post. Mr. Van Dort has already taken up duties and gone on inspection to the Southern Province.

AN IDOL INCIDENT.—Calcutta, Feb 10.—The student community of Calcutta is greatly agitated by the action of the authorities of the C. M. S. College in removing the image of Saraswati from one of the College hostels, where the students brought it for worship. The matter is under the consideration of the Civil Rights Committee. Meanwhile the following notice has been hung on the hostel notice board:—I want to make one or two remarks about the introduction of an idol into this compound, and my removal of it from this compound. (1) While with regard to the people who brought in the image and hid it in secrecy and a few who were privy to the bringing in of the image I feel that they have no claim to any consideration in my disposal or confiscation of the image. (2) The position is different with regard to other Hindus who knew nothing about the matter. They may fairly feel hurt at the placing of the image in a dustbin, and to them I would say that the image was merely placed in the nearest receptacle for anything not wanted. But I feel that it was an unjustified slight to Hindus who had nothing to do with bringing the image in, and for their sake, as mutual respect is an essential accompaniment of spiritual fellowship, I would say that I am sorry I placed the image in the dustbin. Those who brought in the image will have to be dealt with later. (Sgd.) A. B. Johnstone, S. Paul's Cathedral College. —"M. Mail".

SENTHAMIL PRAKASA VIDYASALAI MANDALIVU.

This Tamil School was founded at Mandativu about 15 years ago by Mr. S. Kanapathipillai of the place. Owing to the pre-occupation of the Manager in the building of the Siddhi Vinayakar Temple of that place, he was unable to conduct the school single handed. In order to place the school on a better footing, the Manager and some of the residents of the island approached some leading men in Jaffna to solicit their support. Among these they succeeded in finding a ready helper in Mr. N. Selvadurai, B. A., the Principal of the Jaffna Hindu College. He paid a visit of inspection to the school and finding that the institution supplied a real need, and was worthy of support, issued an appeal to some of the leading residents of Jaffna and succeeded in securing support of many leading men of the Town. Accordingly the Manager of the school vested the school building and premises on trustees. Mr. S. Kanagasabai, Advocate, became the Manager of the school and since the 5th of December 1917 it has been conducted with the help of monthly contributions made by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. N. Selvadurai Principal, Hindu Collg. W. Duraiswamy, Advocate, R. Nalin, Proctor, W. Ratnagopal S. B. R., W. Mudalar Mutuvelupillai, S. Sathamparappillai, K. V. Suppiramaniam, V. Casipillai, V. S. S. Kumaraswamy, M. Saamugam, M. Sabaratnasingam, K. Aiyathurai and others. A Prize Distribution was held at this School on the 25th ultimo under the presidency of Mr. W. Duraiswamy. The function began at 2 p. m. with the chanting of Thevaram. Recitation exercises were gone through by the students—girls and boys—which showed the sound training they had received in the school. Thevaram singing, a dialogue on vegetarianism, and a discourse on Temple Worship were the chief items in the programme. The prizes consisting of books, plates and cloths were then distributed. The following are the chief donors of the prizes:—Messrs. S. T. M. P. Sathamparappillai, A. V. V. Sathamparappillai, M. Sabaratnasingam, O. Arulampalam, Shanmugampillai, S. Arumugam, Ratnagopal, S. Kanagasabai, K. V. Suppiramaniam, M. S. Ramalinga Mudaliar, Kandaiya, Sivagurusathar, Rajasayakamudathar, Sir A. Kanagasabai, V. Ramalingam, M. Kanagasabai Mathana Lal and Mutuvelupillai.

THE "ESTATES DUTIES ORDINANCE."

THE NEW DRAFT.

The Stamp Ordinance which was recently introduced into the Legislative Council by Mr. Bernard Deneor with the object of increasing the revenue from the duty on the estates of deceased persons has been redrafted. The new draft appeared in the "Gazette" of the 7th instant.

The original draft was referred to a Select Committee of the Council and that committee agreed to bring the local law up to date. According to the new draft the only duty which is under the existing law payable upon the death of a person probate duty under the Stamp Ordinance.

The present Bill is based on the Finance Act, 1894, of the Imperial Parliament, as amended by a series of other Acts, and it embodies the principle that all property which passes on the death of a person shall pay a duty, to be called estate duty. The duty of collection is now overseen by the Judges of the District Court, but in view of the obvious advantages of placing the care and management of the duty in an administrative department by this Bill care and management are vested in the Commissioner of Stamps. Some of these provisions have been introduced. One of these is intended to meet the cases where as the result of death there are quick successions to property in the nature of a reduced duty is payable. Provision is also made for a reduced payment where property is the subject of a settlement. One distinctive principle of the English Estate Duty Law is that of the aggregation for purposes of assessment of all property passing on death. For instance a deceased may have owned Rs. 20,000 absolutely, and have only a life interest in another Rs. 20,000. For the purpose of estimating the rate of duty the estate will be taken as worth Rs. 40,000, though the duty due on the second sum of Rs. 20,000 would be paid by the person who succeeds to that sum. But when an estate, exclusive of property settled by will, does not exceed Rs. 15,000, aggregation does not take place. Property passing on a death shall not be aggregated more than once. A very important Section of the Bill lays down the manner in which the value of the estate shall be arrived at. The Commissioner of Stamps is to estimate the value as the price which it would fetch in the open market, subject to the deduction of reasonable funeral expenses, bona fide debts, and other items set out in the section. Provision is also made for an appeal against any decision of the Commissioner of Stamps to a District Court. In order to ensure that the fund, out of which payment of estate duty is to be made is not dissipated before payment, provision is made to impose a charge on property passing on a death. Estate duty is therefore made a first charge on such property, and the persons in whom the duty is to be paid are mentioned.

RATES OF ESTATE DUTY.

The following are the rates per cent to be charged as estate duty. The figures in parenthesis represent the rates to be charged on sums exceeding the amount preceding each figure and not exceeding the next higher sum. Thus 1 per cent is the rate on sums exceeding Rs. 1,500 and below Rs. 7,500; 2 per cent on sums exceeding Rs. 7,500 and below Rs. 15,000, etc. The rates are as follows:—Rs. 1,500 (1); Rs. 7,500 (2); Rs. 15,000 (3); Rs. 75,000 (4); Rs. 150,000 (5); Rs. 300,000 (6); Rs. 600,000 (7); Rs. 900,000 (8); Rs. 1,200,000 (9); Rs. 1,500,000 (10); Rs. 2,500,000 (11); Rs. 3,000,000 (12); Rs. 3,750,000 (13); Rs. 4,500,000 (14); Rs. 5,250,000 (15); Rs. 6,000,000 (16); Rs. 7,500,000 (17); Rs. 9,000,000 (18); Rs. 12,000,000 (19); Rs. 15,000,000 (20).

The rate of the settlement estate duty where the property is settled shall be one per cent.

—The Ceylon Daily News.

JAFFNA FLOOD RELIEF FUND, ULU SELANGOR.

On the receipt of news regarding the disastrous floods which recently occurred in the District of Jaffna a public meeting of the Ceylon Tamils of Ulu Selangor presided over by Mr. V. Ponnampalam was held on the 2nd December, 1918, at the Ballfield Club, Kuala Kubu, to consider what steps should be taken to provide immediate relief to the victims of the flood.

2. It was unanimously resolved that subscriptions be collected from our countrymen and sympathisers of other denominations; that the amount so realised be cabled to Jaffna for the immediate relief of the sufferers; and that the subscriptions collected should be acknowledged in the columns of the "Hindu Organ", Jaffna.

3. The following gentlemen were elected to form the 'Jaffna Flood Relief Committee' Ulu Selangor:—Mr. V. Ponnampalam (President); Mr. V. Nallatamby (Secretary and Treasurer); Dr. S. S. Rajasayagam Messrs. N. Chellian, T. Muttusamy, K. Chithamparappillai and P. M. Kumariah.

4. A sum of £1657/ was collected. The list of subscribers is given hereunder, also a statement showing how the amount realised was disposed of. (The figures following the name represent the number of dollars paid.)

KUALA KUBU.—Messrs. V. Ponnampalam 65, V. Nallatamby 30, V. Coomarasamy 20, S. Joseph 18, K. Kanapathipillai 5, T. Duraiappah 6, T. Muttusamy 15, K. Arumugam 5, V. Srinatambay 2, C. Ramasamy 5, M. Thambipillai 5, S. Ethiraiyambay 2, M. Kandiah 5, B. Joseph 10, S. Thuraiyajah 5, V. Amirthalingam 5, V. Thamboo 2, B. Emmanuel 5, K. Saamugam 10, N. Chidlihal 30, K. O. Pillay 20, V. D. Navaratnam 5, K. Sinnathamby 10, N. Thillalampalam 5, A. S. D. Cruz 6, A. Ponnampalam 10, A. Nagalingam 2, K. Parampalam 20, V. Mannikkam 5, V. Sivaprasadam 18, N. Nagalingam 10, K. Periatambay 5, B. B. Nair 5, A. Wasagar 2, C. Vyaranatham 5, R. Saravanantham 5, V. Thambiyayal 10, A. Saenysappah 10, S. Namasiyayam 5, S. Kumarasamy 2, T. Subramaniam 2, P. K. Karthigasu 2, V. A. Udaim 10, C. D. Bowen 5, Mrs. C. D. Bowen 5, and Mr. C. Vyttilingam 10.—Total \$434.

RAWANG.—Collected by Dr. S. S. Rajasayagam and Messrs. V. Sionathurai and M. Pasupathy pillai.—Dr. S. S. Rajasayagam 20, Messrs. V. Sionathurai 25, C. T. Rajasayagam 15, M. Pasupathy pillai 15, P. Suppramaniam 15, A. Rajah 5, M. Ramalingam 10, V. Nagalingam 5, V. Thamboo 5, G. N. Poolesingam 5, A. Visuvanather 5, V. Murgasoo 5, S. Visuvanalingam 5, P. Arulampalam 5, M. Thampiah 5, C. A. Arumugam 10, T. S. Maniam 5, O. S. Gomasakara 5, K. S. Maniam 5, K. S. Thambipillai 5, B. S. Ramasamy 5, S. Kasipillai 5, E. Ramalingam 5, M. Chelliah 5, T. Thampipillai 5, V. Sivasampoo 5, S. Arumugam 10, K. M. Kandiah 5, S. Appantai 5, C. S. Kandiah 5, M. B. D. Sami 5, V. Sangarapillai 5, V. Vattilingam 5, T. K. Murgasoo 10, M. Duraisami 5, A. Kandassami 5, M. Gopalasami 2, S. Suppramaniam 5, S. K. Ramalingam 5, R. Vyramuthu 5, T. Ponnampalam 5, V. Nagalingam 5, Marimuthu 5, M. Sabaratnam 5, A. Rararatnam 5, A. Well-Wisher 25, and J. W. Arumugam 5.—Total \$387.

SERENDAH.—Collected by Mr. P. M. Kumariah.—Dr. K. Kanagarayar 5, Messrs. P. Sinaappu 10, S. Saravanantham 5, R. Chelladurai 5, A. Canaganabai 2, V. Vyttilingam 5, R. K. Pillai 20, S. Amarasingam 20, V. Karikkeen 15, A. V. Retnam 10, G. Muthiah 5, S. Chelliah 5, K. Nagalingam 10, J. R. Niles 5, and P. M. Kumariah 10.—Total \$132.

KUALA KUBU, CHINESE.—Collected by Messrs. V. Ponnampalam, V. Nallatamby and K. C. Pillai.—Messrs. Tan Ran Joo 20, Yap Tham Keow 20, Kee Kim Chun 10, Yap Yoon Kaog 15, Tang Beng 10, Yap Loh 20, Lau Poh Sun 5, Lee Cheong Ching 10, Teck Joo 10, Lim Luan 10, Guan Quat 10, Yaw Meow 10, Low Hoon Tong 5, Gong Kim Koon 5, Cong Teck Chan 10, Yuen Chin 5, Lai Man 10, Tan Cheong 10, Lim Chia 20, Tan Guan 10, Lee Nam Sea Kang 10, Long Chang 10, Sin Tak Gee 10, Ban Coon Tong 5, Yaw Shook Cooe 5, Yap Han 5, How Lee 10, Tee Moh Chan 10, Low Yew 10, Tin Hong 10, Fook Cheong Wng 10, Lee Fat 10, Thong Cheong 10, Tam Keow 5, Ban Koh San 5, Chin Sow Leong 10, Leong Boh 10, M. Morikawa 5, Foo Peng 10, Soon Yack 10, Tan Choo Song 10, Tan Choo Seng (On behalf of Hoek Ho Munng Kongzoo) 10, Onn Tek 20, Wong Mol 20, Soa Long 10, Soa Waa Sang 10, Jin Esh 10, Jin Cheong 10, Hoek Choo 10, Lim Beng 10, Cheong Kim 10.—Total \$325.

ULU YAM.—Collected by Mr. K. C. Pillai. Messrs. Song Eng Quat 10, Wong Kim Yew 5, Eng Kong Kay 10, Oh Kee 5, Lee Soon Song 5, By Hong Wou 5, Song Fong King 5, Hong Song 5, Lee Song 10, Poh Lee King 10, Tea Kuo King and 10.—Total \$30.

RASA.—Collected by Messrs. V. Ponnampalam, V. Nallatamby, K. C. Pillai and T. Muttusamy. Messrs. Tan Chia 30, T. Chew Thuen 10, Lim Lee 10, Sa Kim Long 10, Teh Cheong Peng 10, Hong Sun Ling 5, Lin Ching 5, Wong Poo Choon 5, Ng Choo Soon 10, Hup Long, 10, Ng Choo Sang 5, Sin Choo Thye 5, Sin Cheong 5, Kon Siew Chong 5, Wong Liew Qui 5, Sun Cheong 5, and Lee Choo 10.—Total \$150.—Grand Total \$1658.

Amount cabled to Government Agent, Jaffna, \$ 835; Amount cabled to the Hon. Mr. S. S. Rajasayagam, \$ 395; Amount transferred to Urumburay Relief Fund, 400; Expenses for cable &c., \$ 28.

Total \$ 1658.

V. NALLATAMBY,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer
Jaffna Flood Relief Fund,
Kuala Kubu,
81-11-919,
Ulu Selangor.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at 2.30 p. m. yesterday at the Council Chamber. There was a very large gathering again, including several European gentlemen and ladies. His Excellency the Governor, Sir W. H. Manning, presided.

ALTERED SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

The seating arrangements had been completely altered. H. E. the Governor sat on a raised dais, facing the staircase. The members were accommodated in a semi circle round the President. Two members sat on his Excellency's right and two on his left at small tables, separated from the main table—a new one which is being constructed. The Clerk to the Council was accommodated inside the circle, facing the President. The Private Secretary and the A. D. C. had each a table on either side of the Governor, while the Press had tables facing the Private Secretary and A. D. C.—outside the semi-circle. Two arches were covered with wood and others with curtains. The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—read reply received from the Secretary of State to the Legislature's Message on the cessation of hostilities.

THEIR MAJESTY'S ROBERT LOSS.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—said since last meeting, T. M.'s the King and Queen had lost one son, and the Council and people of Ceylon should send a message tendering their condolences to the King and Queen in their bereavement.

The Hon. Mr. P. Ramasathan—seconded. He said he felt sure the whole country was at one wish with the Colonial Secretary had expressed.

His Excellency—said he took it that it was the wish of the House that a Message of condolence should be sent to Their Majesties, expressing the regret of the Council and the people of Ceylon on the death of their son.

PRESS CENSORSHIP.

The Hon. Mr. Tillakeratne—gave notice of a question, as to whether there was any form of Press Censorship, in the Island, and when it was to be abolished.

IRRIGATION.

The Hon. Mr. Tillakeratne also gave notice of a question re the Walawa Ganga Irrigation Scheme, a matter he brought before Council some time back.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Hon. Mr. O. C. Tillakeratne—asked—Whether the Government is aware of the damages done to the shops in the Fort and Pettah and of the molestation offered to ladies by Australian Troops landing in Colombo, and what steps the Government is prepared to take to prevent such occurrences, and also what compensation the Government proposes to offer those who have suffered loss through no fault of their own.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—said Government had been informed of the molestation caused by the Australian Troops in Colombo. In order to prevent recurrences, the Local Government had asked the Commonwealth Government to send a Police Force to the Island, and this was done. Any damage caused to traders in Colombo was noted and laid before the Commonwealth Government.

DUTIES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary—moved:—That the Rules relating to the constitution, powers and duties of Advisory Committees, made by the Governor in Executive Council in exercise of the powers vested in him under Section 81 of "The Excise Ordinance, No. 81 of 1912," and laid before Council this day, be confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden—seconded.—Carried.

The Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando—raised a question as to the payment of road-tax.

After some discussion, the rules were approved. The Hon. Mr. J. G. Fraser—moved:—That from and after March 1, 1919, a ferry toll be established at the ferry at Karanagoda, on the road from Wavakagoda to Gopvina, to be hereafter called "The Weralugastotupola alias Proccer ferry," at the 3 1/2 mile post, on the bank of the Kaluganga, in the Pasdun Kurai East of the Kaituma District, Western Province.

He said—Such a toll will form a good outlet for a Group of estates.

The Hon. Mr. F. Bowes—seconded.—Carried.

MOTION FOR RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS EXTENSION.

The Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham—moved:—That the Chief Railway Construction Engineer be asked to furnish this Council with information on the following points:—

I.—(a) The least extensive Railway route to Batticaloa and Trincomalee. (b) A rough estimate of the cost of constructing (1) a light broad gauge railway along such route; (2) a narrow gauge railway along such route.

II.—An estimate for the cheapest railway from Jaffna to Point Pedro, and from Jaffna, via Manipay, Sandirupay, Changuai, Vadukoddai, to Pannal.

III.—An estimate for tramway line:—(a) From Grandpass to Wattala and Headala and towards Tambirayayay; (b) From Borella to Colly; (c) From Chalmers Graveries to Muttakkuliyai; (d) From Fort, along Union place, Victoria park, Baccoroo, and via Pannacka bridge, to Kalubwila.

He said—the Railway to Batticaloa was occupying the attention of Government for a long time. He had been studying the question and considered it with his usual industry. At that time Railways were proposed to the H. E. Bour and to Hon. Mr. He was reluctant to move at that time. Now the War was practically over, and Government was in a position to undertake new works, a Railway to Trincomalee and Batticaloa was very necessary. The time has come when they could use the accumulated balances stored by the Treasurer. The Secretary of State had intimated that Railways should be constructed out of surplus balances. Loans were waiting for the Railway in order to be developed.

When Sir esd Ridgeway arrived, Railway Construction in Ceylon was going on at a snail's pace; but his time here saw the construction of 287 miles of Railway. He arrived in 1892, when the revenue was only £22,000,000. He did not hesitate to draw up a Scheme of Railway Construction costing £30,000,000. He induced the Secretary of State to raise a loan for Ceylon. Sir Henry McCallister adopted an ambitious programme. He spent £30,000,000 on works, which might have waited till more important lines were completed, the Madaga Duplication might have waited. It brought in no fresh revenue, but only meant the more convenient working of trains. The work might be stopped, when it reached Miriyama. He believed £14 million had only been spent out of the six millions, and the rest might be used for other Railway Construction. A Railway to Trincomalee would attract tourists and all inhabitants of Ceylon. There was plenty of shooting there and planners preferred a trip to Trinco' to one to Colombo. A Railway to Batticaloa would be equally paying as vast forests of the Province could be made to pay. Timber could be brought down more expeditiously and cheaply and the Forest Department could carry on their work more satisfactorily. He on row gauge lines he quoted the opinion of Mr. E. S. Harrington criticising the K. V. Line. By the time sanction was received from the Secretary of State, the price of rails would have gone up. The money they paid the Ceylon Steamship and the motor buses could be saved. Low railway be built on a narrow gauge, as Mr. Harrington said, and later it might be made a gauge. A Railway from J. J. to Point Pedro for £800,000 or £900,000. The extensive tramways was another important matter. It was approaching for them to consider whether the Council could purchase the tramway service from the Municipality, which could not extend it beyond the City. An up to date suburban tram service would save a great deal of money. Colombo would not be so congested, and the existing suburbs would be opened up as residential centres. Only a permanent tramway would help such a scheme and he felt sure Government could expect a 10 per cent. income. The time was coming for Railway extension and they had now to get the plans and estimates ready.

The Hon. Mr. A. S. Sapaty—seconded.—He said very large supplies of produce suffered for want of a Railway. When the late Mr. O. A. Fisher was G. A. of the Northern Province, he had a scheme for a narrow gauge from Kankasantural to Point Pedro.

THE OFFICIAL REPLY.

The Colonial Secretary—said he could not follow the mover into the intricacies of figures quoted. They could not run a Railway through a forest and use the trees as sleepers. If the railway to Batticaloa were made, the benefits no doubt would be very great and the project being Batticaloa under civilisation. He felt sure His Excellency would look round when he visited the place and later might hear of a "Manning Memorial Hall," according to Mr. Sapaty. The Chief Construction Engineer was too busy to undertake fresh work.

It was obvious they could not raise a loan for many years to come. Railway Construction was very expensive now owing to the difficulty of getting rails. It was dangerous to rely on the opinion of Indian Railway Engineers and construct cheap lines, costing four times more! There was nothing like having an up to date Railway and the K. V. Line was beyond criticism. He however accepted the motion.

The Hon. Mr. Balasingham—thanked him.

SIS EXCELLENCY'S REMARKS.

His Excellency—said he would be pleased to call upon the Chief Construction Engineer for the information. For the next few years, the cost of rails would be very heavy. Locomotives ordered before the War cost £5,000 each, and the Crown Agents recently said they could only be got now for £10,000, but later reduced it to £3,900 each. Steel and iron work would be very expensive for some years. He hoped at a next distant future to link up Trincomalee with the Main Line.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The Hon. the Attorney General—moved the first reading of—"An Ordinance further to amend "The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance, 1907."

The Treasurer—seconded.—Carried.

THE KANDY MUNICIPALITY.

The Hon. the Attorney General—moved the first reading of—"An Ordinance to provide for the Application of so much of the Balance standing to the Credit of the Water rate Account of the Kandy Municipality under 'The Kandy Waterworks Loan Ordinance, 1884,' after Payment in full of the Loan advanced to the Municipality of Kandy by the Government."

The Treasurer—seconded.—Carried.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE.

The Hon. the Attorney General—moved the first reading of—"An Ordinance to amend 'The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876, and Ordinance No. 14 of 1878, intitled 'An Ordinance to amend 'The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1878.'"

The Treasurer—seconded.—Carried.

TRADE MARKS OF ALIEN ENEMIES.

The Hon. the Attorney General—moved the first reading of—"An Ordinance to vest in the Custodian of Enemy Property certain Trade Marks belonging to Alien Enemies."

The Attorney General—gave notice that at next meeting he would move the second reading of each Bill.

THE GOVERNMENT.

Council adjourned for Wednesday next, the 19th inst., at 2.30 p. m.

—The Ceylon Observer, Feb. 13.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE ARMISTICE.

London, Feb. 11.

Paris.—The vital question with the French at present is not the League of Nations, but the terms of the renewal of the Armistice. The French Press dwells on the danger of rapid Allied demobilisation while the Germans will have millions under arms. The British standpoint is that the main object of the renewed Armistice and the Treaty of Peace must be to deliver Europe from Militarism, firstly, by the abolition of Conscription, and a beginning must be made in Germany. It is suggested that the German Army should be compulsorily reduced to its future Peace footing now, in order to enable the Allies rapidly to carry out their own demobilisation. The Americans favour leaving the Germans to dispose of their main power for the present as they choose, while insisting on the surrender of such proportion of their War material as our Military advisers think necessary. The American view is that the Allies are bound by the original Armistice terms and that the Convention should not be widened by the inclusion of new demands. Both the French and the British official view is that there is no actual danger of the renewal of hostilities by the Germans who doubtless have three millions in uniform, but their fitness and discipline are doubtful. On the other hand the French Press generally declines to believe that Germany is reduced to helplessness, and points to the tone of the speeches at Weimar as an indication of the future danger from seventy millions of Germans, eager to renew the attempt to destroy France.

CANADA AND THE NAVY.

London, Feb. 10.

Victoria (British Columbia), Feb. 8.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Council of the League of Nations, representing all the provinces, passed a resolution, declaring that the naval policy of Canada should have regard to the interests of the whole British Empire; in deciding its policy political exigencies should be disregarded and the opinion of the most eminent naval strategists alone considered. There should be complete standardisation of personnel, ships and equipment. The Dominions should retain control of their ships but in war time all fleets should be under one supreme command.

THE KING'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT.

London, Feb. 11.

H. M. the King's speech to Parliament was delivered to-day. After pointing out that the struggle of German tyranny with European freedom had ended with the defeat of Germany and that a new era had dawned, His Majesty said that, in order to reap the full fruits of victory and safeguard the Peace of the world, an adequate Army must be maintained in the field, proposals for which would be submitted. Referring to the Allied Conference at Paris, His Majesty emphasized the cordiality, goodwill and absence of disagreement marking the discussions. He trusted that the preliminaries of Peace would soon be signed. He rejoiced that the Conference would accept the principle of the League of Nations for progress in that direction would alone save mankind from the scourge of War.

Alluding to President Wilson's visit to England His Majesty said the enthusiastic welcome was an earnest of the increasing understanding with which he trusted the United States and Great Britain would act together in the future. For the last few months the Imperial War Cabinet has been in continuous session. "My counsels in regard to War and external affairs has been strengthened and enlightened by the presence of leading Ministers of my Self Governing Dominions and my Indian Empire. The inspiring sacrifice and invaluable service rendered by the peoples of the Dominions and India during the War have won for them an important place in the counsels of the world, and it has been a source of special satisfaction to me that their title to representation has been fully recognised by the Paris Conference.

"I trust the Reports of the Committees enquiring into matters connected with Indian Constitutional Reform will be received in time to enable a Bill on the subject to be presented in the course of the Session. The position in Ireland causes me grave anxiety, but I earnestly hope conditions will soon sufficiently improve to make possible a durable settlement of this difficult problem. He said the Commons would be asked to make further financial provision to meet War charges and for reconstruction. Addressing both Houses His Majesty said: "The aspirations for a better social order, which has been quickened in the hearts of my people by the experience of the War, must be encouraged by prompt and comprehensive action."

"Before the War poverty, unemployment inadequate housing and many remediable ills existed in our land and these were aggravated by dislocation, but since the out-break of War every party and every class worked and fought together for the great ideals. In pursuit of this common aim they had shown a spirit of unity and self-sacrifice which exalted the nation and enabled it to play its full part in winning the victory. The ravages of War and wastage of War were not yet, however, repaired. If we are to repair these losses and build a better Great Britain, we must continue to manifest the same spirit."

"We must step at no sacrifice of interest or prejudice to stamp out unmerited poverty, diminish unemployment, mitigate its sufferings, provide decent homes, improve the nation's health, and raise the standard of well being throughout the community. We shall not achieve this end by undue tenderness towards acknowledged abuses, and it must necessarily be retarded by violence or even disturbances. We shall succeed only by patient, untiring resolution in carrying through the legislative and administrative action which requires that resolute action which I now ask you to support."

"A large number of measures affecting the social and economic well-being of the nation await your consideration and it is of the utmost importance that their provisions should be examined and, if possible, agreed upon and carried into effect, with all expedition. With this object the Government will invite the consideration of the Commons to certain proposals for the simplifica-

tion of the procedure of the House which it is hoped will enable delays to be avoided and give members an increasing opportunity of taking an effective part in the work of legislation."

His Majesty then announced Bills for the creation of a Ministry of Health and a Ministry of Ways and Communications, also measures for effecting a speedy and large increase in housing accommodation for the fulfilment of the pledges given to the Trade Union; for the prevention of unfair competition by the sale of country of origin, below their selling price in the country of origin, and for increasing the industrial and agricultural output, without which a considerable permanent betterment of the national condition cannot be effected. Proposals will also be made for encouraging land settlement, particularly for ex Service men, for providing suitable men with the necessary agricultural training for enabling them to stock and equip their holdings, and for the reclamation of land and promotion of comprehensive afforestation.

"Finally I recommend to your earnest consideration industrial problems. That the gifts of leisure and prosperity may be more generally shared throughout the community is my ardent desire. It is your duty, while firmly maintaining security for property and person, to spare no effort in healing the cases of existing unrest and I earnestly appeal to you to do all that in you lies to revive and foster a happier and more harmonious spirit in our national and industrial life."

THE LOSS OF THE 'HAMPSHIRE'

London, Feb. 12.

Admiral Jellicoe's book makes it clear that the "Hampshire" was mined. Admiral Jellicoe says that Lord Kitchener persisted in starting in bad weather, saying he had no time to lose. A storm prevented the sending of mine sweepers or an escort of destroyers.

U. S. A. NAVAL BILL.

London, Feb. 12.

Washington.—The House of Representatives by 205 votes to 148 adopted a special rate incorporating the Three Years Naval building programme in the Naval Appropriation Bill.

SIR R. BORDEN.

London, Feb. 12.

The Daily Express understands that Sir R. Borden has been offered the British Ambassadorship in Washington.

SECRET SINO JAP TREATIES.

London, Feb. 11.

The Associated Press correspondent at Washington telegraphs that according to official diplomatic information arriving in Washington, Japan has virtually threatened War if China makes public the secret Sino Japanese Treaties and fails to carry out the agreement to make Japan the successor to Germany to the property, concession and rights held by Germany on the outbreak of European War. The correspondent adds that Japan's attitude is causing grave apprehension among representatives of the other Associated Powers. China is seeking to obtain the support of the United States and Britain. It is stated that when the Chinese delegates arrived in Paris they reported that copies of the secret Treaties had been stolen from their baggage, while passing through Japan. Consequently they were unable to make them public at the Peace Conference.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, Feb. 12.

In the House of Commons during the Debate on the address Mr. Davlin urged that if the Irish policy were not going to be changed, the Irish should either be given self determination or should be allowed to submit their case to the Peace Conference.

Mr. Lloyd George in the Commons referring to the German Colonies said the Peace Conference quite early and clearly decided that, whatever happened, the German Colonies should not be returned to Germany. All the Delegates agreed that in the interest of the security of the world and by her ill treatment of the natives, Germany had forfeited all right to the Colonies.

GERMANY.

London, Feb. 12.

Bale.—A telegram from Weimar says the National Assembly has elected Herr Ebert, President of the German State by 277 votes, out of 379. Rosadowsky obtained 49 votes. Herr Ebert has accepted the election. —The Ceylon Observer.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3808

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Thevarani wife of Nagamuttu Kandappu of Karaidivu West

Deceased.

Sithamparapillai Arumugam of Karaidivu West

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Parupathy wife of Sithamparapillai Arumugam of Karaidivu West
- 2. Nagamuttu Kandappu of do, presently Cigar Shop, Wattigama

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Sithamparapillai Arumugam of Karaidivu West, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased, Thevarani wife of Nagamuttu Kandappu, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 28, 1919, in the presence of Messrs. Chelvadurai and Ramalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated January 22, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the father 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 20, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris,
District Judge.

February 3, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3740.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Thankamutti wife of Vinasitambiy Aiyathurai of Vannarponnai East

Deceased.

Vinasitambiy Aiyathurai of Vannarponnai East

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Aiyathurai Sabaratnam and
- 2. Sellakkannu daughter of Aiyathurai both of Vannarponnai East and
- 3. Muthaliamby Kandappu of Naval, the 1st and 2nd Respondents are minors appearing by their Guardian ad litem the 3rd Respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Vinasitambiy Aiyathurai of Vannarponnai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased, Thankamutti his wife, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 28, 1919, in the presence of Messrs. Chelvadurai and Ramalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 9, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the 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 18, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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