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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5752. In the Matter of the Estate of the late Thambu Ponnish of Nallore, Jaffina Deceased.

Suppiramaniar Chelliah of Nallore
Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sodhiretnam widow of Thambu Penniah of Nallore
Minor

2. Ponniah Pararejah of Nallore. A minor by his pardian ad litem the 1st Respond

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Thambu Ponnish, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pierie, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on February 14, 1919, in the presence of Mr. S. Subramaniam. Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavis of the Petitioner, having been read: It is ordered that the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to Letters of Administration as the father of the widow of the intestate and that Letters of Administration do issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person shall, on or before March 11, 1919, state objections or shew cause to the contrary.

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JAFFNA, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1919.

#### SOME ASPECTS OF HINDU LIFE.

In reviewing a lecture delivered on this subject by Mr. Bhupendranath Basu, Member of the Council of India, in London, we noticed in our last issue some aspects of the Hindu joint-family system. We pointed out how the family-group or clan system obtaining among the Hindu We pointed out now the family-group of clan system obtaining among the Hindu Tamils of our place is an adaptation of the joint-family system, and how this could be utilised to great advantage in could be utilised to great available in organizing Co-operative Societies, and in prevening the distriction of communal life in our villages. We also noticed the ideal position occupied by the father and mother in a Hindu family as portrayed by Mr Basu. It will be found in this and in the other aspects of Hindu life which we are going to notice presently, that the ideals of family and social life that the ideals of tamily and social life prevaling in Bengal are not dissimilar to those prevailing in our own land—there-by proving beyond doubt trat the funda-mental charactistics of Hindu life are the same throughout India and Ceylon, in spite of the differences in language or locality. In these days when we are apt forget these high ideals, it is important that we should be reminded of them.

Mr. Bhupendranath Basu mentions that the principal bonds of the Hindu family are the father, the mother, the wife, the family Deity and the family priest. Of these we have already noticed the position of the two former. "Of the Hindu wife" Mr. Basu says "I dare not speak, for who can sound the depth of her love and devotion. Custom, tradition, religion, have all combined to tracition, religion, have all combined to make her the crowning blossom of Hin-du life. To the Hindu husband, she is du life. To the Hindu husband, she is not merely the wife, she is the emblem of presperity, she is not only his half, but heart, soul of his soul, and she is more, for she is his redeemer, week and erring as man usually is, the merits of his wife assure him salvation, for she is his partner for all time, and God will not punish the good for the guilty, but the guilty will be saved so that the good may not suffer."

The above picture will not appear overdrawn in the least, to those of our readers who have studied Saint Tiruvalreaders who have studied Saint Tiruval-luvar and the other leading Tamil gnomic writers on "Illaram" or the householder's life; or who have learnt the lifes of such model Hindu wifes as Sita and Savitri, Deroupathai and Da-mayanthi The position of the mistress of a Hindu home is one of great antho-rity. "Her rule is actorate but based on love and understanding. She has the upbringing of the children and their re-Saint leading T

ligious education. It is she who arranges their weddings and often determines their future career." With the life of a householder is bound up its tradihife of a householder is bound up its tradi-tional duty of hospitality. The mistress of the house does not sit down to her meals until every member is fed and it is her duty to offer a meal to any stranger who may come before midway and for one In Hindu Society a h holder is more honoured than an as holder is more honoured than an ascettic, for on the united co-operation of him and his wife rest the whole scheme of Hindu life. It is the duty of every Hindu honseholder to support the students, and asceties, in his community with the proceeds of his earning just as much as he is bound to support his own wife and children.

Above all the ties of the joint-family life, is the family Deity. His place is in a separate room generally known as the room of God. Mr Basu says: "There is a sense of personal attachment between this Deity and the family. You may a sense of personal attachment between this Deity and the family. You may smile at our simple faith, but there we are in the midst of our daily life, amidst our joys and sorrows, amidst festive weddings and mournful funerals, in constant contact with the Divine Presence symbolised by the image, and the home of the Hindu becomes sanctified as the house of his God, where sinful thoughts would be a sacrilege. Mr Basu's description of the place occupied by the family Deity in Hindu life is equally true in our own country. In former times, the ho se of every well-to-do Hindu in Jaffina had a Deity room attached to it and in houses with limited accommodation, the family Deity was enshrined in Jaffna had a Deity room attached to it and in houses with limited accommodation, the family Deity was enshrined in the well-side. Moreover, every joint-family group or clan had a Temple to a particular image of God, which had a traditional connection with the family-group. And "the sense of personal attachment" as Mr. Basu says, between the Deity and the family was highly Jeveloned and helped to preserve the comveloped and helped to preserve the com-munal morality and communal cohesion through the annual Pnjas and festivals, where, the equal co-operation of the whole clan was indepensable.

Mr. Basu next says:-"With the house hold Gods is intimately associated the family priest, so obnoxious to the superficial critic, for does not the priest live as a parasite on his flock? I have not much intimate knowledge as to how much intimate knowledge as to how priests are maintained in European countries; probably & priest would be looked upon as a parasite in any country where exchange is thought of in terms of material goods; but we do not live by the rates of the market place, and souls are not weighed in the balance of trade." Mr. Basu's discription of a Hindu family priest will hold good for Jaffna as for Bangal. "The Hindu priest is a part of the family life of his flock between whom and himself the ties have existed for many generations. The priest is generally not a man of much learning; he knows, however, the traditions of his generally not a man of much learning; he knows, however, the traditions of his faith, and, in spite of his ignorance, is the unconscious inheritor of a high degree of spiritual culture and lives up to the ideals of his priestly profession—poverty and service. He is not a heavy burden, for he is satisfied with little—a few handfulls of rice, a few home-grown bananas or vegetables, a little unrefined sugar made in the village, and a few pieces of copper are all that is needed. There are no tithes, no state grants. The Hindu family Priest may have his faults, for the no tithes, no state grants. The Hindu family Priest may have his faults, for the perfect man is still the aspiration of properfect man is still the aspiration of pro-phecy, but he is kindly, honest, and leads a simple life; he is truly the Purohita— the well-wisher of the village as his name implies." implies.

There are several other aspects of Hudu life treated in the lecture, such as the village schoolmaster, the treatment of poor relations, and servants, the street musicians, etc., in all of which the description given may be applied to the state of Hindu life in Jaffra. Of the street musicians, the distinguished lecturer says:—He comes to our house before the breaking of dawn and standing outside the door, sings the, morning song. He is an itinerant philosopher, for his songs are the compositions of great men inspired with living faith and are full of the imagery of village life". Could we not make our own Pandarams perform this useful social service as they did in the olden days?

We conclude this article here, with a There are several other aspects

We conclude this article here, with a fervent appeal to everyone of our readers, to do all that lie in their power to revive through his or her own resonal example, the accient communal system of life which conduced much to plain living and high thinking, and the fostering of a spiritual culture which must be regarded as the highest aim of cur life.

#### LOCAL & GENERAL.

The Weather.—There is excessive heat during the day and excessive dew during the nights. The harvesting operations are in full swing, though the outsurn of paddy in many parts has been poor. We have had no many parts has been poor. nights. The harvesting operations are in full swing, though the outcurn of paddy in many parts has been poor. We have had no rain for the last two months, and it appears that last year's prolonged drought is going to repeat itself this year too.

JAFFNA DISTRICT COURT.—Hob'b'e Sir Ambalawaner Kanagasabai assumed work as District Judge on the 27th ultimo.

JAFFNA POMOR COURT.-Mr. F. D. Dhondy bas been appointed to the office of C. R. and P. M., Jaffua, Kayts, and Malakam, and a Vistor of the Prison at Jaffua, with effect from March 1, until further orders.

The New Ballway Time Table.—This comes into force from today.—Vide savertisement in the front page.

GALLE KACHCHERI -- Mr. V Coombraswamy has been appointed to the office of O. A. to the G. A., S. P., and Additional Assistant Superintendent of the Prison at Galle, with effect from Feb 22, until 12 ther orders.

BATTICALOA KACHCHERI .- Mr S. R. Muttukumaru has been appointed to act as O. A. t. the G. A., E. P., vice Mr. C. E. de Pinto, for three weeks from Feb. 25, or until furthar orders.

JAFFNA MANIAGAR,—Mr. V M Muttukumaru was away from Jaffna to attend the Rambukana Exhibition held last week.

THE JAFFNA APOTHECABIES COY .- We have received with thanks a most artistically got up wail estendar from this well-known firm. It contains a picture in colours of a Milkmaid, which is the trade mark of the Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk Co., London.

GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL, JAFFNA In response to the appeal made by the Director of Education a meeting of the Ramway employees resident at Nawasapinya webs take p.m. on the 25th instant at the recitious of Mr. K. Tampee, C.G.R. to consider what steps may be taken to emist contributors to see scholarships in the above senool. It was unanimously agreed that all the members of the Department in the Upper District should be requested to contribute a sum of not less than 50 cents each per month for the next four years, commencing from April, 1919 The Secretary pro tem was also required to communicate with certain officers in the other Districts to take similar steps in the matter in order to make the appear a success—Nawalapitya Cor, Feb. 26.
—"Ceylon Daily News".

The Civil Service.—Mr. L. J. B Turner, M. A., C. C. S., Assistant Commissioner of Excise of the North Western Division, is going to England on four months' leave almost immediately after a long spell of work in the Excise Department. He has also been wo king hacd as Assistant Government Agent, Randy, in addition to his outlies in the Excise Department. Air. Beauchamp de Saram, Assistant Superintendent of Excise, Gampola will act as A. C. E., N.-W. P. Division, in addition to his own duties.

THE SUPREME COURT.-H. E. the Govern-THE SUPREME COURT.—H. E. the Governor has used pleased, subject to the approval of the Scorolary of State for the Colonies, to make the following appointments consequent on the departure of the Unit Justice and Mr. Justice Snaw on leave, from March 5, until further orders:—Mr. Justice Ennis to act as Chief Justice of Ceyion. Mr. G.S. Sonneider and Mr. H. A. Loos to act as Puisne Justice of Ceyion. —"Gazette"

A DISTINGUISHED INDIAN VISITOR.—H. H. the Maharajan of Cooch Behar, accompanied by the Maharani and attended by ar. N Gupts, A. D. C., and Dr. D. C. Chakrawarti, arrived in Colombo on the 27th ultimo via Talaimannar. His Highness is the ruler of the Nauve State of Cooch Behar, which at one time comprised almost the whole of Northern Benga, Assam and Bhugam. H H admitisters the State with the assistance of the State Council of which he is Freelent. The Maharani is the eldest daughter of the Gaskwar of Baroda. The Maharaja and party are on their way to Europe. A DISTINGUISHED INDIAN VISITOR .- H. H.

Gaskwar of Baroda. The Manataja and party are on their way to Europe.

The Hcn. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, Appointed Governor of Hong Kong.—His Majesty the King Las been pleased to appoint Mr. E. Stubbs, C. M. G., Colonial Sceretary of Coylon, to be the Governor of Hong Kong. Mr. Stubbs leaves for England on March 25 and will remain there a tew weeks before proceeding to Hong Kong. Mr. Stubbs was appointed Colonial Sceretary of Caylon, in succession to Sir Hugh Clifford, on Jan. 2, 1913. He assumed duties on Jan. 18 on Jan. 24 he was caused upon to administer the Government on the apparture of Sir Henry Mc Cailum. He continued to act. till Cotober 13 that year, when hir Robert Chalmers arrived, and sir. Stubbs roverted to his duties as Colonial Sceretary. Two years latter, from December 4, 1915, he was significant for the till April 15, 1916, when he was reneved by the late hir John Anderson. On the latter's death on Mr. h. 24, last year, Mr. Sequos administered the Government for the third time, his term of office expiring with the arrival of Sir William Mathicg last September.

Fariours on Rice — Replying to Mr. T. J. Bennett, Mr. Moutogu satted that in view of the dearness of food in India, he had urged the Shipping Controller substantially to reduce freights on rice from Burma to India. He had beard that day that the rates had been reduced by an average of 43 per cent. compared with November and December. The rate from Rangoon to Bombay was now fixed at R30 per ton, subject to a rebate of 10 per cent.

CHECL LIBER, CASE.—Delbi, Feb. 23.—A private message has been received from London, stating that Sir Valentine Chirol has won the Tuak case with costs.

" M. Mail.

CEYLON REFORMS.—London, Feb 19.—In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Wedgwood, Mr. Amery said that the Governor was giving attention to the question of the Constitution of Ceylon and westion of the Constitution of Ceylon and westing the Constitution of Ceylon and westing the Constitution of State in due course,

Local Option.—Polling in connection with the Yatsalamatta arrick tayers took place on February 26, at 2 p. m. The Hon Mr. B Hellings, G. A, at first intended to preside over the poling, but as the meeting of the Legislative Council fell on the same day, he was unavoidably absent. Mr. V Coomaraswamy, O A presided assisted by Mesers. F D Bandaranake and P G. Weerssinghe. The total number of voters for the division was 323 of which 4 had died betore the polining. 215 voted for abolition and 2 for retention, thus obtaining a percentage of 674. Those present thanked the pressing other at the conclusion of the polling. The Polling for the Nugegoda Arrack Tayers, was the conclusion of the polling. Those present thanked the presicing officer as the conclusion of the politing. The Polling for the Nugegoda Arrack Tavern was beld at the Gangodawila Gansabawa on the 25th instant and resulted in a big majority voting for the abolition of the tavern. Out of a possible 1073 voters, 1034 voted. There were 4 spont papers, 1 for retention and 1029 for abolition. The percentage obtained was 559.

—"Ceyton Daily News."

RAMBUKANA SHOW - Rambukana, Feb 27. RABBUKANA SHOW—Rambukana, Feb 27,
— ht R-mbukana Show today everything was
quite ready for the reception of H. E. the
Governor, The arrangements were perfect,
reflecting much credit on Mr Boyagoda, who
had spared no pains or expense to make
everything successful. The Governor and
puty arrived at 2 30 and near the Pinnawala
transabhawa were received by the Chiefs and
conducted in Pershera procession under a
pandal. The Chiefs were introduced to His
Excellency. The Governor was next taken
round the Show, and was much interested in pandal. The Chiefs were introduced to His Excellency. The Governor was next taken round the Show, and was much interested in the exhibits. An address was read at the Pavilion by Mr. Boyagoda. H. E. the Governor replied. The Exhibition was opened a ter the introduction of the Chiefs, Mr. Boyagoda handing a silver key mounted in gold and stones of Navaratue to the Governor who opened the gate amid appliance, go,d and stones of ravatation of the data of the control of the was a garden party in the afternoof. There was a garden party in the afternoof. The weather outing the day was very warm and there was a large attendance.—By telegraph.

—"Ceylon Observer.".

The I. M. S.—A Press communique states that the Secretary of State for India in Council has sanctioned, with effect from the 1st Dacember, 1918, an increase in pay of the permanent officers of the Indian Medical permacent officers of the Indian Medical Service, which will approximate in the aggre-gate to 33% per cent on the rates of Military graile pay as they stood before the introduc-non of the Indian Station hospital system.

VISITORS TO SIGIRIYA.—Visitors to Sigiriya VISITORS TO SIGIRIYA.—Visitors to Sigiriya are warned in last Friday's "Gazette" that wasps' nests on the rock above the path abound this year, and that in passing them it is necessary to walk noiselessiy.

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Y. M. H. A. CENTRAL—EXAMINATION ON RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE.—Mr. A. Ambalawinan Honry. Secreary, writes:—These examinations will be hold on Saturday, 15th alarch, 1919 at the following centres. The Central Hall, Jaffna Hindu College, Vydhoswara Vydniyalayam, Mailagam, Kaotherodai, Kankesauturai, Telipalai, Chuliparam, Karaitivu, Manipay, Charakachcheri, Ps. Pedro, Karaveddy, Udupiddy and Alaveddy. The sonual camp will be held about the last week in March.

Y. M. H. A. Oorumparax.—A meeting of the above Association was held on the 21st equivary 1919 with Mr. 8 Eliathamby in the courary 1919. the above Association was held on the 21st February 1919 with Mr. 8 Eliathamby in the chair. The meeting commenced as about 4.30 p. m. with the sligging of Dayarem. The business of the meeting was the election of office-bearers. Dr. V Vallipuram was elected president. Meesra V M Voyagesu, S Eliathamby, V Kathiravelu and V Veluppillai (Tamil pandit) were elected Vice-presidents aftr. V T Rajah was elected Vice-presidents aftr. V T Rajah was elected Secretary, Mr. V Cumarasingam Assistant Secretary, Mr. V Cumarasingam Treasurer, Mr. S Visuvaiingam Assistant Treasurer, Mr. A S Visuvaiingam Assistant Treasurer, Mr. A S Visuvaiingam Assistant Treasurer, Mr. A S Visuvaiingam Editor, Mr. P Pithamparam gub-editor and Mr. S Eliathamby Auditor. A series of lectures was arranged by the above Association against animal sacriice. The first of them was delivered on the 21st February at the Hindu English mixed school by Bahavathur A Kanagasabai on the lite of "Gujala Maghamunivar" attended with music. The lecturer abid wold upon the subject for a period of about three hours and emphasized on sympathy with living beings (disvataruniam). The meeting terminated with the singing of Devaram.—Cort



The Lare Amer —Calcutta, Feb. 27.—
The Amer Habibullah was assassinated while in bed. He was at a place called Laghman about thirty miles from Jelainabed Some one gos into his room at 2 o'sleek and fired a revolver into his ear, killing him instantiy.

## FAREWELL TO DR. P. E. PIERIS D. J. BY THE JAFFNA BAR.

Dr P. E. Pieris District Judge of Jaffna, who has been appointed District Judge of Colombo, sat for the last time on the 26th instant. After the work of the day was over, the members of the Bar and officers of the Court mustered strong, and Mr. Vanniasingham, Advocate, spoke as follows:

Mr. Vanniasingham, Advocate, spoke as follows:

The members of the Bar wish me to say a few words of appreciation of your work as a Judge in this Court and as a man. Of your work as a Judge there has not been the slightest doubt, and the opinion in this place was unanimous, that your work has never been exceeded in the quality or quantity by any of, your predecessors. You are neld by us as a jidge who did your work thoroughly, conscientiously and speedily, and have thereby done a service to the state and to the people in particular. Litigation is an evil, and more so when it is protrasted. But in your case there has been a quick disposal of cases without any delay, and the satisfaction is not only with the Lawyers but also with the people.

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With regad to our relationship to you, we all respect you as a very kindhearted and conscientious man. Within a week or two of your arrival, we found you were master of your work, and there was no use of our appearing before you without mastering our facts ourselves. We found that every proposition had to be supported by authorities, and as a result we have certainly advanced very high during the last 3 years, and our status today is better than it was when you came.

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You have associated yourself in all our movements, public and private. There was no half-heartedness in you. There was satisfaction to all. You associated with us on triendly and equal terms, and we felt that there was no exclusiveness in you or any feeling of superiority. We felt that you were one of us, and we went on with our work with the feeling of ease and confidence. We are sorry, Sir, you are going away, but we do not complain because you are promoted to the highest District Judgship in the Island, and your merits will be found out there. In course of time, we hope, you will attain higher distinctions by filling a seast in the highest Court in the Island. You will be an ornament there, I will finish tress remarks of mine in the words of farewell to a friend by the late Metropolitan of India.

"Would that we could see you sail under un-

a friend by the fate Metropolitan of India.

"Would that we could see you sail under unclouded skies, but since that in God's inscrutable
wisdom may not be, we pray that prosperous
winds may waft your bark to healthful regions
and heavens of peace, and that many years may
lie before you with your children beside you and
why should I not say your children's childrenyears of prosperity, plenty and peace".

#### DR. PIERIS IN REPLY SAID.

Mr. Vannissingham, I thank you very heartily for the warm words of farewell which you have been so good as to address me on behalf of this large gainering of lawyers. Time has come when I am on my trail. It is very gratifying that your verdict is not unfavourable. We have worked to gether for the last 3 years, and the nett result is not unsatisfactory. It is difficult to say how much of this result could have been achieved but for the hearty co-operation of the members of the Bar.

I have presided over almost all the District Jourts of the Island, and of all the Bars over which I have presided this is the largest. There we those among you who have elected to remain see, who would have gained a far higher merk in the history of the Colony, had you remained in Colombo, and who have sacrificed a great deal because you telt that your first duty was towards your country.

The other night before a Colombo assembly I decisred that I am a Jaffna Tamil by domicile, and as long as I am here all my interests are those of Jaffna and its people. In certain matters I have not seen things eye to eye with you, and I never hesistated to express my opinion frankly. It would be an evil day when we saw eye to eye in all matters. All of you, gentlemen, have been of the greatest assistance to me. Mr. Vannia singham I knew you when I was 7 years old, and you are my oldest acquaintance among the members of the Bar here, that acquaintance will not weaken so long as we live. It is difficult to make complimentary remarks about you from the bench. You have set an example to the members of the bar, which I am very pleased to find that meny of the members are glad to adopt. Gentlemen, I can assure you that you could nardly have a better leader than Mr. Vanniasingham.

#### As TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COURT.

With these officers I am in intimate touch. I cannot speak too highly of them. I have always entertained a high opinion of the extraordinary intellectual capacity of the people of Jafina, and the officers of this Court are a fine example of that capacity. This is a Court where every officer and every lawyer belong to the same race, all different from mine, and the bulk of them possess that wonderful intellectual capacitys.

To the Scoretary I owe a great deal. Without him, I could not have coped with the work of this heavy Court. I lead all the responsibility of the office on him, and I never found that my confidence had been misplaced.

ence had been misplaced.

I am going to a pince where there is a deal of work, and responsibility and I am told I will have to deal with commercial and mercantile cases involving lakins of rupees. I really do not know wheal, it makes much difference whether the quable is ever 10, lakes of rupees or a point of the Taccay six and. I do not know whether I will ever come tack or whether I shall be relegated to the obsentity of a Kachcheri where so many are annious to see me. But you may be aure that the 3 years I have spent here will be aure that the 3 years I have spent here will be across with it is a large place in my networy. There may be differences in small matters between your rage and mine, but my great hope is that the

Tamils and the Sinhalese will join hands in promoting the general interest and welfare of our common country. Gentlemen, I thank you once again for your kindness and I wish you good bye and God speed.

In the afternoon, prior to the departure of the judge from the Station, the members of the Bar held a farewell "At Horne" in his honour which was attended by almost all the members of the Bar and the prominent members of the public, and the chief officials including the Government

and the chief officials including the Government Agont. He was seen off at the Railway Station by the leading officials and members of the Bar.—Cor.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Meeting held on the 26th ultimo.)

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FRITTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. Ramanathan presented a memorial from certain land owners in Rugam, Braur, & Akkrapattu Divisions in the Batticalos District. They begged that His Excellency might be pleased to issue instructions to the Government Agent to hold meetings of proprietors, at least for the division in which the memorialita' lands were situated. They were owners of irrigation rule formed under the Irrigation Ordinance. They say statt they suffer great hard hips owing to the operation of the rule now in force. In order to improve matters now irrigation rules had been made but they were not satisfactory. The Government Agent of the Eastern Province was now taking stops to draft now rules without convening a meeting of proprietors and they view this course with regest. They request that the Government Agent summon a meeting of the proprietors for the purpose of artiving at a number of workable rules with the advice of men who understand local conditions. Many meetings of land owners in different centres emphatically entored a protest against the forming of new rules without consulting them. The plea that the Government Agent gave teas a representative misjority of tand owners could not be brought together was not true as the large meetings proved. That was an important patition and be had no doubt that His Excellency would give his attention to it.

The Attorney-General move the first reading of

#### THEFTS OF TEA.

"An ordinance to prevent theirs of Tea."

The Attorney-General explained the provisions of the bill at some langth. He said that the bill was based upon the legislation already in force in the Colony for the prevention of thefts of cases and rubber, but its application was limited in the first instance to persons who had any apparatus by which tea was subjected to any actful process. Those persons were described as tea manufacturers. It was thought that, it those manufacturers were compelled to keep a record of their transations, it would be possible to exercise a certain casels on small holders who used their holdings as a cover lot thefts of tea. a cover for thefts of tea

The Treasurer seconded—carried.

#### ESTATE DUTIES.

The Hon. Mr. Bernard Senior moved the second reading of "An Ordinance to provide for the Collection of Estate Duties."

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The Treasurer's Explanation.

In moving the second reading of the bill the Hon. Mr. Senior said:—I wish Sir, to correct a misapprahension in regard to the objects of the taxation to be imposed by this bill. A misapprehension appears to exist that the objects of the bill are to make good to Government any loss of revenue which might accrue through the reduction of the export day in rubber. This is not the case, Sir. In your Excellency's address of the 13th November there were other considerations and Your Excellency stated that the whole financial position of the Colody needed review. Your Excellency further pointed out that some item of taxation which Government had proposed were to be of a permanent nature and some of a temporary nature.

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Excellency further pointed out that some item of taxasion which Government had proposed were to be of a permanent nature and some of a temporary nature.

It is with the financial position and the need of funds for this Colony that I now wish to deal. The accounts for the year 1917-1918 have now been closed and I am in a position so give actual figures which are far more satisfactory than the approximase figures upon which this Council has histerio deals. The revenus for the Colony for the year was Rs. 63 933,629, or Rs. 130,371 less than was estimated. The expenditure was Rs. 64,044,549 or Rs. 491067 less than was estimated. The expenditure exceeded the revenue by Rs. 1,010,920. This is the deficit, Sir, on the year's working and the amount by which the last year's surplus was met. The surplus now is Rs. 37,120,571 as against Rs. 38,181, 492 of last year. This, I, tannk Sir, is an opportune moment to remove the mistaken ideas as regards the nature of our surplus funds and the amounts which are available. All the figures are now correct. Our surplus funds are not in the nature of reserve imids. It is merely a figures representing the difference between the assests and liabilities. It is certainly not a figure available for expenditure. Nobody would contend that the difference between the assests and liabilities in a Company's balance sheet was the amount available for embarking on new business. I want to impress on Hoa. Members that the amount available for embarking on me when the amount available for embarking on me when the amount available is an amount immediately realizable. It is not ear-marked or required for other purposes.

Our cash assets are necessarilly much larger than they are in normal times. But there is a reason for that. A large portion of these cash assets on and all other necessaries during the war. But owing to the work of the cash assets in roand figures. On the 30 h September the cash used to get any of those articles. The consequence was thus the money had so to devoted for she legitimate

keep sufficient funds to meet my liabilities. Now if hon members will look at the balance sheet of the Colony, they will see that at least 4 millions of my labilities are represented by Trust Eunda, deposits and similar sums. Now I might be called upon at ady momens to pay sums out of these funds. The consequence is that I must keep a certain amount against these liabilities. A portion of this money is certainly available, but only that portion which is not required for other purposes; and that Sir, only provided the revenue of the current year keeps up to its proper standard. The next item is each with Crown Agents. That was 7½ millions. As I before explained this is always kept in London for the payment of our debts in England. On the first of February that sum had been reduced to 6½ millions, which practically speaking is five mouths' supply in normal times; and in these times it will probably not last five months. When that sum is exceeded I have to double the local balance sheet here and send home more. It is, therefore, obvious that none of these sums.

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Mr. Senior: —None of the sums in the hards of

the Crown Agants.

Mr. Senior, continuing said:—The cash in the
Bank of Magras is 2½ millions. This credit, Bir,
was originally placed in India to evert a serious
crisis owing to the dislocation of exchange between India and Ceylon. Rice and curry stoff
sellers could not get their money to India wh
the result was had not been able to get our rice
and carry stoffs over here. Government came to
the rescule and lodged a credit in India and allowed approved traders to draw upon that credit there.
As traders pay their money into the bank here
my bank bills in Colombo are increased whereas
the bills in Madras are decreased. It is simply
the revolution of the equicel in the cage. Money
comes back, but the difficulty is to get that money
back again to India. That I can only do through
Londou. Incidentally, by putting that money in
to India through London we are at the same time
assisting the copra trade. The hon, the first LowCountry Sinhalese Member suggested that these
sums were in reality available now as the crisis
was past. But if he will consult the bankers I
think ne will find that this is not the case. It
was only a few days ago that the Agant of the
Bank of Madras came to me and begged of me to
replenish the balances in Madras for the simple
r and that, if we close the balance, the position
to day will be exactly what it was when the rice
r sis occurred. In these circumstances we cannot say that those sums are available.

Mr. Rangenshap here asked his Excellence.

#### A QUESTION.

Mr. Ramanathan here asked his Excellency's emission to ask a question.

permission to ask a question.

His Excellency said:—The hon, member will do that when he is replying or making remarks upon the Treasurer's epech and the Treasurer will then he able to answer any points.

Mr. Ramanathan:—That will de, Sir. Thank

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Mr. Sonior, continuing his remarks, said:—With regard to investments, Sir, if we consolidate now probably we shall lose heavily. At any rate we shall bertainly having consolidated our investments, lose the income. It will be a doubtful bonefit. I hope now I have made it perfectly clear to from. members that the only sums really available for expenditure on additional services are those sums which are in the Treasury and in the Banks in Colombo, which are not required for other purposes. I wish particularly, Sir, to draw attention to a statement in made by the Houther Caylonese Member, in which he said that the Financial Advisers of Government had thought that there would be a deficit in the part year of mearly Rs. 6,000,000. I am sure I never thought so, and I am perfectly certain I never and zo and I do not know any declared statement which et forth those views. I think very probably the hon. member has mixed up the past and persent financial years. The statement which he probably referred to was the message of His Excellency the Officer administrating the Government on the 17th July, on the draft estimate of 1918—1919 in which the decrease for the part year in Castoms and Railway were anticipated at 4 million and 2 million respectively. That makes 6 million, On the 24th of July I put the prospective deficits at about I † million. My expectations were not far wrong. They amounted exactly to Rs. 1,010,920. I think, Sir, it is a pity that such inconsiderate statements are used in support of a case for non-taxation. They may not mislaad hon, members of this Council and the public. The Government has also been accused, Sir, of underestimating its revenue. Last year it was certainly not under-estimated. It was over-estimated by a sum of Rs. 1,030,371 and that I consider is a much more recious crime. It is perhaps unfortunate that this particular year was chosen as an example of inaccurate estimate has been 7 per cent. I submit that p

struction is going to be (air. Ramansanan).—Rear, hear.)

Wages, freight, materials, machinery, tools, in fact everything has rised considerably in price as in England, and I see no chance of any decrease in the cost in the near future. It is on these prices, Sir, that we have to frame our estimate. Your Excellency at the last meeting of this Council gave us some examples of what the rice in price are, I myself have recently been studying the prices of imported building materials and I find that on a average they cost now 24 times more than they did before the war. If we allow for the local materials used here, which has not risen so much in price, we can certisity say that every building we put up is going to cost us double. As the first instalment of reconstruction

the General Manager of Reilways is seking for 2½ millions, the Chief Construction Engineer wants a million, the Director of Public Works wants another 2½ million. These are only the precursors of requisitions to come from practically every department in the service. It is impressible to easy what the cost is going to be. I do not wish to labour that point; but I do wish to make it periodly clear to Hon. Members of this house that our correct revenue even if to it is supplemented by all our available surplus funds will not be sufficient to make this expenditure. This brings me to progressive works which for similar reasons will cost a great deal more than they did in pre-war days. I listened with considerable interest at the eat meet ug to the speech of my hon. Yield the first Tamil member in which he pr orward claims for increased railway facilities. It at least is for progress in the Colony, I am glad to say. The Colony is elamouring for increased facilities in education and agriculture, roads, bridges, railways and every kind of services. It admitted on all sides, and your Excellency has seen it, that it this Colony is become self supporting in the matter of it food applies considerable expenditure is require on agriculture. Now, where is that money come from if not from texation? Y sak he member to consider this question well berothey definitely decide upon a policy in direct v position to this bill merely because at its a meast of taxation. Burks in his "Ref ctions on French Revolution" tells us that the revenue the state is the state in effect. All depends up it wanther for support of reformation. Bot support and reformation are demanded in Falona the strip in our progresses or remains at not dig so without the necessary funds. As whether the Colony progresses or remains at not dig so without the necessary funds. As whether the Colony progresses or remains at not dig so without the necessary funds. As whether the Colony progresses or remains a less would be a distinctly reforded. It is supported to the fil

The Attorney General in seconding the metion for the second reading of the bill said:—I do no propose to follow may how friend the Treasure into the regions of high finance in which he moved so easily and so forcibly, Mine would be the simpler and humbler task of dealing with the policy of this bill in its legal forms.

he peaker then gave a detailed exposition of

#### CORRESPONDENC

CHIDAMPARAM CHARITIES AND MISMANAGEMENT.

Sir,
"Out of the frying pan into the fire." Such

"Out of the frying pan into the fire." Such the case with these charties.

In former days a handful of high souled met and women in different parts of Jaffaa endowed these charties and appointed Thampirans to look after them. By and by, in course of time corruption got into this management. But what ever changes took piace, and however corrupted descendants of the donors, the Thampiran had always to render account to his superiors at Chidamparam and the trustees at Jaffaa. So long as matters stood in this state, the public were quite satisfied. I for one, have no claim whatever to any of these chartites. When I attempt to make suggestions I have nothing but common good to back me. The Thampiran has every right to occupy the same position. But he should rander account to the descendants of the donors. The Thampiran was a mere public servant just as the Maniagar of a division is. No satisfied man would allow him to hold this effice unless the accounts are made known to the public. There is only one way to administer the affairs of these charities, so as to satisfy everybody. A lot of money is being spent in hitigation. The Government slone is to be blamed for this. Every Maniagar should be instructed to find out the descendants of the donors in his division and call upon them to form a sort of a Sabal. This Sabal should elect its own president and office bearers. The president and office bearers should hold office for a period of 3 or 5 years as the Sabal may decide.

No one should be a member of this Sabai unless he or some of his forefathers donated a piece of

it ignified the result be no more diamagns and not all. There will be no more of the olden type under the process we stem, and for such a state of things our lenders will have to clame them closs.

A Passiva Sympathises.

#### TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

### The War.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, Feb. 25.

The French torpedo-beat "Oriflamons" has caped awo German etenners, navigating in the
altic without authoriestion. They are now on
a way to Dunkirk.

GERMANY. London, Feb. 24. GERMANY.

London, Feb. 24.

Lopenhagen.—A telegram from 'tarlambe say a lass of stege has been proclain if throughous ten owing to the grave disturbate as at Manna A proclaimation says the dashurbances at a history and the Government is determined to prevent and the Government is determined to prevent breaks in Backen like that in the Ruhr Preside, and and the Government is determined to prevent breaks in Backen like that in the Ruhr Preside, and a new Socialist Ministry is being formed to be three representatives, of the workers, soland, and peasants will be attached in an advisory selty. It is declared that the Diet will be manned as soon as possible and the present tary forces will be disbanded and suppressed of mers of the Teade Unions and Poasants gue. The Weimat correspondent of the mehinter Exturing has interviewed the Ministry Lefting, has interviewed the Ministry of the Sparisclet troops in the Ruhr region id shortly be broken. Intervention was neaced in the Duchy of Sare Coborg Gotha which declared War on the Empire. It was not included to send troops to Bayeria, A telegram from hich says the Minister, Herr Auer, was still son Saturday, but his condition is critical.

London, Feb. 25, is reported from Zurich that the strike at hich has ended, but every workman today was blied with a rifle and 20 catridges.

IRELAND.

IRELAND. London, Feb. 24 London, Feb. 24.
delphia.—At the Convention of the Irish
America Cardinal Gibbons submitted a
m. carling on the President and the Conunge the Peace Conference to grant selfnation to Ireland.

#### NEW AEROPLANE ENGINE.

is.—Doctor Batean has invented a new same engine, based on the principle of the m. It is designed to produce 30,000 revolutionally and the produce abstitudes to sined, and flights from Paris to Algiers in ours, Constantinople in eight and Cairo in

#### BOLSHEVISM FOR INDIA AND CHINA.

"Figure 1" special cable, dated Loudou Feb. 1, says:—According to the "Daily Chronicle's" says:—According to the "Daily Chronicle's" says correspondent, the Boviet Government of sia is now concentrating on the propagation inevism in China and India. His informants, tives from Moscow, declare that M. Louin's tives be simple to the second apathetic Russian people are not an tive instrument to bring about the triumph of Solehevik doctrine throughout the world. The excited that the second in the second that the second the Russian Red Guards howing increasing signs of disaffection. A call Chinese Propaganda Department, under a amon, has been establish. Moscow and it a readily lucriating stream of Chinese licers pouring through Torkestan in Chinese Propaganda Department, under a man has been establish. Moscow and a a tesdily increasing stream of Chinese sers pouring through Torkestan into Russia, opegandite are instructed to spread the in China that M. Lenin is a re incarnation guis Khan, come to lead the Asian Conditionary. Another special department at winder the management of the Hindu Raissin directs the propaganda in India. The wilks claim to have established scoret relativity hochean and declare that the natural the Soviet Republic is the oppressed prolem in India and China, which regards the Boltman and China, which regards the Boltman and the soviet Republic is the dependent of the places any woman, whatever her rank, see married or single, at the disposal of any can on his paying one shilling for three states.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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London, Feb. 25.

Weshington.—In the Senate, Mr. Lewis, Democratic Whip, maintained that the League of Nations did not contravene the Monroe dectrine. He said the orposition in Congress was inspired by personal and pelitical antagonism to Dr. Wilson. Beelying to the assertion that Great Britain and the Domnions could not vote the United States, Mr. Lewis poloted out that there were eleven American Republies, and the United States with Courtral and South America would cutvet the Europeans by 9 to 5 if each of the British Colories had a vote. Mr. Lewis deplored the suggestion of the dishonourable consideration of the European nations, pointing out that every action of the Allies proved the faisity of this fear.

—The Times of Coulon.

#### Notice.

Applications for the post of Superint-endept of Works, Local Beard, Jaffna, will be received by the Chairman up to the 15th March, 1919. Applicants should possess a good knowledge of surveying and levelling, plan drawing, building con-struction, taking out quantities, and esti-mating, and road maintenance. Salary 1ts. 1200/- per annum rising to Rs. 1500/-by annual increments of Rs. 50/- with a transport allowance of Rs. 25/- per mensem.

Jaffon, 28th Feb., 1919.

В. Новысвен, Chairman, L. B.

Local B and Office,

NOTICE.

#### Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3778.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Supper Vallipuram of Kollakurichchi in Poonakari

Deceased.

Annaledehumi widow of Valliguram of Kollakurichehi in Poonakari

Va.

1. Ilaiyatampi Ramalingam of Kolla-kurishany in Poonakari

2. Achchimuttu daughter of Vallipuram of Do.

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of Do.
3. Vallipuram Nadarsna of Do.
4. Ponnauma daughter of Vallipuram of Do.
5. Vallipuram Bionatural of Do.
6. Vallipuram Ponnatural of Do.
7. Meenadehi daughter of Vallipurant of Do. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Respondents are minora by their Guardian ad litem the 1st Respondent

Respondents.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Annaledchumi widow of Vallipuram of Kollakurichcky in Poonakari, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Supper Vallipuram of Kollakurichchy in Poonakari, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on February 18, 1919, in the presence of Mr. R. R. Nallish, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 18, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is cuttled 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 March 18, 1919, show sufficient canse to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. H. Vanniasinkam, February 19, 1919.

### Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testar intary Jurisdiction No. 3734. In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vaitiyalingapattar Tharumalingapattar of Vannarpannai East

Deceased.

Kuppaimuttupattar Kandiahpattar of Vannar-pannai East

Vs.
1. Chinnammah widow of Tharumalingapattar
2. Valliammai daughter of Tharumalingapattar and
3. Thaiyalampal daughter of Tharumalingapattar all of Vannarpannai East. The 2nd and 3rd Respondents are minora by their Guardianal litem the 1st Respondents.

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This matter of the Petition of Kuppaimuttupattar Kandinhpattar of Vannarpannai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Valtiyalingapattar Tharumaingapattar of Vannarpannai East, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on February 8, 1919, in the presence of Mr. K. Ardaubalam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated December 3, 1918, having been read; it is declared that the Petitioner is the uncle 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 March 4, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Eshreary 10, 1919.

February 10, 1919.

### Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3741.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Muhijideen Nachchia wife of Kader Usan Pakeer Meyadeen of Vannarpannai West Deceased.

Kader Usan Pakeer Meyadeen of Vannar-pannal West

Vs.

1. Kader Sahib Bawa Sahib of Vanuarpamai Wesi
2. Pakeer Meyadeen Sahul Hameedu of Do.
3. Kader Usan Abdul Rahuman of Do.

Respondents.

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Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Kader Usan
Pakeer Moyadeeu of Vannarpannai West, praying
for Letters of Administration to the estate of
the abovenamed deceased, Muhiyideen Nachchia
wife of Eader Usan Pakeer Meyadeen, coming
on for disposal before P. E. Pieria, Doctor of
Letters, District Judge, on February 18, 1919, in
the presence of Mr. K. Arulambalam, Proctor,
on the part of the Petitioner; ard the affidavit of
the Petitioner, dated December 2, 1918, having
bean read: It is declared that the Petitioner is
the widower of the said intertate and is entitled to
have Letters of Administration to the estate of
the said intestate lasued to him unless the Hespondents or any other person shall, son or before
March 11, 1919, show sufficient cause to the
satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
P. E. Pieria,

February 15, 1010.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge,

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