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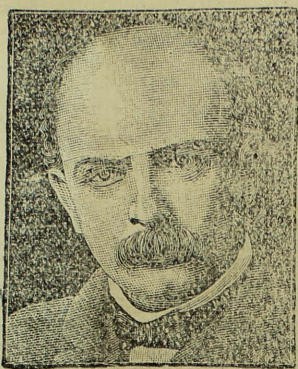
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3841.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Arumugatan Pandary of Meesalai North Deceased.

Manikkan Kanapathy of Thavalaiyattalai Petitioner.

Vs.

- Minors
1. Kanthan Chinattampy and
 2. wife Seethy of Thavalaiyattalai
 3. Chinnaachy daughter of Manikkan Kanapathy of Do.
 4. Podunky daughter of Manikkan Kanapathy of Do. appearing by their Guardian *ad litem* the 1st Respondent
- Minors
5. Chinammah daughter of Chuppan Ampalavan of Do.
 6. Chitnan daughter of Chuppan Ampalavan of Do. appearing by their Guardian *ad litem* the 7th Respondent
7. Chuppan Ampalavan of Do.
 8. Manikkan Kanthan of Navatkadu
 9. Velan Chinnan and wife
 10. Chinnan of Meesalai North
 11. Chinnappodian Vally of Thavalaiyattalai
- Minors
12. Ammah daughter of Vally Sinnappodian of Do.
 13. Chinnappodian Kunchan of Do.
 14. Kunchy daughter of Vally Chinnappodian of Do. appearing by their Guardian *ad litem* the 15th Respondent
 15. Chinnaddy widow of Vally Chinnappodian of Do.
 16. Vaddan Vally and
 17. wife Ammah of Thavalaiyattalai
 18. Velan Vally and wife
 19. Alvy of Meesalai North
 20. Velan Vaddan and wife
 21. Amuthy of Thunnalai South
 22. Velan Kahiran of Meesalai North, appearing by his Guardian *ad litem* the 23rd Respondent
 23. Karthy widow of Karthan Velan of Do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Manikkan Kanapathy of Thavalaiyattalai, praying for Let-
 of Administration to the estate of the above-named
 deceased, Arumugatan Pandary, coming on for
 disposal before Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai,
 Acting District Judge, on April 29, 1919, in the
 presence of Mr. C. R. Tambiah, Proctor, on the
 part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the
 Petitioner, dated February 13, 1919, having been
 read: It is declared that the Petitioner is an
 heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have
 Letters of Administration to the estate of the
 said intestate issued to him unless the Respon-
 dents or any other person shall, on or before
 June 5, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satis-
 faction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai,
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JAFFNA, THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1919.

A HINDU EDUCATIONAL FUND
AND THE UTILISATION OF
CHIDAMBARAM MADALAYA
TRUST PROPERTIES IN JAFFNA.

The establishment of a Hindu Educa-
 tional Fund for starting new Hindu
 Schools for Hindu children in Jaffna has
 long remained in abeyance. The work can
 no longer be neglected without great detri-
 ment to the vital interests of our
 community. We believe there is no
 other religious community in Ceylon, or
 in any civilized country in the world,
 where such a large proportion of the
 children belonging to that community is
 allowed to receive its education in schools
 established by other religionists whose
 primary object is to proselytise these
 children. After the introduction of com-
 pulsory education, especially, the
 conduct of the Hindu Community of
 Jaffna and of Batticaloa in not esta-
 blishing sufficient number of schools
 of their own in every town and village,
 for the education of their children, has
 been most culpable. From a schedule of
 Educational institutions which were re-
 gistered under the Rural Schools' Ordinance
 of 1907, when the Ordinance was
 proclaimed for the first time to operate
 in Jaffna, in July 1917, we find that out
 of a total of 299 schools in the District
 only 58 are Hindu Schools. All the rest
 were the schools of proselytising Mis-
 sions, composed as follows:—American
 Mission 113, Roman Catholic 60, Church
 Mission 35 and Wesleyan 33—total 241.
 Now, according to the last census, 88 per
 cent of the population of Jaffna are Hin-
 dus, and if the same percentage is to be
 kept in the number of schools also, the
 Hindus should have about 263 schools
 for the education of their children in
 their own national and religious lines,
 instead of the meagre 58 which they had
 in 1917. There is no ground to suppose
 that this striking disproportion between
 Hindu and Mission schools in Jaffna
 would have appreciably altered in
 favour of the Hindus within the last two
 years.

If every Hindu child of school-going
 age in Jaffna is to be rescued from the
 proselytising influence of Mission schools,
 and educated in Hindu schools where our
 most cherished religious and national
 ideals will be respected and fostered, and
 will not be reviled and destroyed, then
 the Hindu Community must now make
 a determined effort to start and carry on
 about 200 new schools in this District.
 In order to make the work effective in
 collecting a Fund for this purpose, it is
 essential that we should adopt the
 most modern methods of organising and
 canvassing. First of all, an educational
 survey of the District should be made.
 There are 254 villages in the Jaffna Dis-
 trict. Every Hindu village where the
 children are not provided with Hindu
 Schools for their education should be
 marked out. The Hindus of these vil-
 lages should be approached and remind-
 ed of their responsibility to maintain
 their national self-respect, and to take

proper care of the religious education
 of their children. If the work is syste-
 matically organized it will not be diffi-
 cult to influence the leading Hindus in
 some of the villages to find the means for
 starting a local Hindu school. In all
 villages where this may not be practicable,
 the promise of a financial subsidy from
 the central Hindu Educational Fund can-
 not fail to influence the villagers to start
 a school for their children.

How then shall we devise a plan to
 succeed in establishing a central Hindu
 Educational Trust for Jaffna? The
 wisest course will be to conserve and
 safeguard what our ancestors have be-
 queathed to us in the form of religious
 trust properties, rather than seek to col-
 lect new funds. We have in several
 previous articles, in these columns, urged
 on the attention of our Hindu country-
 men, the great advantage to be derived
 by bringing the vast properties in Jaffna
 belonging to the Chidambaram Madalaya
 charities, under proper management. Al-
 most all these properties are now mis-
 managed or are not managed under proper
 authority. We will not be far wrong in
 saying that not even 25 per cent of their
 income is now recovered by the present
 managers. If a central body of trustees
 composed of leading, educated, and public
 spirited Saivites were to be constituted
 in Jaffna, and if the management of all
 these Madam properties were to be taken
 up by this body and conducted in right
 lines, the revenues from these properties
 will be enormously increased. We will
 then have funds enough to place the
 existing Madams, as well as the custom-
 ary religious and temple services at
 Chidambaram, on a more prosperous
 footing, and, in addition, have a big sur-
 plus fund that will be quite ample to
 afford help for the religious education of
 Hindu children and also of the Hindu
 Priesthood in Jaffna.

If the old managers, whose inefficiency
 or incompetency they themselves can-
 not deny, refuse to acknowledge the
 authority of the new body created for the
 good of the Hindu Community, there
 are sections in the new Trusts Ordinance
 under which these managers
 may be removed by an order of the
 District Court, and the trust properties
 vested on a new body which can com-
 mand the confidence of the Court, and
 which will act in the interests of the
 Hindu public. It is estimated that all
 the Madam trust properties in Jaffna,
 when placed under efficient management,
 can be made to yield an annual rental of
 about Rs. 25,000. As we have stated
 above, not even one-fourth of this amount
 is now realised. Two thousand rupees
 a month is a modest estimate of the sum
 we can have for religious education alone,
 after fully meeting all the expenses for
 the proper upkeep of the Madams as well
 as the customary religious and temple ser-
 vices. In the new Trusts Ordinance also
 there is a clause which empowers Trust-
 ees of such religious Charities to devote
 a portion of the funds at their disposal
 to educational objects. It cannot be rightly
 maintained that the starting of Saivite
 Tamil Schools or Saiva Priests' classes are
 alien to the objects of the founders of these
 trusts. Madams among Hindus, like the
 monasteries of medieval Europe, are in-
 stitutions primarily intended for the
 propagation of religious education. There
 is no greater religious want of the Hindu
 Community than the rescuing of the
 vast majority of its children from pro-
 selytising educational institutions and
 providing them with schools of their own.
 When we are confronted on every side
 with opposing religious bodies well orga-
 nized and well supplied with funds, daily
 depleting our ranks and drawing con-
 verts from our fold, there can be no
 higher religious service which a Hindu
 can perform to his co-religionists than to
 supply them the means to defend his reli-
 gion and national ideals of life from losing
 ground among them.

A good opportunity has now been cre-
 ated to effect reforms in the management
 of one of the wealthiest Madams in Jaf-
 na. The Thampiran of Sivapuri Ma-
 dam died recently, and it is reported
 that there is going to be litigation about
 his successor. This Madam owns exten-
 sive properties in Jaffna and India esti-
 mated to yield a rental of about Rs. 6,000
 annually. This was grossly mismanaged
 in the past, as many of our readers may
 know. Here is just the opportunity and the
 immediate incentive to elect and consti-
 tute the new body of trustees we referred
 to above. If prompt action is taken in
 the matter by the leading men of the
 community, these vast properties may be
 placed under good management and a
 large sum of money saved for Saiva reli-
 gious education. Another wealthy insti-
 tution of this type—the Punnianachy

Madam Trust—which had long remained
 without a Management, has been, with
 the generous financial aid of a few leading
 Hindu gentlemen, now placed under the
 management of a body of Trustees elected
 by the Hindu Public, conforming to the
 provisions of the new Trusts Ordinance.
 How these Trustees succeeded in winning
 a case instituted against one who was
 long in wrongful possession of the Trust
 properties, may be known to our readers.
 The success achieved in the Punnia-
 nachy Madam case should stimulate
 the Hindu Community to make further
 efforts in this direction, so that the
 management of all the Madam properties
 in Jaffna may be amalgamated and
 brought under the control of a central
 body. It is then alone that the sacred
 cause of Hindu Swarajya in Religious
 Education will be won and the present
 necessity of Hindu children having to
 attend the schools of the proselytising
 Missions will be removed.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE WEATHER.—Refreshing showers of
 rain fell in all parts of the District on Mon-
 day and Tuesday last. Since the beginning of
 this year we have had rains almost every
 month which is quite unusual for this part
 of the Island.

THE GOVERNMENT AGENT.—Mr. B. Con-
 stantine, our Government Agent, left on
 circuit to the Mullaitivu District on Sunday
 last, accompanied by the Chief Mufti-
 yer. From Mullaitivu he goes to Colombo on the
 9th proximo, returning here in the course of
 that week.

THE RICKSHAW COOLIES STRIKE.—The
 rickshaw coolies strike last week created a
 mild sensation in the town. The coolies
 petitioned the Government Agent that some
 Police Constables demanded from each, 5 cts.
 for keeping their rickshaws at the Railway
 Station. Some of these who were on strike
 are reported to have assaulted those who did
 not join them. Of the eleven men charged,
 one was fined Rs. 15, seven were fined Rs. 10
 and three were fined Rs. 5. They were also
 bound over to keep the peace for three
 months. The rickshaw coolies resumed
 work on Friday. It is stated that the Police
 authorities have filed a case against some
 rickshaw coolies for sending a false petition
 to the Government Agent.

TOMORROW'S TEMPERANCE MEETING.—We
 have to remind our readers of the Temperance
 meeting which will be held tomorrow
 at the Central College Hall at 4.30 p. m.
 an announcement about which was published
 in our last issue. We cannot too strongly
 emphasize on the importance of the meeting
 and the Local Option work that may be
 inaugurated therein. There are some critics
 in our midst who constantly urge that pub-
 lic spirit is now at a low ebb in Jaffna.
 Let us hope tomorrow's demonstration will
 disprove it, and that every one will dis-
 charge his civic duty to attend such a meet-
 ing and promote the public welfare.

NOTARIAL TRANSFER.—We are glad to know
 that Mr. T. Sabapathippillai of Allaveddy,
 Notary public, who was transferred from
 Mannar to Chivateru some months ago, has
 now been transferred to Tellipallai with
 jurisdiction over the Division of Vallikamam
 North including his native village Allaveddy,
 under a fresh warrant which His Excellency
 has been pleased to grant.

Y. M. H. A. CENTRAL.—The annual general
 meeting of this association will be held at 6
 p. m. on Saturday the 14th proximo at the
 Association Hall.

THE BAR COUNCIL AND THE BENCH.—At a
 meeting of the Bar Council on the 25th
 instant, the reply of the Government was
 considered on the subject of the claims of
 the Bar to the District Court Bench of Col-
 ombo. It was resolved to memorialize the
 Secretary of State for a definite and final
 ruling on the point in dispute. The object
 of the Bar is to get the ordinary reservation
 of the right of the authorities to appoint a
 Civilian to this Bench removed, and the rights
 of the Bar established without any exception.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—The work in
 connection with the University College build-
 ing will commence shortly, a vote of Rs. 60,
 000 having been set aside for the purpose.
 This vote, it is expected, will carry the work
 through till the end of September when the
 vote will be renewed. Tenders will be called
 for in the course of next week.

—Ceylon Daily News.

NEW ISLANDS DISCOVERED.—The Principal
 Port Officer, Colombo, has received the fol-
 lowing telegram from the Rangoon Govern-
 ment:—The Master of the "Lama" reports
 that two islands have appeared in Lat. 19° 00'
 N. Long. 93° 24' 1/2" E. about
 20 feet high, with water breaking all round
 them and discoloured water well to south-
 west of both. The island furthest north is
 in two parts and seems to be washing away.

SIR SANKARAN NAIR'S RESIGNATION.—Hon.
 Sir Sankaran Nair, Member of the Viceroy's
 Executive Council, is reported to have re-
 signed his membership in consequence of
 his disagreement with the policy followed in
 dealing with the situation in the Punjab.

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—“Strait Times” May 10th 1919.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE PEACE TREATY.

London, May 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to the request of Mr. D. Macmaster [Chertsey, Coalition U.] that the Peace terms be published in full, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the heads of the big European Peace, for undecipherable reasons, considered this undesirable. A similar course was being adopted in the Allied Parliaments. This decision equally applied to the financial clauses relating to Reparation. The heads of the Governments would reconsider the subject after May 22nd.

Berlin, May 18.—The *Allgemeine Zeitung* publishes an article by a delegate, Herr Giesberts, who returned from Versailles yesterday. Giesberts says no Government can sign the treaty with the conviction that it can be carried out. The German workers, who are accustomed to the fighting, will not submit to the yoke of slavery.

Paris.—The *Temps* learns from Berlin that Herr Noke, in the course of a statement, said it impossible for any Government to force any people to observe the Peace terms which would mean ruin for every individual. The only solution possible was a League of nations for common work, based on mutual interest. The *Temps* correspondent predicts a Government crisis.

Copenhagen.—According to "Vorwärts," in the course of a speech the Socialist leader, Herr Bernstein, declared that the extraordinarily hard Peace terms were not dictated solely by passion or hatred, but were justified by the mistrust of German policy. Bernstein said the breach with the past could have been carried out more consciously. He criticised the choice of Rantzau as chief German Delegate. He admitted that the devastations were due to Germany's faults and the fulfilment of the demands in this connection would make good what Germany had commiserated. He deprecated the present violent speeches asked why it was that the people were not that the Alliance-Lorraine Diet and also the women's Associations in many towns had passed resolutions before the Revolution in favour of peace with France. He urged that the spirit of 14th should not be rekindled.

The "Tagblatt" states:—Count Morgels and Professor Delbrück have gone to Versailles to participate in the deliberations as regards the Commission on Guilt.

Paris.—Count Rantzau and Herren Landsberg and Giesberts have returned here, accompanied by General Von Hecht, Military expert, Herr Wasermann, Director of the Reichsbank, and 40 others, including a number of additional Military and Naval experts.

Berlin.—Count Rantzau has handed M. Clemenceau a Note, protesting against the article in the Peace Treaty providing for the expulsion of German Missions from Allied territories.

In the Commons, replying to Col. J. C. Wedgwood, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, stated that Government had not received any request from the Persian Government to lay its claims before the Peace Conference. The Persian Government sent an envoy to Paris, who had sought admission to the Conference. The acceptance or refusal of his application was a matter for the Conference itself and hitherto the envoy had not been admitted, although Persia was invited to accede to the League of Nations Covenant.

RUSSIA.

London, May 19.

Copenhagen.—An Estonian *communiqué* says the Estonian Army is continuously advancing on a hundred kilometre front between Narva and Gdov and has reached the river Huga, 120 kilometres West of Petrograd. A Russian Division under Estonian command recaptured the town of Gdov, taking 2,500 prisoners and much War material.

Renter learns that the head of the British Military Mission at Ekaterinodar has telegraphed to the War Office stating that General Denikin is personally conducting the operations against Tseretia. 10,000 prisoners, 28 guns and 120 machine guns have already been captured.

A Russian *Official communiqué* dated May 16th, states that Bolshevik troops occupied Olonetz in the Gulf of Finland. The enemy, protected by warships, have landed a detachment near the village of Kervolovo, near the mouth of the river Louga.

Helsingfors.—A Bolshevik cruiser two torpedo-boats and a number of mine-sweepers left Kronstadt at six o'clock in the morning. Simultaneously Bolshevik batteries at Kraevskijagorcka shelled the Finnish coast in the vicinity of Iao. British warships met and fired on the Bolshevik fleet. After a 55 minutes' battle the Bolsheviks fled to Kronstadt. It is reported that one Bolshevik ship was sunk and other grounded.

Helsingfors.—It appears that the Bolsheviks' squadron from Kronstadt consisted of an armoured cruiser, two large torpedo-boats and three mine-layers. Learning of the squadron coming out and the bombardment of the Finnish coast, a British squadron consisting of three or four warships immediately steamed up and engaged the Bolsheviks in the Eastern part of the Gulf of Finland at 10.15 in the morning. The Bolshevik ships were completely outraged, none of their shots reaching the British. The Bolsheviks broke off the engagement at 10.50 and fled to the cover of the Kronstadt guns. There is no confirmation of the report of the sinking and stranding of the Bolshevik ships.

Replying to Col. J. C. Wedgwood [Newcastle, under Lyons Co. U.] Capt. the Hon. F. E. Gosset stated that as the Bolsheviks were already employing poison gas on the Northern Front, preparations were being made to retaliate. (Cheers) Every precaution was being taken to protect our troops against the Soviets' inhuman methods.

London, May 20.

Renter learns that the Allies are rendering General Denikin most valuable assistance in South Russia. Britain is completely equipping a quarter of a million men with arms and guns, and the first consignment has already arrived.

Copenhagen.—A telegram from Warsaw states that the Poles have captured Nkolavk and forced a crossing of the Dnieper. The enemy is fleeing precipitately.

CHINA.

London, May 19.

Shanghai, May 18.—The organized boycott which is being started against Japan is reported to have extended to a large number of cities inland.

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

London, May 19.

New York.—The crew of N. O. 1 were picked up by the "Ionian" after tossing in the sea on the damaged plane for five hours. The men were fatigued and sea sick. The plane is almost a total wreck and will not participate further. Commander Bellinger, in the course of an interview, stated he was the last away from Trepansey and was guided by the smoke, searchlights and starshells from destroyers. He did not meet any trouble until he encountered the fog at 11.10 on Saturday morning, when he alighted on the water.

EGYPT.

London, May 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir John D. Rees (Nottingham E., Coalition U.) Capt. the Hon. F. E. Gosset stated that no information whatever had been received that British or Colonial or Indian troops were guilty of mistreatment of Egyptians. General Allenby reported a Press campaign thereat, evidently worked up by agitators, probably with the object of assisting the Egyptian Nationalist campaign in Paris. It is also reported that the troops showed praiseworthy restraint, often under the greatest provocation. This is confirmed by foreign and native witnesses. To anyone knowing the British and Colonial troops and the standards of discipline of Indian units, the suggestion, that they mistreat women, is manifestly absurd. (Cheers) Replying to Capt. the Hon. W. G. A. Omsby Gore (Safford, Coalition U.) Capt. the Hon. F. E. Gosset stated that the Home Secretary had had his attention drawn to a circular sent to all Members of Parliament, alleging mistreatment of Egyptian women.

BIG SUEZ CANAL STRIKE.

London, May 19.

Port Said, May 15.—The employees of the Suez Canal Company struck on May 13th for an increase of pay and reduction of hours. A sympathetic general strike was declared yesterday by all trades directly and indirectly concerned in the Canal traffic. A Lloyd's telegram from Port Said, dated May 15th, states that the coal heavers and engineers, including the Canal Company's men, have struck, causing detention of steamers.

BRITISH WAR COST.

London, May 20.

In the Commons at question time Mr. Chamberlain stated that the net cost of the War to the United Kingdom to March 31st was about £6,700,000,000 sterling.

CANADA.

London, May 20.

Renter is authorized to announce that the Prince of Wales will visit Canada this year. It is expected that he will leave England in August and will formally open the new Parliament buildings at Ottawa.

AUSTRIA.

London, May 20.

Paris.—The Austrian Peace terms will be practically the same lines as the German. It is expected that they will be presented early next week. The Allied reply to Count Rantzau's Note regarding the responsibility for the War and Reparation has been handed to Count Rantzau. It draws attention to the impossibility of dissociating responsibility and reparation; therefore, as reparation is admitted, responsibility is involved. It points out that the Germans did not object to Mr. Lansing's note of 5th November, containing the indictment of German aggression, and emphasizes that the German people cannot renounce responsibility for the actions of the former German Government.

AFGHANISTAN.

Calcutta, May 23.

The following press *communiqué* has been issued:—

Further overtures for the cessation of hostilities have been received. On 21st May, Sardar Abdul Rahman, Afghan envoy lately in India, arrived in Dacca, having sent a letter ahead to the General Officer Commanding the British troops, in which he stated that he had been deputed by the Amir to commence negotiations. He begged for an interview and the cessation of hostilities. As Sardar was armed with no credentials whatever, there is nothing to show that this renewal of overtures is not another ruse to gain time and the Sardar has been conducted across the Frontier, furnished with a written message to the effect that the Amir must first prove his sincerity by action. Meanwhile there is no intention of slackening the military preparations.

Calcutta, May 24.

A Press *communiqué* states:—Our aeroplanes have effectively bombed the troops in Peshawar and Kohi. Aerial reconnaissances which have been carried out report no important movements of enemy troops West of Dacca. The morale of the Afghans in Jelalabad area is stated to be deteriorating. Their supply shortage still appears to be acute, and the difficulty of bringing up provisions does not admit of rations being issued to any but their regular troops. A rumour is current that a change has been made in the Afghan Chief Command. General Nadir Khan is reported to have arrived at Mator in Kohat. His dilatory movements and vacillating policy are not creating a favourable impression. There is no change in the situation at Peshawar or on other parts of the Kurram border. In general the tribal situation may be described as more settled. An Afghan Peace deputation is announced to have arrived at Peshawar on Friday.

AFGHANISTAN AND BOLSHEVISM.

Calcutta, May 18.

Simla, May 24.—The following Press *communiqué* has been issued by the Foreign Office:—Fresh evidence of Bolshevik sympathies of the present regime in Afghanistan is afforded by a striking wireless message transmitted to Moscow by Bolsheviks at Tashkent on 20th May, announcing the receipt of two letters from Kabul, dated 7th April, addressed to the President of the Russian Republic. In one the Amir declared that Russia, by raising the standard of Bolshevism, had earned the gratitude of the whole world and offered the honoured President of the Russian Republic the

friendly greeting of his friend, Aminulla. In the other letter Mahmud Tarsi, the Amir's Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, expressed the hope that permanent friendly relations between the Bolsheviks and Afghanistan would now be established. The cynicism with which Bolshevism is prepared to turn the most sacred material to its own base uses is evidenced by another wireless message, transmitted almost simultaneously, from Tashkent. It emanates from Bravene, who had been entrusted with the Bolshevik propaganda in the East and is addressed to the Eastern propaganda bureau. It asks that Bankatulla (the renegade Indian, whose seditious activities during the War are now notorious) should be pressed to finish his promised pamphlet on Bolshevism in the Koran and to despatch 100,000 printed copies in Persian, Hindustani and Arabic by special couriers.

Calcutta, May 26.

Simla, May 25.—A Press *communiqué* says:—No further operations are reported from Dacca front. Our aeroplanes have successfully bombed munition factories at Kabul, on which seven hits were secured. A large explosion followed. A second raid on Jelalabad has also proved effective. Several Military buildings were damaged and were seen to be on fire. A tribal lashkar in the Jandus Valley was attacked by our aeroplanes and is reported to have scattered Northwards. The Bolshevik wireless in Russian Turkistan continues to give interesting glimpses into the new regime in Afghanistan. On 22nd May Jutogh Station picked up a message emanating apparently from Rasht and addressed all Eastern stations, which announced the remarkable news that, according to official advices from Kabul, Afghanistan is endeavouring to rally the mountain tribes of the frontier with a view to securing an exit to the sea and of gaining possession of the port of Karachi.

Allahabad, May 23.—The special correspondent of the "Pioneer," telegraphing early on Thursday morning states there has been no fighting for the last two days. Both Dacca and Snahkadar are quiet, though movements of small enemy bands are reported. According to the statement of a man who was in Batekot on the night of the attack on Dacca, the enemy's troops are disorganised and dependent. On Saturday night three regiments broke up and disappeared. Afghan transport is in disorder and the enemy appears to think it useless to fight against the British. Our observations have proved the value of howitzers in the present operations, as compared with mountain batteries. The howitzers cleared the enemy from the hills with high explosive shells in a remarkable manner, breaking his formations, accelerating his flight in disorder and inflicting heavy casualties. This innovation in mountain warfare promises to have far-reaching results.—"M. Mail."

—The Ceylon Observer.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3921.

Class I.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chellamma wife of Meppanar Sinnappu of Mailiddy Deceased.

Kanapattipillai Nammasivayam of Mailiddy South Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Manikkam wife of Nammasivayam of Mailiddy South and
2. Meppanar Sinnappu of Do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kanapattipillai Nammasivayam of Mailiddy South, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased, Chellamma wife of Meppanar Sinnappu, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, on May 1, 1919, in the presence of Mr. R. R. Nalliah, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated April 28, 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 June 29, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai,

May 13, 1919.

District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3864.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vairamuttu Venasiamby of Vannarpannai East Deceased.

Vairamuttu Sivasamboo of Vannarpannai East Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Vairamuttu Sithamparsanathar of Vannarpannai East
2. Vairamuttu Subramaniam alias Chellappah of Do, presently of Thiruvalluvar in India

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Vairamuttu Sivasamboo of Vannarpannai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased, Vairamuttu Venasiamby of Vannarpannai East, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, on March 10, 1919, in the presence of Mr. V. Manikkavasagar, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 5, 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 June 10, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai,

May 10, 1919.

District Judge.

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Tholpuram, V. NAGALINGAM.
21st May, 1919.

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