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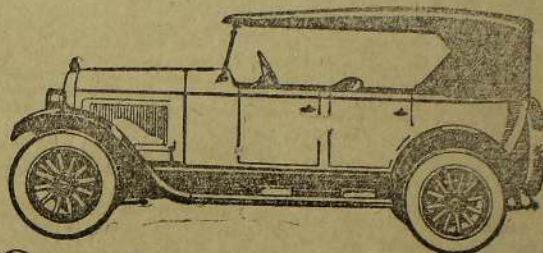
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JAFFNA, MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1927.

PROHIBITIONISTS AND
ANTI-
PROHIBITIONISTS IN JAFFNA.

THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN JAFFNA Esplanade on last Saturday, to support Total Prohibition will be long remembered as one which has vindicated the honour of Jaffna and has laid the foundation for its prosperity. It is an unmistakable expression of the general public opinion in its favour. Ever since the publication of the report of the Excise Commission to introduce a scheme of restricted Prohibition for Jaffna, a party of anti prohibitionists composed mostly of some residents of Pettah have been very active to misrepresent the attitude of the Jaffna public in the matter of Prohibition. The anti-prohibitionists in Jaffna represent a class of people who have been cut adrift from their ancient national moorings. To them offering drink in their houses to visitors is an etiquette of civilised life; revelry and dance are regarded as the characteristics of civilisation. Prohibition means, to these gentlemen, limitation of opportunities for civilised enjoyment. They wanted a leader to lead them in the campaign against Prohibition. They found that leader in Dr. Isaac Tambyah who after his return from F. M. S. has taken the orders of the Church of England. Dr. Tambyah had been away from Jaffna for more than fifteen years. During this period much water had flowed under the bridge. The Jaffna of 1927 is different from the Jaffna of 1910. The country has witnessed vast changes in the character and outlook of the people. But time has wrought little change in Dr. Tambyah. He has remained the same old gentleman. Perhaps he has launched himself into public activities before he has sufficiently studied the thoughts and ideas of the present day. If people have refused to follow him it is not because they disliked his personality but because they have found that by a singular misfortune he has been associated with wrong or unpopular causes. Even his very close associates have disowned his leadership. The unhappy termination of the efforts of the anti prohibitionists to hold their meeting on last Saturday is a lesson to all who venture to defy public opinion and to meddle with public affairs in order to promote class or sectional interest.

But on the other hand the public meeting presided over by Mr. S. Kandayya, Proctor, S. C., at the same time and place is not only an unqualified success but a great triumph to Mr. J. K. Channamugam and his co-workers in the cause of Prohibition. The report of the Excise Commission which according to the Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam embodies a sweet compromise had been rightly condemned by some speakers at the public meeting. The report is really an attempt to compromise with an admitted evil. It is a disguised method to reintroduce, though in a restricted form, licensed drinking against which the people at the various local option polls have distinctively given their verdict. We are afraid that this compromise so far from promoting Total Prohibition may ultimately end in its defeat. In our opinion it is better to adhere to the resolution of the Hon. Mr. T. M. Sabaratnam than to the compromise agreed upon at the meeting of the Excise Commission.

Prohibition is not a leap in the dark.

amply demonstrated by experience. We have the examples of England and America to follow. In speaking of the unprecedented prosperity that followed Prohibition in America, the "Statesman" of Calcutta says the following.

"It is, to say the least," says the Anglo Indian paper, "a remarkable coincidence that the tremendous boom in industry and in the amenities of life which has lifted the United States to a special level of prosperity, dates roughly from the passing of the Eighteenth Amendment to the American Constitution. It is also an interesting fact that this process eventually was predicted by the advocates of prohibition. They maintained that when it was no longer possible for the working man to spend his earnings on liquor he would begin to save in spite of himself. They went on to predict that his home would immediately become more comfortable and therefore more attractive, that he would become a considerate buyer of most commodities not excepting motor cars, that he would even invest in a capitalist on a smaller or a larger scale, holding stock in the company which employed him as well as in other companies, and that he would rise generally in the social scale. All these prophecies have apparently come true."

Further the same paper quotes in support the experience of Mr. H. K. Hales who spent several weeks in America and who is reported to have said:—

"I did not see one man the worse for drink. I walked the streets all hours of the day and night and never once was accosted by any woman night prowler so common in the streets of England and the continent. The saloon has disappeared entirely, and so far as the outward appearance of the streets in New York is concerned a wonderful transformation has been made since prohibition has been enforced."

If Prohibition has been a blessing to America need we fear that in Jaffna where the people are opposed to drink by habit and religious persuasion, it will not be productive of immense benefit to them?

There is another section whom the prohibitionists have to contend with. This is the section which supports swadeshi drink. They are the advocates of unlicensed toddy drinking in Jaffna. This section represents the spirit of the old Koravan in the Tamil epic *Jivaka Chinthamani*.

"கனகசுந்தரேசு நன்றாக முன்னிதி கொண்டு
நின்றாய் பிறந்த திவ்வனியினியை யொழி
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டுன்னெனக் கவிட்டால்
ஏனை யெம் முட்டிய வாட்ட வெவன் பி
றைத்துக் கொன்னெனருள்."

Toddy is a demoralising drink. It stupifies the mind and enervates the body. The victim of toddy generally becomes lazy, dull and incapable of any noble endeavour. The present writer knows very well of an island where toddy is regarded as a food of the people. Here in this island a visitor is forced to realise how the chronic habit of toddy drinking has brought about degeneracy among the people. The people are dull and they lack energy and enterprise. If the Jaffna Tamil by his native industry has transformed a *Manattidal* into a smiling garden, it is really tragic to see here that a section of the same people has allowed a fruitful island to become a jungle of cactus bush. Some people say that toddy is required in the interest of the working classes. We can tell these well meaning gentlemen that no greater harm can be done to them than the restoration of toddy drink. Temperance work has been undertaken by public spirited citizens not because it is a pastime but because the peace, prosperity and the happiness of the people are bound up with its success. The criminal statistics of Jaffna during the last couple of years bear eloquent testimony to the beneficial work of the Temperance workers.

It is only now that the family of a working man is enjoying prosperity and happiness. In the villages the wives of the working men are now blessing the labours of the Temperance workers. It is now that the wife and children of the working man lead a happy and comfortable life. They have enough to spend and enough to spare. We suggest to any critic of our view to go to the villages and take a few typical families in each village and investigate the income, expenditure and saving of the families of the working men before and after the closure of taverns. He will readily realise what a blessing it is that toddy taverns have been abolished. Reintroduction of toddy will only convert Jaffna into a country of toddy drinkers. We wish that the advocates of toddy will carefully consider the question before they identify themselves with this agitation.

A Timely Prohibition.

TRANSPORT OF ARRACK OR TODDY. Last Friday's Gazette notifies that H. E. the Governor in Executive Council has been pleased to prohibit the transport of arrack or toddy from the Mullaitivu District into the Jaffna District.

JAFFNA
RE AFFIRMS
TOTAL PROHIBITION.
PROTEST MEETING ABANDONED.

Thirsty Bacchanalians' Timely Retreat.

SEEK SHELTER BEHIND COUNCILLORS.

The much advertised meeting to protest against the recommendations of the Excise Commission dated February 26, 1927, which was to be held in the Ridgeway Hall, Jaffna, at 4 p. m. on Saturday the 26th inst. was abandoned at the eleventh hour. The notice cancelling the meeting was issued over the signature of Mr. T. R. Nalliah on behalf of the conveners (not all).

There was ample room for the people to suspect the genuineness of all notices issued in connection with the above meeting as the date of print and the name of the press was conspicuously absent in all of them. In spite of the cancellation notice (a copy of which appears below) issued by Mr. T. R. Nalliah, Principals of some of the leading College Teachers, Lawyers, Merchants, Government Officers and the general public mustered strong at the appointed hour in the lawn adjoining the Ridgeway Hall. The large gathering numbering several hundreds being anxious to express the general opinion of the country as regards prohibition and the recommendations of the Excise Commission, it was decided by the majority of those present to hold a meeting then and there. Thereupon Mr. M. Sabaratnasinghe B.A., Head Master, Jaffna Hindu College, proposed Mr. S. Kandayya, Proctor S. C., to be the Chairman of the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. S. Channamugam, Proctor S. C., Mr. J. K. Channamugam, B.A., Acting Principal, Jaffna Central College, was elected Secretary pro tem.

WIRE PULLER'S EJACULATION.

Mr. Kandayya explained to the meeting the situation created by the abandoned meeting and the conversation he had with Dr. Isaac Tambyah the previous day when he was clearly made to understand by Dr. Tambyah that he (Dr. Tambyah) was in favour of total prohibition but he consented to preside as he was pressed by his friends. Mr. J. H. P. Wijeratnam, who was one of the conveners of the abandoned meeting and who happened to be present at this meeting with some of his co-conveners was heard ejaculating "Mr. Kandayya, it is a lie". But neither the Chairman nor the audience took the slightest notice of this interjection. Mr. Kandayya in the course of his speech explained how his signature was obtained to the draft notice and how it materially differed from the printed notice circulated. He also exhorted the Temperance Workers and the audience to keep on agitating till total prohibition of all liquors be introduced in the country. In his concluding remarks he deprecated the tactics adopted by the promoters of the abandoned meeting to misrepresent the public opinion in Jaffna.

Trincomalee News.

Trinco. March 21.

PERSONAL:—Mr. V. Kandiah, Chief Epitheary, was entertained at Dinner by his numerous friends at Ours View, Trincomalee, on the eve of his departure from Trincomalee, consequent on his appointment to Kappitiya. Mr. O. Arumugam, Registrar of Lands presided. Mr. P. Ernest, Sanitary Inspector, proposed the toast of the guest. Mr. Kandiah replied feelingly.

—Mr. O. Arumugam, Registrar of Lands, Trincomalee District and Head Clerk, Asst. Provincial Registrars Office, Trincomalee has been appointed Chief Clerk, Court of Requests and Police Court, Avissawella. At a gathering of the Probors, Notaries and Registrars of Marriages, Births and Deaths of the District, Mr. Arumugam, was entertained to a Garden Party. Light refreshments were served and all those who were present sat for a group photograph with Mr. Arumugam as the central figure.

MINERAL SAND NEAR TRINCOMALEE:—Palmoddai is another village of interest in the Trincomalee District. It is almost midway between Mullaitivu and Trincomalee and inhabited largely by Muslims. Mr. J. R. Walter, Asst. Govt. Agent, accompanied by Mr. M. Ruelah, Vanniyar of the Division and Mr. K. Somasundram, Kaabohari Mudaliyar has already left for the place where it is expected, he will be met by the Mineralogist to examine the sand at Palmoddai in order to find out if it contains mineral properties.

OBITUARY:—There occurred last week the death of Mr. Ramalingam of Vinnarponnai, popularly known as Aanthar Chelliah at Fort Frederick, at the residence of his son, Mr. R. Aanthar, Chief Clerk, Accounts Branch, Irrigation Department.

Among the other speakers were Messrs. V. B. Karigagan, S. M. Aboobucker, C. A. Niles, C. O. Somasundaram (Proctor) who were among the signatories to the draft notice and who subsequently withdrew their support as published in the columns of the "Hindu Organ." Messrs. T. A. Thuraiappah, Head Master, Mahajana School, Talipallai; O. Arumugam, Advocate and Editor, "Ceylon Patriot", K. Thambayipillai Head Master, Victoria Institute, K. L. Mupur; V. Gopipillai J. P.; G. G. Mudaliar A. Naganathan J. P.; U. P. M.; and Pandit Marina Thiruganah.

A PLEADER FOR TDDY.

All the speakers except Mr. Arumugam were for the introduction of total prohibition. They said that the use of liquor under certain restrictions would lead to further troubles and increase smuggling. Illicit arrack traffic from Mullaitivu and Pullankulam and that of foreign liquor from Colombo were there to confirm their statements. Mr. Arumugam, who is himself a total abstemious and an ardent supporter of temperance, said that from the start he was advocating for temperance through the medium of his paper, the "Ceylon Patriot". But often he had been pleading for fresh palm-leaf toddy since he was made to believe that it was beneficial as a antidote for some particular ailments. Though the speaker maintained a faithful pleading for fresh palm-leaf toddy and that too on hearsay, yet he advocated for total prohibition. He admitted that after the abolition of the taverns, crime had decreased enormously.

RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. K. Channamugam and was seconded by Mr. Sabaratnasinghe. It was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

"The public meeting assembled today is of opinion that the recommendations made by the Excise Commission are not so far-reaching as to satisfy Public opinion in Jaffna—as they provide for the use of liquor though under some restrictions and therefore protests against the recommendations made by the Commission; but resolves that the Government be asked to introduce for Jaffna and the Islands Total Prohibition of all kinds of liquor, foreign and indigenous, except they be for medicinal, sacramental and industrial uses."

With a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting came to an end. The vast gathering dispersed having expressed its full satisfaction that a unanimous decision has been arrived at as regards Prohibition.

Postponement Notice.

Issued on the day of meeting over the signature of Mr. T. R. Nalliah, Advocate, on behalf of the conveners (not all).

The conveners of today's Public Meeting having been invited by Hon. Mr. W. Dornswamy to a conference with the Legislative Councilors to consider the Excise Commission's recommendations the Public Meeting is postponed sine die.

Use of Liquor Hastens Murder.

BROTHER CHOPS SISTER'S HEAD.

LAPSE PATIENT'S LAST ENTREATY.

A certain woman at Calicut in West India was said to be suffering from leprosy. After very many fruitless attempts to get herself cured of this dreadful disease she finally decided to put an end to her life. But she was morally afraid of committing suicide. So she spoke to her only brother and offered him Rs. 50/- in case he consented to kill her and free her of the dreadful disease. The brother heeded not the silly request of his sister. Time often she pressed her brother but it was of no avail. So one day she gave her brother some money and besought him to have a good drink of toddy. The man not realising the sequel danger he would be put into, went and had a hearty drink. After the lapse of a few hours he returned home. The woman who was anxiously waiting for the inevitable hour handed her brother a katty and asked him to cut off her head.—The man, not knowing what he was doing, cut his sister and severed the head from the trunk. Thus a few ounces worth of liquor has caused a brother to murder his only sister.

Mahatma's Auto-Biography.

"WASTE OF TIME" AT CONGRESS.

The following are two further instalments of Mahatma's auto-biography as appearing in "Young India" of the past two weeks:-

There were yet two days for the Congress session to begin. I had made up my mind to offer my services at the Congress office and gain some experience. So as soon as I had finished the daily ablutions on arrival at Calcutta, I proceeded to the Congress office.

Babu Bhupendranath Basu and Mr. Ghoshal were the Secretaries. I went to Bhupen Basu and offered my services. He looked at me and said: 'I have no work, but possibly Mr. Ghoshal might have something to give you. Please go to him.' So I went to him. He scanned me and said with a smile: 'I can give you only clerical work. Will you do it?'

'Certainly,' said I. 'I am here to do everything that is not beyond my capacity.'

RIGHT SPIRIT FOR YOUNG MAN.

'That is the right spirit, young man,' he said. Addressing the volunteers who surrounded him, he said: 'Do you hear what this young man says?' Then turning to me he proceeded: 'Well then, here is a heap of letters for disposal. Take that chair and begin. As you see, hundreds of people come to see me. What am I to do? Am I to meet them, or am I to answer these busy bodies inundating me with letters? I have no clerks to whom I could entrust this work. Most of these letters have nothing in them but you will please see them. Acknowledge those that need a considered reply.'

I was delighted at the confidence reposed in me. Mr. Ghoshal did not know me when he gave me the work. Only later did he enquire about my credentials.

I found my work very easy—the disposal of that heap of correspondence. I was done with it in no time and Mr. Ghoshal was very glad. He was talkative. He would talk away for hours together. When he learnt something from me about my history, he felt rather sorry to have given me clerical work. But I reassured him.

'Please don't worry. What am I before you? You have grown gray in the service of the Congress and are as an elder to me. I am but an inexperienced youth. You have put me under a debt of obligation by entrusting me with this work. For I went to do Congress work, and you have given me the rare opportunity of understanding the details. To tell you the truth,' said Mr. Ghoshal, 'that is the proper spirit. But young men of my day do not realize it. Of course I have known the Congress since its birth. In fact I may claim a certain share with Mr. Home in bringing the Congress into being.'

And thus we became fairly good friends. He insisted on my having my lunch with him.

BUTTONING MR. GHOSHAL'S SHIRT.

Mr. Ghoshal used to get his shirt buttoned by his bearer. I volunteered to do the bearer's duty, and I loved to do it, as my regard for elders was always great. When he came to know this, he did not mind my doing little acts of personal service for him. In fact he was delighted, asking me to button his shirt. He was always some work to do. Mr. Ghoshal's naivete amused me, but did not create any dislike in me for service of that nature. It is simply impossible to calculate the benefit I had from this service.

In a few days I came to know the working of the Congress. I met most of the leaders. I observed the movements of stalwarts like Gokhale and Surendranath. I also noticed the huge waste of time there. I observed too, with sorrow even then, the prominent place that the English language occupied in our affairs. There was little regard for economy of energy. More than one did the work of one, and many an important thing was no one's business at all.

Critical as my mind was in observing these things, there was enough charity in me, and so I always thought that it might be after all impossible to do better in the circumstances, and that saved me from undervaluing any work.

8. AFRICA RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS.

In the Congress at last. The immense pavilion and the volunteers in stately array, as also the elders seated on the dais, overwhelmed me. I wondered where I should be in that vast assemblage.

The presidential address was a book by itself. To read it from cover to cover was out of the question. Only a few passages were therefore read.

After this came the election of the Subjects Committee. Gokhale took me to the Committee meetings.

Sir Pherozshah had of course agreed to admit my resolution, but I was wondering who would put it before the Subjects Committee and when. For there were lengthy speeches to every resolution, and all in English to boot. And every resolution had some well known leader to back it. Mine was but a feeble pipe amongst those veteran drums, and as the night was closing in, my heart was beating fast. The resolutions coming at the fag-end were, so far as I can recollect, rushed through at aeroplane speed. Every one was hurrying to go. It was 11 o'clock. I had not the courage to speak. I had already met Gokhale who had looked at my resolution. So I drew near his chair and whispered to him: 'Please do something for me.' He said: 'Your resolution is not out of my mind. You see the way they are rushing through the resolutions. But I will not allow yours to be passed over.'

MAHATMA'S RESOLUTION TAKEN IN.

'So we have done!' said Sir Pherozshah Mehta. 'No, no, there is still the resolution on South Africa. Mr. Gandhi has long been waiting,' cried out Gokhale.

'Have you seen the resolution?' asked Sir Pherozshah.

'Of course.'

'Do you like it?'

'It is quite good.'

'Well then, let us have it, Gandhi.'

I read it trembling.

Gokhale supported it.

'Unanimously passed,' cried out every one. 'You will have five minutes to speak to it, Gandhi,' said Mr. Wacha.

The procedure was far from pleasing to me. No one had troubled to understand the resolution, everyone was in hurry to go, and because Gokhale had seen the resolution, it was not thought necessary for the rest to see it or understand it!

Continued up.

The Tamil Union, Wellawatte.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

A meeting of the Committee of the above Union was held at the Wesleyan Mission School, Parnakadda Road, Wellawatte on Wednesday the 16th instant at 6.30 p.m. when Mr. R. Sri Pathmanathan, President of the Union presided and others present were: Madaiyar N. N. Thimotharan, Messrs J. N. Vethavannam, E. Rasiah, T. Tolagoraj, S. Ponnappah and S. R. Sathasevan (Hon. Secretary). Minutes of the two previous meetings held on 22nd January and 9th February last were read and confirmed. The various resolutions passed at the Nonpolitical Conference held under the auspices of the Union on the 12th and 13th February last were adopted.

A list of gentlemen who took an active part in the Conference was mentioned and it was unanimously resolved that in recognition of the co-operation and the valuable services rendered by them, the Union keep on record its deep sense of gratitude and the Secretary was instructed to convey individually the sense of the house suitably embodied in a letter.

The Press who published the proceedings of the Conference, especially those who commented editorially were accorded a vote of thanks and also the other supporters including those with liberal donations towards the expenses of the Conference.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This was considered and the meeting directed the Secretary to call the Annual Meeting at an early date.

REVISION OF RULES.

For this purpose Messrs: R. Sri Pathmanathan, J. N. Vethavannam, E. Rasiah and the Secretary were appointed a Sub-committee to go into the necessary amendments to be submitted at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY SCHEME.

This subject was further deferred till the next election of the Committee.

PLACE OF MEETING.

After discussion, it was decided that suitable arrangements be made with the school authorities as at present and the Secretary was authorized to do the needful.

Continued.

The morning found me worrying about my speech. What was I to speak in five minutes? I had prepared myself fairly well, but the words would not come to me. I had decided not to read my speech but to speak 'ex tempore'. But the facility to speak that I had acquired in South Africa seemed to have left me for the moment.

STOOD WITH A BULGING HEAD.

As soon as it was time for my resolution Sir Dinshaw called out my name. I stood up. My head was reeling. I read the resolution somehow. Some one had printed and distributed amongst delegates copies of his poem in praise of foreign emigration. I read the poem and referred to the grievances of the settlers in South Africa. Just at this moment Sir Dinshaw rang the bell. I was sure I had not yet spoken for five minutes. I did not know that the bell was rung in order to warn me to finish in two minutes more. I had heard others speak for half an hour or three quarters of an hour and yet no bell was rung for them. I felt hurt and sat down no sooner than the bell was rung. But my childlike intellect thought that the poem contained an answer to Sir Pherozshah. There was no question about the passing of the resolution. In those days there was hardly any difference between visitors and delegates. Every one raised his hands and all resolutions passed unanimously. My resolutions also passed likewise and so lost all its importance for me. And yet the very fact that it was passed by the Congress was enough to delight my heart. The knowledge that the Impresario of the Congress meant that of the whole country was enough to delight any one.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6361.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Mathavar Murgesa of Tholpuram who died at Klang in the F. M. S.

Deceased.

Umayar Mathavar of Tholpuram

Petitioner.

Vs.

Minors. (1. Murgesa Kandiah of Tholpuram
(2. Murgesa Vethivel of do
(3. Murgesa Sinnasamy of do
(4. Pattinipillai widow of Mathavar Murgesa of Tholpuram.

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian *ad litem* over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that Letters of Administration be granted to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on February 24, 1927, in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors, for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 16, 1927, having been read; it is ordered that the 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian *ad litem* over the minors and that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner unless the above-named Respondents or any others shall on or before March 29, 1927 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 2, 1927.

G. W. Woodhouse,

District Judge.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6378.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Sthamparapillai Kanapathipillai of Vaddukoddai West

Deceased.

Ponnascheli widow of Sthamparapillai Kanapathipillai of Vaddukoddai West

Petitioner.

Vs.

Minors. (1. Bathmanah daughter of S. Kanapathipillai of do
(2. Sivapackiam daughter of S. Kanapathipillai of do
(3. Kanapathipillai Selvadurai of do

Guardian *ad litem* 4. Arumugam Sthamparapillai of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian *ad litem* over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that Letters of Administration be granted to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna, on February 16, 1927 in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 15, 1927 having been read.

It is ordered that the above-named 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian *ad litem* over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents for the purposes of this case.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner be entitled as the lawful widow of the deceased to Administer his estate and that each Letter be issued to her accordingly unless the above-named Respondents or any other person shall on or before March 31, 1927 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 28, 1927.

G. W. Woodhouse,

District Judge.

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