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## Order Nisi.

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6575.

In the matter of the estate of the late Amgala Muthalithamby of Neervely.

Deceased.

Foum widow of Amgala Muthalithamby of Neervely.

Petitioner.

Minor: (1) Mathalithamby Namavivayam

Mathalithamby Parapalem

(2) Kavinather Kanapakkipilli all of Neervely the 1st and 2nd Respondents are minors appearing by their Guardian ad litem the 3rd Respondent.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner aforesaid praying for Letters of Administration to the assets of the aforesaid deceased Amgala Muthalithamby of Neervely be issued to her son(s) on for disposal before James Joseph Bequie, District Judge, of Jaffna on November 20, 1928, in the presence of Mr. K. Eshinayagam, Precitor, on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is hereby ordered and decreed that the Petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled as the widow of the deceased to have such Letters of Administration issued to her unless the Respondents aforesaid or any other person, shall on or before December 11, 1928, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. H. S. 20.11.28.

James Joseph,

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## IN COUNCIL,

THE DEBATE ON THE REFORMS AFTER dragging on its weary length for a number of weeks came to an end on Friday last. The motions discussed last week being of a less controversial nature had been passed without much opposition.

The recommendations of the Commission to provide safeguards in the new Constitution for the Public Services is the most reactionary of their proposals. The Legislative Council has enjoyed the right of over expenditure from its very inception.

Grant of elected majority this has become a great instrument for... When necessary it can be effectively used to compel Public servants, whether civil or non-civil, to carry out the will of the Legislative Council. The vote of confidence passed on the administration, including five rupees from the salary of Colonial Secretary as the head of the Civil Service showed what vast powers were possessed by the Council in this matter.

If the proposal of the Commission to make the Secretary of State for the Colonies the final arbiter in all matters affecting the pay, allowances, pensions, prospects, and conditions of service of Public Officers should be given effect to, the Council will not only be deprived of a valued right but it will make the administration of the country independent of the Legislature.

The salaries of Public Officers amount to nearly fifty million rupees a year. It is but right that the Council which finds money for their salaries should have the final control over them.

The substantial majority by which the motion of Mr. Kannangara disapproving the proposed safeguards of the Commissioners and declaring that the discipline and control of each Department should be in charge of the Minister of such Department has been accepted,

an indication that there is hardly any difference of opinion in the country regarding this question.

The appointment of an independent Salaries Commission from England is one of the proposals of the Commissioners to encourage recruitment and to secure contentment among the Public Services.

Such a Commission is now unnecessary in view of the fact that a Select Committee of the Legislative Council has already been appointed to consider the question of the salaries.

The portion of the report dealing with the salaries etc. of Public Servants not graded under the Civil List has already been published. The salaries of the rest of the Services will be considered and reported upon within a few months.

Even if such a Commission is necessary it should be appointed not by the Secretary of State but by the Council and the tactical unanimity with which Mr. Duraiswamy's motion disapproving the appointment of an independent Commission has been accepted, will we hope, make the Secretary of State reject this proposal of the Commissioners.

The decision of the Council to discontinue the title of "The Honourable" in the new Constitution should be welcomed. There is no need to retain such distinctions in an enlarged Council of 77, majority of whom will be elected on a very extended franchise. In the Government of India Act of 1919 the title of "The Honourable" has been dropped and the members are only allowed to have the suffix "M. L. A." or "M. L. C." added to their names. There is no reason why a similar provision should not be made in the new Order-in-Council.

Another important motion that was accepted by the Council is the one that was proposed by Mr. Duraiswamy that the present financial and other powers and privileges enjoyed by the Legislative Council of Ceylon should not in any way be abridged or taken away. The only distinction among the Ceylonese Unofficials to this sensible and necessary motion

was the representative of the Western Province Tamil constituency. The fits of vigilant sleep to which at times this member falls a victim prevent him from viewing public questions in their true perspective.

We are glad to note that the motion of Mr. Subramaniam and the amendment of Mr. Tambimuttu that the population of 50,000 basis should not be the minimum limit in the rearrangement and redistribution of the territorial electoral areas has obtained the approval of the Council. According to this resolution all the revenue districts even though their population is less than 50,000 will each be entitled to return a member. Furthermore South Batticaloa where there is a homogeneous Muslim population of between 80,000 and 40,000 also will have a seat. If the resolution should be given effect to the Tamils need not fear that their provinces will be under-represented in the new Council.

## LOCAL &amp; GENERAL.

WEATHER.—Heavy showers are coming down daily to the utter disgust of man, beast, and, to some extent, of plant.

OFFICIAL.—Mr. R. Chintamani, Chief Clerk, Jaffna Kachcheri, is to be Additional Extra Office Assistant to the Government Agent, N. P., Jaffna, from December 1, 1928 to January 9, 1929.

RAILWAY BLOW TO FUTURE GOVT. SERVANTS.—It is notified that the concession of cheap season tickets allowed to Government clerks and others and children (under 18) of Government Servants to whom this concession has been extended according to General Orders 1925, 1927 and 1928, in Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Jaffna or Kalutara, shall not be extended to those who join the service on and after January, 1929.

PERSONAL.—We understand that Mr. M. Thambinathan of the Federated Malay States Railway Department, Kuala Lumpur, has been appointed as Superintendent, Co-operative Societies Department, F. M. S. & S. S.

A FAREWELL FUNCTION.—Mr. J. K. Chandrasekaran B. A. L. T., Vice-Principal, Jaffna Central College, who has counted 35 years of service, will be retiring on the 5th instant. A farewell function will be held by the staff and students of the College on that date at 4.30 p. m. in the College Quadrangle.

VIVEKANANDA ASHRAMA K'LUMPUR.—A public lecture on "Ancient and Modern Jaffna" was delivered in the Vivekananda Ashrama, Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, the 21st ultimo by Rev. Brother Phillip of Jaffna. —Cor.

REPORT OF THE SALARIES COMMITTEE.—A Select Committee of the Legislative Council was appointed on October 29, 1926 to report on the salaries, allowances and passages of Public Servants not graded in the Civil List. The Committee had been issuing Interim Reports whenever occasion demanded and has issued the Final Report, which is printed and published as Sessional Paper XLVIII of 1925. The price of a copy, obtainable from the Govt Record Office, Colombo, is Rs 7.50.

CALCULATION OF POUND STERLING.—For Customs purposes it is notified that the pound sterling will be calculated at the rate of 1s 6d to rupees (Rs 1 = Rs 13 83) with effect from midnight of November 25/26, 1928, until further orders.

DRAFT ORDINANCE.—Last Friday's Gazette publishes the Draft of an Ordinance to amend the Motor Car Ordinance 1927.

THEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS AT KAJANG.—The Tamils in Kajang had quite an enjoyable time on Theepavali day. The usual sports program included many items for all Tamils and several partook in the sports. Owing to the rain at 4.30 P. M. on Sunday, the sports were continued on the following morning also. Dr. A. Ponniah, D.M.O., Kajang, after making a brief speech on the objects and aims of Theepavali, distributed the prizes to the winners. It was praiseworthy to note that Khaddar also found a place in the sports prizes.—Cor.

## MATRIMONIAL.

## KANDIAH—VADAMALAR.

A pretty wedding according to Hindu rites was solemnised at the residence of Mr. A. M. Vaithilingam, Hospital Assistant, Federated Malay States Railways, the contrasting parties being Mr. Karthigasun Kandiah of Sandilipay North, at present employed as Technical Subordinate, Federated Malay States Railways, and Miss Vadamarai Nagamany of Naranthani, Jaffna. We wish all happiness and prosperity to the new couple. —Cor.

## His Majesty's Illness.

## SLIGHT RISE IN TEMPERATURE

## BUT NOTHING SERIOUS

London, Dec. 1st  
A bulletin issued at 10.30 this morning states that in spite of the fact that the King passed a fair night, there was a slight rise in temperature since day.

His Majesty's general condition changed.

The reference to a slight rise in temperature need not be taken as indicating a serious change. Such a rise is more or less to be expected at the present state.

Times Sunday Illustrated.

## Vivekananda Society, Colombo.

## ARUMUGA NAVALAR GURUPOOJAH.

The celebrations of the Gurupoojah of Sri Arumuga Navalar will take place at the Vivekananda Society, Colombo, on the 2nd and 3rd December, when the following programmes will be gone through presided over by Lady Ramaswami.

SUNDAY.—Morning, Musical Entertainment, Evening, Feeding of the poor, Lectures by the Late History of Arumuga Navalar from 4.30 P. M. to 6 P. M. by Messrs. V. T. Sivagurunathan and M. Basandram.

MONDAY.—5.15 P. M. to 7 P. M. Gurupojah, Thevaram singing composition among the students of the Vivekananda Vidyalayam and Tamil oratorical contest.

Sri L. Sri Ambala Navalas Samanthha Swamigal will also be present on the occasion. —Cor.

## Karainagar Hindu Eng. School.

## OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, MALAYA.

The first general meeting of the Karainagar Hindu English School Old Boys' Association, Malaya, was held at the Tamiland Physical Culture Association Hall, Kuala Lumpur, on Saturday, the 10th November, at 4 P. M. followed by a dinner on the following day at 8.30 P. M.

As the meeting was held during the Public Holidays a large gathering of the Old Boys was expected; but owing to the rainy weather and the Deepavali Festival the meeting was not well attended. Mr. T. Arumugam of the Tutorial Staff of the Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, presided.

The following Office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mr. T. Arumugam, Teacher, Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur; President, Mr. K. Vaithilingam, Chief Accountant's Office, F. M. S. B. Kuala Lumpur Vice-President, Mr. G. Subramaniam, State Engineer's Office, Kuala Lumpur, Secretary; Mr. V. Ramaswami, Surveyor General's Office, Kuala Lumpur, Treasurer; and Messrs. S. Chelvan, V. A. Nagalingam, K. Subramaniam, S. Sivasampu and A. Ponnapalaim, Committee Members.—Cor.

## Another A. R. A. R. S. M. Case.

## CHETTY'S TWO LAST WILLS.

## DISCOVERED 5 YEARS AFTER DEATH.

Before Mr. W. B. de Saram, acting District Judge of Colombo, the case was fixed for trial on the 28th ultmo in which Lady Ramaswami, and Sri Venkambalam Ramaswami, B. O., are suing Mr. B. Emmanuel, Secretary of the Jaffna District Court and Official Administrator of the estate of the late A. R. A. R. S. M. Somasundaram Chetty of Devakottai in South India for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 5,295.

During the course of the hearing the Counsel for the defendant submitted to Court a certified copy of an affidavit of the official assignee in Madras, in the insolvency of "A. R. A. R. S. M.", in which it was stated that two last wills of the late Somasundaram Chetty had been discovered and that he intended to prove the same.

But the plaintiff's Counsel asked the Court not to accept the affidavit. The defendant did not swear that affidavit. It was the affidavit of a third person.

The Judge postponed the case for Thursday last to hear Counsel as to whether trial should not be stayed until the appointment of the executor.

In this connection it will be remembered that the second plaintiff had instituted an action against the same defendant in case No. 18082 for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 15,000. That case was originally fought out by the defendant and plaintiff got judgment both in the District Court and in appeal. The defendant then appealed to the Privy Council but the appeal has been withdrawn.

On Thursday last when the case was called before Mr. L. M. Maartens, the Counsel for the defendant said that his client was obtaining probate in the Madras Courts and would be obtaining probate in the Colombo District Court in respect of the wills of the deceased Chetty and he moved for a month's time when he would be in a position to say whether he would contest the claim or file terms of settlement.

There being no objection the Judge directed that the case be mentioned on January 16th next.

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The Government is unsympathetic, prohibition as the Commissioner concludes, must remain "a Utopian Dream"; and the country must continue to sacrifice body, mind and soul of many a valuable citizen, on the alter of Mammon, till Heaven may be pleased to grant the country Responsible Government.

Jaffna, Nov. 30th 1928. Yours etc., J. K. Chandrasekaran.

## Letter To The Editor.

## 18 PROHIBITION IN JAFFNA A FARCE?

Sir,

Prohibition in Jaffna seems to be a tragic farce! It is the Government of Ceylon that is enacting it. From the evidence gained from the memorandum of the Excise Commissioner, the performers are none but the Government Departments. The success of the farce is due to the failure of duty by certain Departments.

The chief indictment of the Commissioner is against the Government Agent and his headmen. "The minor headmen.....have done nothing.....to report or detect Excise officers, but have connived at their commission and in certain cases helped the illicit tappers." With regard to his own Department, the conduct of the writer deserves admiration. He admits "many persons—particularly subordinate Excise officers.....have exploited the illicit trafficker to an alarming extent.....certain Inspectors have been suspected of deliberately suppressing previous convictions, and avoiding Magistrates whose sentences are likely to be heavy." While he admits that "huge profits of illicit trade enable the dishonest officers to reap a harvest" he mentions mitigating circumstances to palliate offences of bribery and corruption and finally pleads thus. "It is hardly fair to poorly paid officers to expose them to these temptations, and few officers have the moral calibre to stand out against pecuniary inducement." He also speaks of the existence of "Syndicates" which not only declare liberal dividends, but control the prosecutions and fees of our law courts. Their proceedings are well known to the Jaffna public who characterize them as "mystery plays".

The Commissioner has a word of praise for the illicit tappers and bootleggers. According to him "public opinion seems to be on the side of the illicit tappers.....The general public of Jaffna does not regard offences against the Excise law as seriously compromising a man's character or career". He deserves the gratitude of the Jaffna public.

The performance of the farce is due, he says, to the impotence of the Law Department. This is a view that is shared by the temperance workers as well. (1) "Light fines and ineffectual legislation," (2) "My officers have no authority to cut the spathes of trees illicitly tapped" (3) "No person can ever be convicted unless he is caught in the act of tapping," (4) "The Syndicate system provides for the payment of fines, and "this system is encouraged by light fines". (5) "The Excise Department possesses no powers to stop motor vehicles.....to combat smuggling". (6) "Koda manufacturers easily get permits to transport arrack. They sell surplus stocks. They transport arrack several times on the same permit." After these pronouncements by the Excise Commissioner, no temperance worker can be guilty of non-cooperation with the Government. The part that is played by the Customs Department is not overlooked; "I view with considerable alarm the increased activities of smugglers of ganja and opium from India." Even the Railway and Postal Departments come under his slashing criticism. Often the name given (of the smuggler) is a false name; but the subordinate officers of the Railway and Postal Departments help them (smugglers) in obtaining their supplies."

The Jaffna Society, according to the memorandum is rotten to the core. "Liquor at public functions is the order of the day. No private function is complete without liquor. Taking drinks before meals is the hall mark of respectability. Women assist their husbands and brothers.....and are prepared to plead guilty to a charge of illicit sale." What a colossal libel! If a few respectable people drink and if a few women of the lower class help their relatives in illicit tapping and selling as they usually did in the past, a wholesale condemnation of the people, to say the least, is most unwarrantable.

The temperance workers are asked to co-operate with the Government and to educate the people. When the forces of so many Departments of Government are opposed to temperance, as shown in the memorandum, the Jaffna temperance workers should be classed with Bedlam beggars, if they should run on a fool's errand. If any man wants to know the public opinion, let him ask the anti-prohibitionists to re-open the 27 taverns for which they gave due notice to the Government Agent. In the late attempt, they were not able to take to the polls even 5% of the total number of votes registered for the different areas.

As for the education of the people they need no education. They are born sober. Unlike the Western people, they have no inherited thirst for liquor to fight against. What they want is not knowledge, but moral power, to resist temptation when liquor is brought to their doors by the illicit dealers. Even the habitual drinkers helped us to get the taverns closed. They will do it again. As the Commissioner has pointed out, what is wanted is Effective legislation and deterrent punishment. No law is more effective than the one which may lay down that the possession of liquor is a penal offence. The Government to our mind is anxious to prohibit prohibition. Perhaps it fears, if an experiment is made in Jaffna, the success may lead to total prohibition throughout the Island. If (Continued in previous column)

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" K Veerasingham Samutugananda Book Depot Vannarponnai	"	5 00	
" K Elathambu Ayuradhpura	"	2 50	
The Staff Hindu English School Chavakachberi	"	10 00	
Hon. Mr. S Rajaratnam Jaffna	"	25 00	
Mr. K S Veeraswami Notary Public Vannarponnai	"	10 00	
" S Inthira Raja Chulipuram	"	5 00	
" O S Kandian Chetty Grand Bazaar Jaffna	"	20 00	
" E Nagalingam Ayanarkovilay "	"	5 00	
" V M Krishnasamy Kaobheri "	"	2 00	
" P K Ponnuasamy Chettiar Manager Sivan Temple Vannarponnai	"	10 00	
" S Muthukumarasamy Chettiar "	"	3 00	
" S T M P Naicker Chettiar "	"	5 00	
Master S Thirubhampillam "	"	5 00	
" S Sivegarunathan "	"	5 00	
" S Muthukumarasamy "	"	5 00	
Mr. M Chinniah "	"	5 00	
" A Sithambarampillai Ayurvedic Physician Pannai "	"	2 00	
" S Shivapadasundaram Principal Victoria College Chulipuram	"	15 00	
(To be continued)		25 00	

S. AMPIKAIPAGAN,  
Manager.

## LAJUJAIPAT RAJ DAY

### SUBSCRIPTIONS IN JAFFNA

#### TUNION WITH INDIA IN FOURNING

The "Lajujaipat Ra. Day" was observed in Jaffna on Wednesday the 20th November. A public meeting of the Indian residents in Jaffna and of the other persons were held at 5.30 p.m. in the Valmikiwara Vidyalaya Hall. Mr. S. Natesan Principal of Government Secondary College and President of the Indian Association in Jaffna, was invited to the chair. The proceedings commenced with the singing of "Bande Mataram" and special songs composed in the name of Lajuja. The proceedings were in Tamil and there was a large gathering present.

#### AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER

The Chairman in explicating the object of this meeting said that that day would be observed as the "Lajujaipat Ra. Day" throughout India and Ceylon. Meetings would be held everywhere. In Jaffna also they had come together there with the same purpose—to observe that day and to do their duty to the departed leader. Last year on that day they had the happy privilege of having Mahatma Gandhi in their midst. But on the same day this year they had come there with the sorrowful privilege of joining with India in mourning the death of one of the greatest of Indian leaders. Lajuja was not a man of India alone. The great love he evinced for the country & the disinterested spirit with which he served the people entitled him to be ranked as one of the great leaders of the world—as were Mazzini of Italy and others. Lajuja was a great scholar, and a sincere worker. His death had many lessons to teach to India.

#### AN ARDENT HINDU AND FRIEND OF THE POOR

Mr. Natesan then went to give a short sketch of Lajuja's life. Lajuja's disinterested public service won for him the adoration of the people but the hatred of the Government. He was deported once by the Government. When the Great War broke out he led a life of voluntary exile in America. He lived in America for India and was planning for his future life of work. When the war was removed at the end of the war he returned to India and straightaway plunged himself in the service of his country, especially in the field of education. He was recognised as an all-India leader. Through his writings and speeches and his noble example he instilled courage and patriotism in his compatriots. Even last year he was going round India lecturing. He was an ardent worker of the Hindu Maha Sabah, and a sincere friend of the Depressed Classes.

His courageous life had a courageous death. He died of blows received while leading a procession as a protest against the arrival of the Simon Commission in Lahore. His vigour and patriotism did not abate even during his illness. He was throughout thinking of his motherland. Even on the day previous to his death he went to inspect the building of the Servants of India Society and continued writing a book he had begun. The next morning he passed away.

In conclusion, the speaker paid glowing tributes to Lajuja's great qualities of head and heart and expressed his unbounded admiration for the courage, scholarship, and the unstinted patriotism of the departed leader whose noble example they should all try to emulate.

The Chairman then thanked all those who were present and called upon Mr. S. Shiva-padasundaram, Principal, Victoria College, Chulipuram to move the resolution standing in his name.

#### AS A HELP TO ATTAIN GOD HEAD

Mr. Shiva-padasundaram spoke at length on the manifold activities of Lajuja and said few men knew the path to salvation. Their purpose in life was to attain God-head. That was the most difficult thing for a man. It was there they feel the necessity for great men. They were mile posts to direct one on the road to salvation. By contemplating on their noble lives and greatness one was enabled to see at least something of what God is. To know God was an impossible task for ordinary mortals without the help and guidance of great men. One such great man was Lajuja who had passed away from their midst. While it is true, Mr. Shiva-padasundaram contended, Lajuja had studied educational problems and written a book entitled "National Education" a wonderful production, which he (the speaker) would recommend to all teachers for their serious study. Lajuja's father was no ideal teacher and all his experiences are set forth in that book. Though not a teacher himself Lajuja had a wonderful grasp of educational problems. He knew that a country could advance only through great men and he therefore wrote the lives of such great men as Garibaldi, Mazzini, Shivaji and others. So also if they daily contemplate on Lajuja they could imbibe many of his great qualities and be useful sons of the mother-land.

The speaker after referring to very many useful activities of the departed leader said as the establishment of the Hindu Maha Sabha etc. moved the following resolution.

#### JAFFNA'S RESOLUTION

The public of Jaffna, including the Indian community, assembled at this meeting, mourn the death of Lala Lajuja Bal, the great Indian leader,

Continued up.

#### NOTED FUNDS, HOUR AND DAY

#### DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1928

(From the 1st Day of December 1928 to the 15th Day of December 1928)

Under the Chair, Mr. Arulselvan, Vice-Chairman.

BALING LAJUJA

Monday 7 80 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

Tuesday 8 00 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

Wednesday 10 00 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

Thursday 10 00 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

Friday 10 00 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

Saturday 10 00 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

Sunday 10 00 a.m. 10 00 a.m.

December

S. Ila-ki Arulselvan Navalar Guru Padmanabha

Arulselvan

Meiyappar Nayacar Guru Padmanabha

Pirathum

New Moon

Mathakappattu

Tirumangai People Committee

Asanai

Nalama

Siccarai Veiyil Ekatal

Peruthum

Karthikai

Full Moon

Adesar Arthika Thamizh

Netpodum committee

Continued.

which was a fine example of fearless patriotism and self-sacrifice, and express their condolences to the saved members of his family and to the Indian Nation which has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of this critical moment of the struggle of India's political destiny.

SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Mr. H. Perumpayagam B. A., in attending the resolution made a short but impressive speech in the course of which he said that Lala Lajuja Bal, Arulselvan and others had captured the minds of the youth of the country and it was they who had at the start instilled patriotism in the minds of the youth and had set before them high ideals of service and sacrifice.

Mr. Natesan Krishna Bharati, in supporting the resolution, said that Lajuja was born great, bred in greatness and died with greatness. He was an illustration of Saint Thiruvalluvar's definition of a great man—one who is considered it a great honour to become poor in the service of his fellow beings.

#### THE FOUR'S

Mr. M. S. Rajaratnam, Advocate and Editor "Hindu Organ" cited an quote of attributes and said that Lajuja and Malaya not appealed to him more than any others—perhaps it might be that they were ardent workers in the Hindu Mahe Sabha. The speaker aptly said that Lajuja's life could be summed up in four words beginning with S. They were Study, Speech, Service and sacrifice. Lajuja had performed all these to an amazing degree. He had given all his study and experience in his books. He was one who spoke out his convictions. Lajuja's life purpose was the winning of India's freedom. He lived for it and died for it. Lajuja was an inspirational personality. His life would be an inspiration to all irrespective of country or religion.

The resolution was then put to the house and was carried in silence, all standing.

Mr. G. N. Devayakan then read a very inspiring and soul stirring presidential address delivered on the 16th October, 1928 in London by Lajuja on the occasion of the Indian Nations Day celebration in London.

Mr. V. K. Venkataswamy, Principal, Jaffna Hindu College, proposed a vote of thanks to the chair.

## Auction Sale.

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

#### Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8477

In the matter of the estate of the late Sithamparsigilai Subramaniam of Vannarponnai East.

Sinathambu Thambimutto of Vannarponnai East.

Administrator.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in the above case, I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned property on Monday the 17th December 1928 at 4.30 p.m. at the spot.

#### PROPERTY RESERVED TO

An individual's share of the land called "Avarammalai" in extent 21 Lams. V.C. situated at Vannarponnai East and bounded on the East by channel, on the North by the property of Kanthar Kari-gasai, Augammah wife of Vydhingam and Sithamparsigilai Ambalavasal and by lane and on the South by the property of Pondu wife of Mylavigam and by channel.

V. A. Durayappah, Commissioner  
Jaffna, 28 Nov. 1928.

Mis. 1337.

**Jaffna Urban District Council.****BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1929.**

The following are the Minutes of proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Jaffna Urban District Council held at the Jaffna Kachcheri on Saturday the 24th November 1928 at 9 a.m.

Present—Mr. R. Sivaguruvar, Chairman; Mr. R. Subramanian, Vice-Chairman; Messrs. T. H. Crosette, B. R. Nalliah, C. Arulambalam, K. Somasundaram, V. S. S. Kumareswamy and A. M. Abdulla and the Secretary.

The minutes of proceedings of the Special Meeting held on the 27th October, 1928 having been previously circulated among the members of the Council were taken as read and confirmed.

With the leave of the Council Mr. C. Arulambalam moved the following motion of which notice was given by him after the preparation of the agenda:

"That this Council do appoint a committee to consider the desirability of deviating the proposed road connecting Navanthurai Road with the Chemmamai Road so that no undue hardship may be caused to any possessor or owner of lands along the proposed route and particularly to those who eke out their livelihood by market gardening".

Mr. V. S. S. Kumareswamy seconded.

The motion was lost 1 voting for the motion.

In the course of the consideration of letter No. E. 26 of the 13th November, 1928 from the President, Local Government Board re acquisition of land for a new road through Nayanmarkaddu, item No. 6 on the Agenda was taken up.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the Council do undertake to provide the colverts as suggested by the Government Agent, N. P.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried.

**LANES UNDER FLOOD.**

Mr. C. Arulambalam moved the following motion which also notice was given after preparation of the agenda:

"That this Council do have a list prepared of public lands within the Urban area which were flooded during the recent rains so that a scheme may be prepared to have the lanes improved to avoid any such contingency in the future. Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried.

**CONSTRUCTION TO THE "HEALTH WEEK".**

Considered later from the Orders of the "Health Week" to be held in Jaffna on 1929 applying for a contribution towards the expenses.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that a sum of Rs. 250/- be contributed towards the expenses and the amount voted and that the necessary approval of the Local Government Board be obtained for the contribution.

Mr. K. Somasundaram seconded.—Carried.

Considered letters Nos. E. 34 of the 25th October 1928 and the 18th November 1928 from the President, Local Government Board re revocation of by law regarding the recovery of conservancy fees.

It was resolved that the Chairman be authorized to reply to the Local Government Board pointing out the desirability of the previous resolution of his Council being carried out.

**WORKS INSPECTOR'S RAIN COAT.**

Considered application from the Inspector of Works of the Council for a rain coat. Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the application be allowed and a sum of Rs. 40 voted under head "B 1 (a)." Mr. R. Subramanian seconded.—Carried. Considered application from Sanitary Inspectors Benedict and Patrick for remuneration for attending to the late Mr. Selvadurai's duties. Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the application be refused. Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried. Considered Local Government Board Circular No. 11 of 1st September 1928 and Mr. K. Konigasabai's letter of the 9th October 1928 re interpretation of section 23 of Ordinance No. 41 of 1920. Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the Local Government Board be replied to that Section 23 of the Ordinance has been found to operate satisfactorily and there has been no impediment to the smooth working of the Council but there appears however no objection to the proposed amendment. Mr. T. H. Crosette seconded.—Carried.

**PUBLIC MOT STAND.**

Considered letter No. E. 26 of 18th November 1928 from the Provincial Engineer, N. P. re public stands for motor vehicles. Mr. V. S. S. Kumareswamy moved that a public stand for motor vehicles be established at the site recommended by the Provincial Engineer. Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried. Considered the sanction of a supplementary vote of Rs. 750 under head "C 4." Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the Rest House be equipped with up to date furniture and that a sum of Rs. 1,500 be voted for the purpose under Head "G 3". The old furniture to be removed to the stores and sold by auction. Mr. K. Somasundaram seconded. Mr. R. Subramanian moved an amendment that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be voted. The amendment was lost for want of a seconder. The original motion was then put to the house and carried only one voting against.

**SCALE OF RENTS OF GRAND BAZAAR MARKET.**

Considered a petition from the traders of Grand Bazaar Market applying for a reduced scale of rents for 1929. Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the petitioners be replied to that the Council regret their request cannot be complied with. Mr. T. H. Crosette seconded.—Carried. The Council went into Committee to consider Items Nos. 11 and 12 on the Agenda:—(1) To consider applications from the Grand Bazaar Bantes; Small Bazaar Renters and Gilds; Renter for rebate, (2) To consider tenders received for market rents for 1929 and petitions received in this connection. On resolution Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the applications of the renters for rebate be refused. Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the following tenders for incarts for 1929 be accepted:

(i) H. Thillaiyengal's offer of Rs. 65—for the Thadiavale Market (ii) C. Kandian's offer of Rs. 1,415—for the Keikulai Bazaar. (iii) J. Marimuthu's offer of Rs. 700—for the Grazing Grounds. (iv) A. Marappillai's offer of Rs. 2,256—for the Small Bazaar. (v) E. Seenivasagam's offer of Rs. 2,111—for the Grand Bazaar Gal. (vi) N. A. Sugunan's offer of Rs. 1,076—for the Grand Bazaar & Markets. (vii) R. Kardian's offer of Rs. 11,177—for Grand Bazaar. Mr. R. Subramanian seconded.—Carried.

**BERTHING THE BUDGET.**

The Council went into Committee to consider the draft budget for 1929. REVENUE. All the items were passed as provided in the budget with the

**"Patriotism—True & False."**

A LECTURE BY SIR SIVASWAMI AIYAR.

"Patriotism true and false" was the theme of a very interesting and illuminating lecture delivered by Sir. S. Sivasswami Aiyar, K.C. S. I., on Wednesday, the 19th November under the auspices of the "Rhetoric Society" of the students of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Sir. Sivasswami Aiyar began by paying a glowing tribute to the late Lal Bahadur Shastri whom he described as one of the genuine patriots, who a portion might well be hung alongside those eminent men, who, at the critical call of duty immovably stood on the altar of the country's service. The lecturer made it clear at the outset that the love for one's country alone without serving her could not entitle a man to be labelled as a patriot. He then dealt at length with the different forms and methods by which one might render service to his country, illustrating his point by giving examples.

He severely condemned those people who, under the mask of patriotism, wanted to grind their own axes such as winning personal distinction, honor, leadership, etc., with the cheap notoriety they got either by making hysterical outbursts on the platforms or by undergoing simple imprisonment for short periods. That did not mean, said Sir P. S. Sivasswami Aiyar, that all those people who became famous by accidents and chances which were inevitable in the course of their heroic deeds, governed by the loftiness of ideas, were not patriots. He further pointed out that the word "sacrifice" was always associated with patriotism and said the sacrifice might be either in the form of wealth, personal labour or valuable time. The fallacy held by the western coolie politicians and the mushroom system in that a patriot could not be a servant of the Government getting a salary was exploded by Sir Sivasswami Aiyar in an inimitable argument quoting concrete examples of great men of various countries, who were officials drawing salaries, without putting out the flames of patriotism which were burning very brightly in them to the very last. He observed that in the material world everyone wanted some income for living and it was not just to denounce people simply because they held offices under the Government.

He further clarified the issue of patriotism, nationalism, and internationalism or cosmopolitanism which were not properly grasped by the people. Regarding Internationalism, which seemed to be the flavour of the day and which had culminated in the formation of the League of Nations, the learned lecturer criticised it quite dispassionately, and said in unequivocal language that they were the pious hopes and dreams of a visionaries which were difficult to be translated into practice. He further dispelled the last could of confusion in the minds of some people who were thinking that patriotism requires non violence. While he fully appreciated the preaching of non violence in many places in the Gita and the Bible, it was his firm belief that a nation should defend itself from foreign aggression and attack. He further made himself quite clear when he said that he was not only not advocating a policy of aggression, but was positively against aggression of any kind with selfish and narrow motives behind it. He took the example of the Imperialism of the British Commonwealth of Nations and said that so long as its policy was for the advancement of the Empire as a whole, he would support it.

A true patriot, according to Sir Sivasswami Aiyar, must have a definite goal and should possess accurate knowledge to translate his visions to actions. But above all, he put "courage of conviction" as the acid test for a genuine patriot and cited the example of no less a personality than the late Lord Curzon, who according to Sir Sivasswami Aiyar, was one of the greatest patriots Britain ever had produced. The audience were completely won over when Sir Sivasswami Aiyar paid his tributes to some promising young men of Britain whose careers were ruined by their incapacity to surrender their sanity and reason to public opinion and concluded by saying that a patriot need not be a politician. He might be a great captain of industry like the late J. N. Tata, a great social reformer like the late Rajaji Ram Mohan Roy, a great poet like Sir Rabindranath Tagore, or a brilliant educationalists like Sir Asutosh Mukherjee and Sir P. C. Ray; and in fact, everyone who contributed his mite to the advancement of the country as a whole, economically, intellectually, or spiritually did certainly fall in the category of "patriots."

—Hindi.

exception of item "E 7 (a)" which was reduced to Rs. 18,608—being the aggregate amount of the tenders accepted at the meeting. EXPENDITURE. Item A 2 (a) It was resolved to pay the Circulation Fees an allowance of Rs. 5 per mensem. ITEM B 1 (a) It was resolved to increase the allowance to the Lighting Officer by 25 per diem. ITEM B 2 It was resolved to increase this item by Rs. 1,000—for starting work. ITEM B 7 (d) It was resolved to increase this item by Rs. 1,000—providing for temporary sheds in connection with the proposed new market for Divisions Nos. 3 and 4. ITEM E 1 (g) It was resolved to increase this item by Rs. 1,000—providing for the construction of more drainage channels. The Council resumed and Mr. R. Subramanian moved that the budget for 1929 as amended in committee be adopted and passed. Mr. T. H. Crosette seconded.—Carried.

Considered the question of paying the coolies who helped in the post mortem of plague patients compensation in lieu of wages for the days they were detained in the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the coolies be paid the compensation as recommended. Mr. K. Somasundaram seconded.—Carried.

Considered letter dated 15th November 1928 from Mr. V. S. S. Kumareswamy to re-name the Kanchipuram Road as Amman Samihi Street.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the road be renamed accordingly. Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried.

The following papers were tabled:—

i. Local Government Board Circular No. 7 of 2nd November 1928 re tarding of P. W. D. Roads.

ii. Local Government Board Circular No. 1062 of 29th October 1928 re Duties of Government Assessors.

iii. Letter No. B. 53 of 1st November 1928 from the President, Local Government Board re amendment of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance No. 19 of 1913.

iv. Letter No. A. 8 of 9th November 1928 from the President, Local Government Board re proposed exemption of Jaffna Urban District Council area from Police Tax.

v. Letter No. E. 27 of 9th November 1928 from the President, Local Government Board re loss for Jaffna Town Survey.

vi. Letter No. E. 27 of 9th November 1928 from the President, Local Government Board re loss for Jaffna Town Survey.

**Ceylon Government Railway TENDER NOTICE**

Tenders are hereby invited for quarrying stone in the Railway Quarry at Vavuniya and breaking same into metal which will pass through a 2 inch diameter ring and transmute the broken metal to a sharper stage, pile square, ready for measurement or loading into wagons.

For further particulars see Government "Gazette" dated the 30th November 1928 to the District Engineer Way & Works, Anuradhapura or to me, General Manager's Office, T. E. Colombo 27th Nov. 1928. General G. 998.

**Notice****NOTICE re SALE OF SATIN LOGS.**

A Lot consisting of (300) three hundred satin logs is for sale at the Government Firewood Depot, Vavuniya—a few yards away from the Vavuniya Railway Station.

Those intending to purchase may inspect the timber in person, or write to the undersigned.

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Vavuniya.  
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**Order Nisi.****IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.**

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6335.

In the matter of the estate of the late K. Thirthambu Kongarevam of Navakadu Deceased.

Arumugam Kartigesu alias Santhirasegaran of Idakkurichchey Deceased.

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Kirtinar Sithamparappillai and

2. wife Apiramipillai of Karampurichchey Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on October 31, 1928, in the presence of Mr. S. Appadurai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the Petitioner is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said testator as one of his heirs unless the Respondent shall appear before this Court on December 11, 1928 and show cause to the contrary.

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**Order Nisi.****IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA,**

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6335.

In the matter of the estate of the late Muttiachchey daughter of Valliar Valli puram of Thanakkarsukkircchey Deceased.

Valliar Valli puram of Thanakkarsukkircchey Petitioner.

Vs. Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on October 31, 1928, in the presence of Mr. S. Appadurai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the Petitioner is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said testator as one of his heirs unless the Respondent shall appear before this Court on December 11, 1928 and show cause to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

November 18, 1928, O. 1598.

**Order Nisi.****IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.**

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6331.

In the matter of the intestate estate of Srinathambu Ampalavanar of Mahipatty Jaffna late of Veyenkada Deceased.

Valliammalillai widow of S. Ampalavanar of Mahipatty Jaffna Petitioner.

Vs. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, Addl. District Judge, Jaffna, on November 7, 1928 in the presence of Mr. S. Ilayatambi, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as the sole heir of the said intestate and is declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall appear on or before May 24, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

May 15, 1928. Time extended for 4th December 1928.

James Joseph, Additional District Judge.

O. 1597.

**Order Nisi.****IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.**

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6443.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Amirthammal wife of Kanapathy Chettiar Sabapathy Chettiar of Chilimalai Deceased.

Kanapathy Chettiar Sabapathy Chettiar of Chilimalai Original Petitioner.

Vs. Present Petitioner.

1. Kathiravelu Karthigesu of Araly North and 7 others Original Respondents.

Kathiravelu Karthigesu of Araly North Present Petitioner.

Vs. Present Respondents.

2. Appasamy Chettiar Samugam Chettiar and wife

3. Parupathy Chettiar Sabapathy Chettiar of Chilimalai

4. Sellaithurai Pennuthurai

5. Chellaithurai Pennuthurai

6. Chellaithurai Pennuthurai both residing

8. with their father Karthigesu Selvadurai, Accountant's Office, F. M. S. Railways, Kuala Lumpur; 8th Respondent as Guardian ad litem over the minors 6th and 7th Respondents

Present Respondents.

9. Appasamy Chettiar Kumarappa Chettiar and wife

10. Parupathy Chettiar Sabapathy Chettiar Chettiar and wife

11. Appasamy Chettiar Maruthamuthu Chettiar and wife

12. Thangam Chettiar

13. Appasamy Chettiar Arunagalam Chettiar and wife

14. Eliachchayali of Kottoor in Tanjore Substituted Respondents in place of deceased 3rd Respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Amirthammal wife of Kanapathy Chettiar Sabapathy Chettiar and that the names of the 9th to 14th Respondents be substituted in place of the deceased 3rd Respondent coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, Addl. District Judge, Jaffna, on October 5, 1928 in the presence of Mr. P. Kamathipillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated October 2, 1928 having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioner as the maternal uncle of the deceased and that the names of the 9th to 14th Respondents be substituted in place of the deceased 3rd Respondent unless the abovenamed Respondent or any others shall on or before October 30, 1928 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

November 15, 1928. O. 1598.

James Joseph, Addl. District Judge.

Extended to 6.12.28.

O. 1599.

James Joseph, Addl. District Judge.

October 17, 1928.

James Joseph, Addl. District Judge.

Extended to 6.12.28.

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