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Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7052.

In the matter of the Estate of the late
Ponnammah wife of Pillaiyinar Ponniah
of Chavakachcheri

Deceased.

Pillaiyinar Ponniah of Do

Petitioner.

Vs.

Ponniah Coomaraswamy of Do

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on March 11, 1929, in the presence of Mr. V. Canagaratnam Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 7, 1929, having been read. It is declared that the Petitioner is as the lawful husband of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any person or persons interest shall appear before this Court on May 28, 1929 and shew cause to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock,
District Judge.

April 23, 1929,
O. 1696.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6971

In the matter of the estate of the late
Meenadhipillai wife of Subramaniam of
Analaithivu

Deceased.
Subramaniam Chellappah of Analaithivu
Petitioner.

1. Chellappah Seevaratnam
2. Bornam daughter of Chellappah
3. Solappah Sabapathy and
4. Kumerasamy Sabapathippillai all of Analaithivu

This matter coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge Jaffna, on December 5, 1929 in the presence of Mr. A. Arumugam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate be issued to the Petitioner unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court on February 28, 1929 and shew cause to the contrary.

February 5, 1929.

Time extended to 30 5 29.

O. 1706.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

J. C. W. Rock,
D. J.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6986

In the matter of the estate of the late
Sangarappillai Murugar of Thavalaiyattalai

Deceased.
Murugar Sangarappillai of Thavalaiyattalai
Petitioner.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to him coming on for disposal before K. Kanakasabai Esquire, Acting District Judge, Jaffna on January 17, 1929 in the presence of Mr. V. S. Karthigesu Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the Petitioner as sole heir of the said deceased unless any person shall on or before February 21, 1929 appear before this Court and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court.

February 15, 1929.

Time extended for June 4, 1929.

O. 1697.

J. C. W. Rock,
District Judge.

J. C. W. Rock,
D. J.

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JAFFNA, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1929.

EXCISE ADMINISTRATION, 1928.

II.
IT APPEARS THAT THE ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS and the Government are both smarting under the success of the local option in the Jaffna District and the demand of the majority of the people for the establishment of prohibition. Whenever there is an occasion they cannot resist the temptation to cast a fling at the prohibition movement here by parading facts and figures with a view to demonstrate that either there is no demand for prohibition or that even if it is established it will not be successful. But when these protagonists of anti-prohibition parade to the public the increase in illicit traffic in liquor as indicating the failure of local option they forget the fact that the present state of affairs is rather due to the failure of the Government to second the efforts of the temperance workers by introducing the necessary legislation to combat both illicit traffic and the consumption of foreign liquor than to any insatiable craving for drink.

We do not deny that there is illicit tapping of fermented toddy in the dry area. But we challenge the statement of the Excise Commissioner that there was consumed more toddy in 1927 than in 1918 and that in 1928 one million gallons of toddy were illicitly tapped and consumed in the Jaffna District. Any one who is intimately acquainted with the rural life in Jaffna will testify that drunkenness has considerably decreased after the closure of taverns.

Illicit tapping of toddy is not an insurmountable evil. It can be prevented by legislation and greater vigilance and honesty on the part of the Excise Officers. The Commissioner himself admits that in 1928 there has been a considerable decrease in illicit tapping in Jaffna. This is owing to a complete change of staff and to the very efficient and thorough preventive work done by the Excise stations. We are sure that illicit tapping will become a thing of the past if only the Government should make up its mind to further strengthen the hands of the Excise Department by penalising the owner or occupier of the land where illicit tapping is found. The necessity for such a change in the law was recognised by the Government when it made proposals to the Legislative Council in February, 1928 for better control of liquor traffic in Jaffna. There is no reason why Government should hesitate to re-introduce this effective and salutary legislation, which is supported by public opinion.

The facts and figures given by the Commissioner regarding the increase in the consumption of foreign liquor should give food for reflection to all those who are interested in the suppression of the drink traffic. All the laudable efforts hitherto made by the temperance workers in the closure of taverns are being nullified by the abnormal increase in the importation of foreign liquor into the Jaffna District. It is a fact which cannot be denied that ninety per cent. of the foreign liquor consumed in Jaffna is brought by the illicit trader. The consumer is innocent of it. He would have gone without his drink if the illicit trader had not brought it within his easy reach. No useful purpose can be served by merely publishing figures. Remedy should be found to prevent the increase in the consumption of foreign liquor. This can be achieved not by the re-opening of toddy taverns but by the prohibition of the importation of foreign liquor into Jaffna. The Commissioner himself feels that it is illegal to close taverns without special legislation declaring possession of liquor in a dry area as an offence. The present impasse cannot be allowed to continue any longer. We cannot go back to the days of the taverns nor will the people support any scheme by which the sale of toddy will be re-introduced in the country. The compromise that appears to be reasonable is the one suggested by the Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam by which a certain number of trees may be granted to the consumers on the free-tax basis provided that registration of consumers is accepted. Before the Excise Commission Mr. Rajaratnam's suggestion was accepted to both by the Government and by the anti-prohibitionists with the difference that the latter wanted sale of toddy and objected to registration. If the question of sale is dropped by the Government we are sure the temperance party can be persuaded to accept the scheme for the introduction of free tax subject to limitation of the number of trees.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

PONNALAI TANK:—In our last issue we published the proceedings of a public meeting held at Tholpuram in which the Government was thanked by the people of Chankanal parish for its decision not to lease or alienate any portion of the Ponnalai Tank to any individual or company to establish cement manufacture. This Tank is one of the largest tanks in the Jaffna District. It is the very life of paddy cultivation in the villages of Tholpuram, Chulipuram, Moolal and Pannakam. Once the Tank is filled with water the success of the paddy cultivation in the tank-area is assured. The drought of this year has convincingly demonstrated the value of this Tank to paddy cultivation. We are sure that the matter has been finally settled and it will never be re-opened.

GURU POORS:—Valkasi Moolam is the sacred day on which St. Sambandar with his followers entered the Divine Sothi. This year it falls on the 26th inst. The birth of Sambandar is one of the most notable events in the religious history of South India. His activities for the revival of the Saiva religion are well described in Peria Paripadam. On this sacred day let all the Saivites remember the great services which this Saint has rendered for the Saiva religion when it was struggling for existence against the aggressions of alien religious bodies. To day the Saiva religion is passing through a similar religious crisis. The only way we can successfully tide over the present difficulty is by going back to the pure and simple Saivism of St. Sambandar which he preached to the Tamil people thirteen hundred years ago. *Gnanananda Sambandhan Tiru Adi Valkal*

LOCAL & GENERAL

WEATHER:—There is hard blowing of the South West wind off and on, and in spite of it the days are unbearably hot and the nights are equally warm. Forecasts regarding the South West monsoon are conflicting. According to the Colombo Observatory a light monsoon is indicated in view of the heavy rainfall in April; but in the decided opinion of a well-known Ceylon planter who has lived in the Island for over fifty years and has made weather a constant study during that period the monsoon will break on 23rd May and will be the heaviest within living memory.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR A TAMIL LADY STUDENT:—It is reported that a scholarship tenable for two years at the Ceylon University College has been awarded to Miss. Savundarammah Subramaniam, daughter of Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, District Judge, Trincomalee, who passed with honours, taking distinction in Tamil, the last Cambridge Senior Examination.

PERPETUATING THE MEMORY OF A DEAD:—At a public meeting held at the Town Hall, Colombo, on Saturday last, it was resolved and a representative Committee has been appointed to perpetuate the memory in a suitable way of the late Dr. C. A. Hewavitarne, an ardent Buddhist and an unostentatious Ceylonese leader, who died a few weeks back under very tragic circumstances.

FAKED NOTES DETECTED:—One P. G. Andris Silva, a printer of Kalutara, was charged at the local Police Court with counterfeiting Rs. 100 currency notes and having in possession a counterfeit Rs. 100 currency note and the necessary tools, and apparatuses required for the manufacture of faked notes.

OFFICIAL:—Mr. R. Chintamani, Chief Clerk, Jaffna Kachcheri, is to act as Additional Extra Office Assistant to the Govt. Agent, N. P., from May 17, to 27, 1929.

JUDICIAL:—Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Crown Proctor, Jaffna, is to act as Additional District Judge etc Jaffna, during the absence of Mr. James Joseph from May 20 to 26.

RAJA SIR ANNAMALAI CHETTIAR:—We understand that the Hon. Raja Sir S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiar, who is on a visit to Ceylon and is now in Colombo will also pay a visit to Jaffna before he leaves the Island.

TWENTY-FIVE MILES OF NEWSPAPER:—It is reported that a Weak Edition of 16 pages of the "Dinamina", a leading morning daily Sinhalese newspaper of Colombo, under the proprietorship of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., was published yesterday (Wednesday). The number of copies printed was 30,000 and the length of the paper used was nearly 25 miles of reeled newsprint. Such a large edition of a newspaper can be printed only on a modern Rotary Press, and the above was printed on such a Press, the only one in Ceylon, belonging to the aforesaid Newspaper Company.

A STRANGE STORE-HOUSE FOR PEBBLES:—It is reported that when an operation was performed at the Kalutara Hospital on a girl of twelve years of age from a village in Maggona, it was found that there were 1817 pebbles in her stomach. They are believed to have been swallowed by the girl who looked very anæmic, puffy and subject to hookworm disease. The pebbles will be sent to the De Souza Museum for preservation as a curiosity. The girl is said to be healthy and happy.

FOREST INQUIRY COMMISSION:—Last Friday's "Gazette" announces that a Commission has been appointed by the Governor in accordance with a resolution passed in the Legislative Council in February last (in sequel to a motion of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Tambimuttu) to enquire into the exploitation of the forests in the Eastern Province and the procedure adopted by the Forest Department in the sale of timber. The Commission consists of: Mr. L. M. D. Silva, (Chairman), Hon. Mr. C. H. Z. Fernando, Hon. Mr. D. S. Sena Nayake, Sir Edwin Hayward and Mr. F. D. Mackwood.

MAHATMA GANDHI'S PORTRAIT:—Mudaliyar A. G. S. Amarasekera, the expert artist of Colombo, succeeded to paint the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the reception given to him by the Ceylon National Congress, when he visited Ceylon in November, 1927. It is said that Mr. Amarasekera had on an hour at his disposal for the work since that was the time allotted for the reception according to the program of Mahatma's tour and the turn out is said to be the best of the life like portraits of the Mahatma. The portrait which was exhibited at a recent exhibition in Paris received high credentials from renowned artists. This portrait has been now purchased by Mr. B. G. Horaniyala, late of the Bombay "Chronicle", for presentation to the National Gallery in England.

Letter To The Editor

THE JAFFNA URBAN
EXCISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Sir,

It is singular that while the leaders in the Madras Presidency have persuaded the Government to vote four lakhs of rupees to pave the way for prohibition, our Advisory Committee should, as the first act of grace immediately after its installation, recommend the re-opening of four taverns within the Urban area. The Committee is a rare combination of wet and dry members. From an official point of view and from avowed personal protestations, the selection is an excellent one:—two ex-officio, two wet and two dry members. An American educationalist, after twenty years of local experience, once exclaimed "The longer I live in Jaffna, the less I understand the Tamil mind." Time does not seem to have effaced the point of observation made a quarter of a century ago.

By recommending the re-opening of the four taverns, the Committee has betrayed a lack of knowledge of the law prescribing its duties, of the history relating to the closure of taverns concerned, of the Council debate still pending, and of its duty to the country.

Its duty according to law is "to advise the Government with regard to establishing new taverns, closing existing taverns, transferring an existing tavern"; but it gives no right to it to re-open taverns once closed. Further it is the Government Agent that consults the Advisory Committee. If the members wished to have more light on the subject, they will do well to study the literature on Advisory Committee issued by the Excise Committee of the Bombay Government. They will find that the Government is responsible for the administration of the Excise Department; and that the Advisory Committee is only a consultative body to safeguard the interests of the temperance cause. They are expected to express their opinion when consulted by the Government Agent. Our Committee seems to be an anti-temperance Board offering gratuitous advice to the Government Agent.

The Committee seems to live and move in an air of suspicion. While the general public is ignorant of the constitution of this Board, the bootleggers' association knew all about it. They were able to present petitions to this Committee, to know the date of its meeting, to collect a crowd in front of the Kachcheri on the day of the meeting, and to accord an ovation to the advisers when they emerged from the Kachcheri premises. The Committee, according to law, must be appointed in July. If they were to wait till July they were perhaps afraid of the Legislative Council formulating a scheme adverse to profiteers. The public wants to know why all this fatal haste! Even the dry members did not communicate the news to the Central Temperance League of which they are members.

Some strange things happened at the meeting. One dry member was absent from the meeting for some cogent reasons. Another member who was responsible for closing the taverns in question, voted for the re-opening of the same. The Chairman, who is reported not to have voted at the meeting, has to reckon with the electors of Vannarponal—the headquarters of prohibition if he is to be returned to the U.D.C. at the next election. At any rate the voting was not unanimous and the members did not know what they were doing.

The members of the Committee were so very anxious to please certain politicians that they ignored the facts relating to the closure of the four taverns. These taverns were closed, not in deference to public opinion or request, but as a private pre-war enactment by Mr. Parsons in 1921, as they were superfluous and situated in close proximity to certain other taverns with whose efficiency these interfered. He probably used the machinery of the then existing Advisory Committee. The real prohibition campaign started in 1924 and had nothing to do with the voluntary closure in 1921. It is not competent for the present Committee to claim that they were once closed by the Advisory Committee; *utro*, it had the right to re-open them. It is a jugglery in words.

It was a most inopportune time to precipitate action, unless it be for an ulterior purpose. The toddy question for the present must be regarded as one *subjudice*. The debate on this subject in the Legislative Council was not concluded owing to the prohibitive cost of the preventive staff submitted by the Government. It is expected to be taken up when the discussion on the report of the Excise Commissioner is concluded. The U.D.C. officials had a perplexing task before them. They were gravitating to a compromise to allow free tax under certain conditions, as a half way measure towards total prohibition.

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An Appeal on behalf of the
Jaffna Hindu College.

RESULTS OF MARCH, 1929

The following are among the successful candidates in the last English School Leaving Certificate Examination held in March, 1929 at the various centres in Devon:—

FIRST DIVISION

Jaffna Centre.

A Kandiah, Jaffna Hindu College, Vaddukoddai; P Arulampalam, Hindu English School, Karainagar; S Sirlinivasan, Hindu English School, Urumpirav.

P Sornallogam, Hindu College, Manipay.
Point Pedro Centre.

S. Karagasabapatipillai, Vigneshwari
English School, Karaveddi.
SECOND DIVISION.

Jaffna Centre.
K Sellathurai, Hindu English School, Chavakachcheri; A Kaasasabai, A Kulurayagam, S Kadiah, P Kaasapathipillai, R Sannamugam, V Subraminiam, V Veerakum arnd K Veasithamby, Hindu English School, Karainagar; A Ponnampalavanan, N R malingam, N Sannamugam, S Sellathurai, S Thosomothampillai and K Veasanthipillai, H E School, K Kurai; M Balasingham and T Gopalakrishnan, Vaidyeshwera Vidyalaya, Valvettilurai; K Appathurai, S Kasipati and T Sianlah, Hindu English School, Uduppi; S Gunaratnam, V M Selvadurai and M Vythilingam, Private Study.

Manipay Centre.
V A Candish, O Knesagundram, S Pon-
nathural, K Subramaniam, S Thambipillai
and P Taramanilagam, K. Netherdal E. gish
Sohol; A Amirthalingam, V Arumugam, K
Kundamey, V Mylvegam, S Nader; j b
K Perampalam, T Subramaniam, V Subra-
maniam and S Thural; lagham, Hindu Col-
lege, Manipay; A Elappah, Victoria College,
J. J. J. J. J. N. Sincard, Private Stud.

Point Pedro Centre.
N Arumugam, R Konesarabai, V Kandarpoo, V Komarasamy and V Ponniiah, Vignaneswari English School, Karaveddi; A S Chittampalam, A Ratnasingham and S Kandiah, Private Study.

The "Hawatarane Priz" of Rs 50 is cash awarded by the late Dr. C. A. Hawatarane to the best candidate under 19 years of age, has been won by M D Zyssa, candidate No 566 of Vissak Vidyalaya, Colombo.

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A FINANCIAL GENIUS.

Mr. A J Cary in welcoming Sir Annesdale, said that born of a community whose ability and integrity had earned them a world wide reputation in business and finance, Sir Annesdale was able by his financial ability to extend the operations of his firm which now had banking

operations of his firm which now had banking interests in India, Ceylon, Burma and the Straits. Such great financial genius had necessarily to be recognised and it was not surprising that he was elected to be a Director of the Imperial Bank.

elected to be a Director of the Imperial Bank and
 a Governor. As a business man himself he re-
 spected and showed greater honour to one who has
 made his name by great financial genius than

by long speeches in the Legislative Council. There were no differences of opinion with regard to their admiration of him as regards his generosity. The site itself that he had given for the University was valued at 17 lakhs and another 4 lakhs had been given in the endowment and building of it. Sir P. Ramanathan had said the Anamalai meant an inaccessible mountain. H. M. (Mr. Cary) thought that it was a mountain of enterprise, energy and ability. His wonderful cordiality and charm of manners meant exactly the reverse of inaccessibility.

A NATION BUILDER.
Mr. T B Jayah said that it was a very happy thought on the part of the organisers of the meeting to invite the members of the different

communities in the Island to join them in according a welcome to their distinguished guest who by his great benefactions and unstinted devotion to public duty had raised himself among the great nation builders in India. India had produced in recent times many eminent men in different walks of life and he was sure that when the history of modern India came to be written the name of Sir Annamalai would find a conspicuous place.

SIR ANNAMALAI CHETTIAR IN REPLY.

Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar, in reply, said that he was exceedingly fortunate to be honoured in that way under the presidency of one for whom he had the greatest regard as a scholar and a leader. He was thankful to those who had referred to him in such generous terms and also to the members of his own community for the two addresses presented. A visit to beautiful Ceylon was always a pleasure to him, but the pleasure had been enhanced on the present occasion owing to the hearty welcome and the splendid reception they had given him. It had been his endeavour to do his bit for the glory of his country and the honour of his community. He was glad that, while Mr. de Mel said that their community should do something for Ceylon by way of charity, he had mentioned that their community had been generous. He was sure that whenever there was a demand and a necessity the Nattuchal Chetty community would gladly come forward and liberally contribute to the welfare of the country. It was his firm conviction, arrived at after three decades of experience of life in various aspects, that in their desire to make the world modern they should not lose sight of their old principles. He was not regardless of the innovations that were necessary for the march of progress. New channels of activity and new methods of banking could certainly be entered upon, but in doing so they should proceed after testing themselves as to whether they were in full possession of their old principles and whether the new directions might not drift them too far away from the old moorings. In the Tamil address they had referred to his work with

Continued up.

The public are aware of the noble work that the Jaffna Hindu College has been doing for the last three decades and more. It has served as the focus of national culture in Jaffna and has instilled into the world bright young men imbued with high ideals and noble aspirations. It has, from time to time, been able to adjust itself easily to the requirements of its alumni and the demands of efficiency, and this it has largely done through the support generously accorded to it by patriotic Jaffnese here and elsewhere. The time has now come when it has again to look forward to this support in a wider measure than before.

The spirit that has been roused in our people by this Institution impels them in larger and larger numbers to avail themselves of the cultural benefits offered by it. The result is that the strength of the College has grown and it has also been found necessary to open the Inter Arts and Science classes of the London University. Signs are not wanting to show that the strength will still further grow and the University class is still further develop. The present accommodation and equipment, however, are far from adequate for our purposes. Commodious lecture halls, well stocked libraries and up to date laboratories can no longer be regarded as mere luxurious appendages, but should be viewed in the light of absolute and urgent necessities and provided for accordingly. Moreover, the 'lecture comfort' of boys have also to be looked after by making provision for eating dormitories and easily accessible play grounds. These crying needs of the Institution should not be postponed on the strength of the 'impetus which mere unaided patriotism gives to those who seek admission to it. It must be noted that the schools and colleges of J. S. are working under an extremely severe stress of competition, which accident has so far prevented from taking an unhealthy turn.

Under the circumstances, it has been considered necessary to issue this appeal to the public, so that they may generously come forward to reinforce patriotism with the slowness of war and enable the College to furnish itself with a complete panoply of learning and march vigorously forth to achieve greater and greater triumphs in its fight with the twin demons of ignorance and vice. The amount required for the object in view is at present estimated at two lakhs of rupees. It is proposed to collect by distribution of donation tickets of various denominations ranging from Rs 1 to Rs 1000/- each. It is hoped that Old Boys, friends and well wishers of the College will all co-operate to make this scheme a success.

V. R. VENKATARAMAN, M. A.,
Principal.

Jaffna Hindu College.
16th May, 1929,
Mis. 1450.

THE BUDDHIST WEEK:—Today (Wednesday)—the Full Moon or Poya Day of the month of Vossak—holds for devout Buddhists the worth over a triple religious significance. For it was upon this day some 2,558 years ago that Prince Siddhartha, who was destined to become the Founder of Buddhism, was born in the City of Kapilavastu, near Benares in India; it was likewise on another Full Moon Day in this month, 55 years later, that Prince Siddhartha became the Buddha—the “Enlightened One”; and it was lastly on yet another Full Moon Day of the same month 45 years later that the Buddha attained Pra Nirvana, leaving behind Great Teachings to day in the inspiration and solace of one-third of the world's entire population.—C. M. L. cutting

A Register of the Old Boys of the Jaffna Hindu College has been opened and is being brought up to date. All Old Boys of J. H. C. are requested to communicate full particulars (name, age, occupation and address) and remit their annual subscription of Rs. 2 50 as early as possible.

V. R. Venkataraman M.A.
Principal, Jaffna Hindu College,
and President, Old Boys' Association.
(Mis 1451)

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regard to social improvement. Along with his other endeavours he was doing all he could towards raising the status of women. For a long time they had neglected their womenfolk and limited them only to absolute partnership of the home.

Continuing, he said that he hoped that Tamil scholars from Ceylon would be attracted for purposes of study to the new University at Chidambaram. The temple at Chidambaram already attracted hosts of pilgrims from Ceylon and if as many of them came to Chidambaram for purposes of culture he would consider his best ambition fulfilled. He had attempted to do something, but he was aware that much remained to be done and he hoped that others would be encouraged to do similar work. He then thanked the guests most heartily for the welcome.

He next spoke a few words in Tamil and proceedings ended with a vote of thanks to the Chole proposed by Mr. A. M. M. Vellayan Chetty. — C. D. N.

J. ffnas,
20th May 1929.

SINGAPORE.

THE WONDER CITY OF ASIA.

Perhaps no city in the East has developed so rapidly and attracted all manner of races to its shores as Singapore, the capital city of Malaya.

A little over a hundred years ago what is now a very prosperous city was for the most part, save for a few huts here and there, mere jungle. But thanks to the foresight and vision of Sir Stamford Raffles, who obtained it for England by a treaty with the Ruler of Johore in 1819, Singapore is today what she is—one of the finest cities in the Empire.

Modern Singapore with its half a million inhabitants, its world trade and its Naval Base is a lasting monument to the memory of its illustrious founder.

It was partly on business and partly for the purpose of spending a holiday that I found myself a passenger recently on an Eastward bound steamer for Singapore. We landed at Singapore after an uneventful voyage within five days of our leaving Colombo.

The Western entrance to the harbour of Singapore through which the steamers from Europe and India have to pass is extremely picturesque and is studded with many beautiful islands. Ocean going steamers are on arrival berthed along the wharves at Tanjong Pagar. The harbour itself is about seven miles long and consists of the Keppel Harbour, Empire Dock, Tanjong Pagar, and the Roads off Johnston Pier where small coasting steamers and some ocean going vessels anchor. The three first named are under the control of the Singapore Harbour Board. Ships from all parts of the world call at Singapore: from Europe, from India, from China and Japan, from Australia, America and numerous coasting vessels to and from Siam, the Dutch Islands, the Philippines and Borneo.

Tanjong Pagar where we landed is a crowded locality and gives the visitor a poor impression of the city. The city of Singapore is situated at the Southern extremity of an island bearing the same name and covers an area almost equal to that of Colombo.

Singapore is a city with a heterogeneous population. One meets in the streets representatives of almost every race under the sun—Europeans, Chinese, Malays, Indians, Japanese, Jews, Arabs, etc. but as in every other part of Malaya, the Chinese predominate. Chinese immigrants continue to pour into the country by thousands every month and included in this number are also a few Communists and other bad elements who generally hail from South China. The Government however takes plenty of precautions and these lawless characters are sent back to the land from whence they came.

Although a country of the Malays, the Chinese form the backbone of life in Malaya. The country owes its prosperity in no small measure to the perseverance and business acumen of the Chinese.

The Japanese in Singapore form a small but progressive community and in spite of the "boycott" propaganda against them by the Chinese, are "carrying on" with the grit and perseverance so characteristic of their race. One is always struck by their unflinching courtesy to the foreigner and other winning ways which have helped to make them the finest race in Asia.

The business quarter of the city is situated near the sea front along Collyer Quay and Raffles Square. The buildings are as good or even better than those in the Fort in Colombo. The new General Post Office which was opened last year is one of the best Post Offices in the East.

Near the business quarter is Johnston Pier near which anchor all coasting steamers and numerous Chinese Junk and Sampans. A short distance from Johnston Pier is Connaught Drive which runs along the sea front about half a mile and is the favourite haunt of city dwellers in the evenings.

One of the finest roads in Singapore is Orchard Road along which are found all the leading Motor Show rooms. Opening into this road is also the main gateway to Government House. The Government House at Singapore is a much better and larger building than our Queen's House and is ideally situated. It is built on the top of a small hill in a large park known as Government Domain.

Driving along Orchard and Devonshire Roads one arrives at Tanglin which is the fashionable residential area. Here also is situated the Botanical Gardens which is famous for its Tropical plants. Another part of Singapore which is fast growing into a fashionable residential quarter is Katong by the sea. Here are found the European and Chinese Swimming Clubs. Swimming is a favourite sport in Singapore and the Chinese who excel in it carry off most of the prizes at the annual Swimming competition at the Y. M. C. A.

Singapore's Museum known as Raffles Museum is well worth a visit. In the entrance hall hang small portraits and photographs of all the Governors of the Colony since the British occupation—from Sir Stamford Raffles down to Sir Hugh Clifford. It would be a splendid idea if the authorities of the Colombo Museum too followed this example for the benefit of the man in the street who has no opportunity to see the portraits of the Governors of Ceylon in Queen's House. The Museum is rich with collections not only from all parts of Malaya but from the neighbouring islands of Java, Sumatra and Borneo. From the medical point of view Singapore and the rest of Malaya is far ahead of Ceylon. A new General Hospital built on up to date lines was opened in 1926 containing eight hundred beds. The hospital buildings are in three separate units and the wards are of the "pavilion" type with two or three floors. The buildings alone are said to have cost nearly seven million rupees. There are several clinics in the city to combat venereal disease and Tuberculosis. In addition to these there are travelling dispensaries which take the clinic to the patient's own home.

What strikes the visitor most on his arrival in Singapore is the enormous traffic in the city and the wonderful skill of the Traffic Police in controlling it. This large traffic is mainly due to the numerous "mosquito" buses that ply between various points in the city "Speeding" which is an offence in Ceylon is not taken so seriously in Singapore and it is no uncommon sight to see motorists in that city travelling at a speed which none would dare to attempt in Ceylon.

Another feature in Singapore is the hawking of all kinds of food on the streets. Chinamen of the working class usually have their meals in these stalls for a few cents.

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The Lanka Ayurvedic Medical College, Jaffna.

The Lanka Ayurvedic Medical College will be re-opened as usual on 4th June, 1929

The students who wish to join this College must send their applications to the Principal of the above College

The candidates will be taught Ayurveda, Sidah and Unani and also the other subjects which will be taken up according to the syllabus of the College of Indigenous Medicine at Colombo.

Principal.

Mis. 1435.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6954.

In the matter of the estate of the late Thangammah wife of Chinniah Nagalingam of Neervely South

Deceased.

Valliparam Sangarappillai of Neervely South

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sinnappillai widow of Vaitiar Sinnatamby
2. Valramuttu Narany
3. Sinnatamby Kanagar
4. Valramuttu Kanotar
5. Chinniah Nagalingam
6. Sangary Ramu all of Neervely South

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire District Judge, on April 15, 1929, in the presence of Mr. R. R. Nalliah, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 25, 1929, 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 May 27, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

May 8, 1929, O. 1699.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7119.

In the matter of the intestate Estate of Chinniahobipillai wife of Kandar Sinnatamby Kandiah late of Klang in F. M. S.

Deceased.

Kandar Sinnatamby Kandiah of Karaidivu East

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sarsavathiammal daughter of Kandar Sinnatamby Kandiah of Karaidivu East and
2. Ampalavanar Murugesu of Do

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on May 8, 1929, in the presence of Mr. T. Arumayagam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read, it is ordered that the above-named 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased be issued to the Petitioner unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court on May 28, 1929, and show cause to the contrary.

District Judge.

May, 1929, O. 1700.

FOR SALE.

What offer over Rs. 7500/- for land called Andychipallam 8½ Lachms, on Oddumadam road, within ½ mile of Jaffna Hindu College. In land a well, 21 full bearing coconut trees, 60 newly planted coconut trees and few useful other trees. Site available for building.

T. Sivasithamparam Galle.

Mis. 1447.

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Singapore like most oriental cities is best seen by night. The part of the town known as China Town which comprises an area equal to Colombo Fort and Pettah put together is a veritable Fairyland after nightfall with its myriad lights and numerous food stalls by the roadside. All Chinese shops, hotels and theatres are brightly illuminated for the Chinese believe very much in having plenty of lights.

The climate of Singapore and the rest of the Malay peninsula resembles that of the Low country of Ceylon though the country is rich with green vegetation. There is no place in Malaya to equal Nawaia Eliya but there are sanatoria like Penang Hills, the Maxwell Hills near Taiping, the Cameron Highlands (25 miles from Batu Gajah) and Fraser's Hill near Kuala Kubu.

The last two are just being opened up and will in course of time attract visitors from even beyond Malaya. At present many residents of Singapore go to Brastagi in Northern Sumatra which is famous for its excellent scenery and cool climate.

On the whole Singapore is a picturesque Oriental City—its cosmopolitan population and the variety of life led by its heterogeneous people adding to its charm.

A Tourist.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7065.

In the matter of the estate of the late Arumugam Velupillai of Velanai East.

Deceased.

Velupillai Mailvaganam of Saravani

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Velupillai Thirunavpkarasu of Velanai East
2. Nagamuttu widow of Arumugam Velupillai of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the above-named 1st Respondent and praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on March 18, 1929 in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 15, 1929, having been read:

It is ordered that the above-named 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent that the Petitioner is the son and heir of the deceased and is entitled to administer his estate and that Letters of Administration be granted to him accordingly unless the above-named Respondents or any other person shall on or before May 2, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

April 16, 1929.

Time to show cause extended to 80-5-29, O. 1701.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7079.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Visaladchiammah wife of Ampalavanar Visalvellingam of Vaddukodai who died at Kuala Lipis in the State of Pahang in the Federated Malay States.

Deceased.

Aronasalam Vaitilingam of Vaddukodai

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Visulvellingam Sivakami of do
2. Visulvellingam Sivapakkiam of do
3. Ampalavanar Visulvellingam of do presently of F. M. S.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner, praying that the above-named 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the above-named 1st and 2nd Respondents and praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before K. Kanagasabai Esquire, Acting District Judge, Jaffna, on April 4, 1929, in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 19 March 1929 having been read:

It is ordered that the above-named 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents, that the Petitioner is the father of the above-named 3 deceased and is entitled to administer her estate and that Letters of Administration be issued to him, accordingly unless the above-named Respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 2, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

April 22, 1929.

Time to show cause extended to 80-5-29, O. 1702.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7080

In the matter of the estate of the late Sellammah wife of Velupillai Mailvaganam of Saravani

Deceased.

Velupillai Mailvaganam of Saravani

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Parupatham widow of Ampalavanar Velupillai of do
2. Ampalavanar Nagalingam of do presently of Dodanduwa
3. Nagamuttu widow of Arumugam Velupillai of Velanai East
4. Vallammal widow of Arumugam Muttukumaram of Saravani
5. Kandiah Nadarajah of do presently of Dodanduwa

Minor

Guardian ad litem 6. Parupathippillai widow of Ampalavanar Kandiah of Saravani

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 6th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 5th Respondent and praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before K. Kanagasabai Esquire, Acting District Judge, Jaffna, on April 4, 1929, in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 20, 1929, of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the above-named 6th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the above-named 5th Respondent that the Petitioner is the lawful widow of the above-named deceased and is entitled to administer her estate and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the above-named Respondents or any other person shall on or before May 2, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

April 23, 1929.

Time to show cause extended to 80-5-29, O. 1703.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7105.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Karthigesu Kandiah of Kodigamam

Deceased.

Kandiah Karthigesu of Kodigamam

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Kandiah Vethivelu
2. Velanther Sithamparappillai and
3. wife Annappillai
4. Kanapathippillai Thamothersampillai
5. Kanapathippillai Kalaragarampillai
6. Suppar Kanapathippillai all of Kodigamam

Minors.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 6th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the above-named 4th and 5th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased be granted to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on April 26, 1929, in the presence of Mr. V. S. Karthigesu, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner:

It is ordered that the above-named 6th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the above-named 4th and 5th Respondents and that the Petitioner as one of the heirs of the above-named deceased be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased, unless the above-named Respondents or any other person shall on or before June 6, 1929 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

May 8, 1929

Time extended for June 6, 1929.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

O. 1698.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6988.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Ponnachchi wife of Nagamuttu Thampar of Mahlapiddy

Deceased.

Nagamuttu Thampar of Mahlapiddy

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. K. Satharath Kanthiah of Colombo, wife
2. Thankam of Mahlapiddy
3. Sivanathar Kathiravelupillai of Colombo, wife
4. Sinnappillai of Mahlapiddy
5. Thampar Kanagasabapathy of Mahlapiddy
6. Sooriar Sathasivam and wife
7. Sinnamma both of Nallore

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on January 22, 1929, in the presence of Mr. M. Vythirigam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 21, 1929 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 14, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

January 22, 1929.

Time to show cause extended till May 30, 1929, J. C. W. R.

A. D. J.

O. 1704.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7029.

In the matter of the estate of the late Ramasipillai wife of Sittampalam Muttukumaram of Vaddukodai West

Deceased.

Ramasipillai of Sittampalam Muttukumaram of Vaddukodai West

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Muttukumara Murugesu of Vaddukodai West, presently of the F. M. S.
2. Muttukumara Chittampalam of Vaddukodai West, presently of Lohat in the F. M. S.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on February 21, 1929, in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 13, 1929 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the attorney of the 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 Respondents or any other person shall, on or before April 18, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

March 6, 1929.

Extended to 80-5-29.

O. 1705

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