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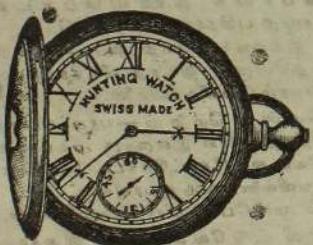
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Jaffna 16th June 1896

G. W. WOODHOUSE
Hon. Secretary

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MULLAITTIVU ORDER nisi.

No. 7

Jurisdiction

In the matter of the Estate of the late Feonega Carolis Appu of Mullaittivu, Deceased

Vayittiyer Veluppullai of Mullaittivu Deceased

Petitioner
This matter of the Petition of Vayittiyer Veluppullai of Mullaittivu praying for letters of administration to the Estate of the above named deceased coming on for disposal before E. M. de C. Short Esq. District Judge, on the 27th day of April 1896, and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 27th April 1896 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner as creditor of the intestate, is entitled to have letters administration to the Estate of the said intestate issued to him, unless any person shall, on or before the 24th day of June 1896, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed E. M. de C. Short

District Judge

The 7th day of May 1896

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA ORDER nisi.

No. 767

Jurisdiction

Class I

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chuchan Mary Annapoorany wife of Antoni Fernando of Kayts East Deceased

Bastiampillai Swande croos of Kayts East Petitioner

Vs
Antoni Fernando Quarter Master of the Steamer "Ceylon" Colombo Respondent

This matter of the Petition of Bastiampillai Swande croos of Kayts East praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Chuchan Mary Annapoorany wife of Antoni Fernando coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 19th day of May 1896 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 18th day of May 1896 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of June 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 19th day of May 1896

H. H. Cameron
District Judge.

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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 1896

OUR STAPLE PRODUCT.

As anticipated and forewarned by us in these columns, a few months back, the dead-lock in the extensive Jaffna Tobacco trade with Travancore has already taken place. Very depressing news reach the merchants here from that State which is the only market for the Jaffna tobacco outside the limits of this Colony. Not only the quantity of last year's Jaffna tobacco now remaining in stock in that State is sufficient for the requirements of another whole year, but the price also is rapidly going down. A very large area having been newly brought under cultivation here during the last two years, the output of this year's tobacco crop is above the average; and almost the whole of it must find a sale in that market. The supply therefore, exceeds the demand, with the result that the merchant feels very apprehensive of serious loss on account of his last year's tobacco yet remaining unsold; and the cultivator here is now at his wits end not knowing how to dispose of the product which he has cultivated at considerable expense and personal labour and trouble. In previous years the merchants used to commence their purchase of tobacco here in the month of April and complete it in July or August. But this year, though it is the middle of June, they have not yet commenced to purchase in earnest, and they are not likely to do so for sometime yet. It goes without saying that the cultivators will be obliged to sell their tobacco at a very much reduced rate. Great consternation and anxiety therefore prevail among them, and tobacco being not only the staple product but also the mainstay of more than ninety per cent of the people here, the outlook for Jaffna is very bad indeed.

As we have said more than once in these columns, the Jaffna people cannot surmount this difficulty, unless they grow a new varieties of tobacco and cure them to suit other markets than the Travancore one, or betake themselves to the cultivation of new products over a large portion of the lands now under tobacco cultivation. The inhabitants of this Peninsula have every claim on our paternal Government to guide and help them in doing one or the other. We earnestly hope that our worthy Government Agent will bestow some attention in regard to this most important question and devise means to afford relief to the people committed to his care.

We learn from the weekly edition of the London Times of the 22nd Ultimo that,

"Mr. Meline (Prime Minister of France) has directed the professors of agriculture to suspend their lectures and to go through the rural districts in order to advise farmers to meet the failure of the hay crop by sowing vetches, maize and other fodder as also by utilizing oil-cake, straw, bran and corn."

Government interference and initiation are thus considered necessary even in more advanced and enlightened countries. Have the people of Jaffna ever had the benefit of Government advise and instruction in the matter of agriculture? Has any attempt been ever made in Jaffna by Government to introduce here new varieties of tobacco and teach the people new mode of curing them to suit European markets, or has any new product suitable to the Jaffna soil been introduced here at their initiation?

THE JAFFNA RAILWAY.

The memorial of the Jaffna Railway Committee to His Excellency Sir Joseph West Ridgeway praying for Railway Extension to Jaffna is being printed and will be in His Excellency's hands before the week is out. It is very gratifying to learn at this juncture from the "Observer" of the 12th Instant that,

The final sitting of the Northern Railway Commission took place yesterday when the evidence of Mr. Hodson, the Railway Expert from Madras was recorded. The Commission which met at noon and sat till nearly 7 p. m. was presided over by the Hon. F. R. Saunders, the Treasurer, and there were present, the Hon. R. K. McBride, Director of Public Works; J. N. Christie, Mr. Waring, Chief Engineer of Railway Extensions, Mr. Bowden Simith, Mr. Ramanathan, Acting Attorney-General, the other members of the Commission was absent. The Commission drafted a report which will be sent round for signature in a few days. We learn that a recommendation has been made that the Railway should be constructed on LIGHT broad gauge.

It is to be hoped that His Excellency will now see his way to recommend to the Secretary of

State the immediate construction of this Railway which is sure to benefit a large portion of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this Colony and to serve important Imperial interests.

The thanks of the Jaffna public are especially due to the Editor of the 'Examiner' for his earnest and persistent advocacy of this cause. The present activity of the Jaffna Railway Committee is in no small measure due to the exhortations contained in his able editorial in his issue of the 4th Instant.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE WEATHER—The drought still continues. There has been no rain during the last fortnight, although there were indications of it last week. After a lull of three or four days the South-West wind is again blowing very hard. If not for this blowing the heat here would be something unbearable.

THE GOVERNMENT AGENT—Mr. Ievers is still on circuit in the Vanni Districts. He is expected to return here at the end of this week.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL—The Hon'ble Mr. Ramanathan C. M. G. the acting Attorney-General with Mrs. Ramanathan, is expected to visit Jaffna shortly. We understand that Mrs. Ramanathan will remain in Jaffna for some weeks, taking her residence at Keerimalai, for the benefit of her health.

HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR—His Excellency Sir Joseph West Ridgeway has returned to Colombo from his tour in the Uva Province. He was cordially received by the planters and the general inhabitants of the Province. His speech at the dinner given to him by the planters has created an excellent impression throughout the colony and augurs well for an impartial and successful administration.

POINT PEDRO AND CHAVAKACHCHERI COURTS—Mr. Casie Chitty having gone to Colombo on leave, owing to the illness of his mother, Mr. Advocate Nagalingam assumed duties on the 15th instant as acting Police Magistrate and Commissioner of Requests of these Courts.

THE DISTRICT COURT—The Court of Requests Ordinance will not in any way reduce the work of the District Judge here, as all cases involving amounts between Rs. 100 Rs. 300 will as heretofore continue to be entertained and heard by him. It is only right to say that Mr. Cameron is very painstaking and does his work thoroughly and conscientiously. He may be a little slow owing to want of previous judicial experience, but it is now generally admitted that he is a very safe judge.

PERSONAL—Dr. M. Sinnatambu Deputy Asst. Colonial Surgeon, Balangoda, is now in his native village, Anaicotta, having come on six weeks' leave of absence. His marriage with the eldest daughter of Mr. T. Ramalingam, Notary of the same place place on the 22nd Instant.

—Mr. Advocate Allegakone has returned to Jaffna from his visit to Colombo.

—Mr. C. Sapapathy Pillai, the District Engineer of Jaffna is, we are sorry to learn, laid up with carbuncle. Dr. Grenier is attending on him. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

—Mr. S. Chellappah, Shroff, Government Railway, Hatton, has come to Jaffna on sick leave.

THE KANDASWAMY TEMPLE CASE—Appeal has been filed by the Defendants against the judgment of the District Court.

THE CHIDAMBARAM PILGRIMAGE—Hundreds of Hindus have gone from Jaffna to Chidambaram for the Festival which came to a close on the 18th inst. Considering that South India now enjoys perfect immunity from cholera there is no fear this time of that dire epidemic being introduced here by the pilgrims.

COACH SERVICE—From the 8th Instant the Mail Coach from Jaffna to Matale start at 11 a. m.; the Coaches to Point Pedro and Kankesanthurai leave Jaffna at 3 p. m. and those from these places to Jaffna reach here at 10 a. m.

—Mr. Sabaretnam, Mudaliyar of the Trincomalee Kachcheri having returned to Jaffna on six weeks' leave of absence has gone to Chidambaram for the festival.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt from Government of the reports of the Honourable F. R. Ellis on Customs and Shipping for 1895, and of the Hon'ble Mr. A. R. Dawson on the Western Province.

—THERE is at least one Sovereign who acknowledges in full, the power and importance of the Press. King Menelik of Abyssinia has enjoined his troops to be careful not to hurt any journalist that may be taken prisoners. "Remember," said he "the Italian reporters are writers and writing is divine."

RAMBLING NOTES.

I learn that the work in connection with the extension of Railway to Jaffna will not be long delayed! Oh! if it is true what a happy news to the Jaffna! But I am led to believe by the frequent meetings of the Railway Commission and the consultation of Government with the consulting Engineer of Madras (who is now in Colombo to advise the selection of the Railway Terminus) that what I heard must be true.

Now the Jaffna Railway Committee and others here who have the welfare of Jaffna at heart must move heaven and earth to make the Jaffna Railway a *fait accompli* during the present regime. Beat the iron while it is hot. The iron is I think in the fire. The anvil and the hammer are hard by. Now all Jaffna rise up

as one man and beat the iron out, and the Jaffna Railway will be no longer visionary.

With what amount of pleasure I read His Excellency's speech at the Badulla Dinner. He intimated to those present at the meeting that he was taking lessons under Sir Edward Walker and Mr. Taylor, and now he has almost finished his course. So, I am sure, he will govern Ceylon as well as it ought to be and will not give way to the whims and fancies of Heads of Departments.

The Jaffna Commercial Trading Corporation is certainly an honour to Jaffna. The Jaffna are proverbially industrious and self-reliant, though in saying so, I blow my own trumpet. But the occasion justifies my doing so. Necessity is the mother of invention. It draws out latent powers for practical purposes. The failure of the new O. B. C. left a vacuum that had to be filled as soon as possible. Jaffna was not unequal to the occasion. It invoked the aid of other banks; but for reasons best known to the bankers themselves the aid invoked was not forthcoming. But the Jaffna did not stay there. They took a nobler and a better step. They said to themselves they will have a bank of their own and a bank of their own they have. Well done Jaffna! —Wanderer

THE HINDU CHRONOLOGY.

BY MR. K. NARAYANASAWMI IYER

THE CHRONOLOGY OF WESTERN ORIENTALISTS.

In the computation of time given out by me before, I did not state the exact period in which we are. As will be evident from our Sankalpas, we are in the Kali-Yuga of the 28th Mahayuga, 7th Manwantara, of the day of Brahma that came after his 50th year. In other words, half of the life of Brahma is over and the day after that came which is called the Sweta Varaha Kalpa. In that day of Brahma which is composed of 14 Manwantaras, we are now in the 7th Manwantara called the Vaishwata. In it which is composed of 71 Mahayugas, 27 Mahayugas have passed and with the expiry of the Kali Yuga in which we are at present, 28 Mahayugas will have been exhausted. In this Kali Yuga containing 4,32,000 years we have already spent 4,997 years. As regards the details of events in these epochs, I shall treat of them hereafter in connection with geology. About the sub-divisions of the many periods in Kaleyngas, not much of information is vorhanden in the Puranas. Some stress is laid upon every 5000 years in Kali Yugas marking important epochs. Accordingly they hold that the next 3 or 4 years will produce some revolution in the existing state of things, signs are wanting for that end. In Vishvanya Puranas and such like, future prediction about the reigns of kings, &c., are given out.

Such is the Hindu Chronology which reveals to us an untold number of periods far back in the antideluvian periods. While so, the attitude of the western orientalists is anything but belief in the same. Accordingly, we find an entire subversal of the true state of things. Against the express dates given to the Vedas (as now existing) and the Puranas as well as other books and events the orientalists have in many cases, exercised their ingenuity to the utmost to twist all facts according to their preconceived notions and have brought down the dates to a very recent period. Take for instance the Vedas and the Puranas and let us see what dates are given by our writers and the Western interpreters of our writings. The four Vedas, as now existing, did not exist previously in this form. One Veda alone existed and as regards this, there are two parties existing among the Orthodox men, one holding that it is eternal and another holding that it changes with every creation. Leaving aside this disputed point, let me go into the undisputed—amongst the Orthodox Hindus—age of the present Vedas. The Vishnu Purana which is recognized as a standard authority by all the divisions of Hindus declares in Chapter III, Book III. "In every Dwapara (or 3rd) Yuga, Vishnu in the person of Vyasa in order to promote the good of mankind, divides the Veda which is properly one, into many portions: observing the limited perseverance, energy and application of mortals, he makes the Veda fourfold to adopt it to their capacities and the bodily form which he assumes in order to effect that classification, is known by the name of Veda Vyasa.... 28 times have the Vedas been arranged by the great Rishis in the Vaivaswata Manwantara, in the Dwapara age and consequently 28 Vyassas have passed away; by whom in their respective periods, the Veda has been divided into four." Then the author goes on to enumerate the names of the different Veda Vyassas in the 28 Mahayugas of whom the last one is our Krishna Dwaipayana, having been born in an Island through the union of Parasara and Matsyagandhi, the fisherman's daughter. Thus it will be found that even supposing that this division of the one Veda into four took place in the end of Dwapara, Yuga, for our books say the division took place in Dwapara, we shall have to assign to the Vedas an antiquity of 5000 years at the least. For here also there is a division of opinion amongst us through the calculation of Kaliyuga. Kaliyuga proper consists of 3,60,000 years only, leaving out of the account the two Sandhis each of 36,000 years, both before and after it. If the Sandhi is to be taken into account, and if nearly 5000 years of Kaliyuga have passed, then 41,000 years should have expired since the four Vedas of ours came into vogue. Taking it at its worst, nearly 5000 years must have passed ere the division took place. And yet the latest authority, Max Muller will allow the Rig-veda, the earliest one, at the highest, 3000 years: if not 2,500.—The Hindu