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NOTICE.

CEYLON TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

DEPARTMENT OF TELEGRAPHY AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

The Department will open in March and applications for admission are invited and should be sent in before February 28th.

The Entrance Examinations will be held at the College on February 28th at 10 30 a.m.

Forms of application and particulars of fees, examinations and appointments, are to be obtained from the Superintendent of the College at Colombo.

Upwards of 32 appointments in the Postal, Telegraph and Railway Departments will be offered for competition among the students of the course.

Candidates who sought admission to this Department of the College last year will be good enough to write to the Superintendent and state whether they still wish their applications to be considered.

All candidates who send in applications on the prescribed forms will come up to Colombo for the Entrance Examination on February 28th without waiting to receive formal notification that their applications are accepted.

E. HUMAN

Colombo 22nd
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Superintendent

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RAILWAY TO THE NORTH.

We publish elsewhere His Excellency the Governor's statement at the sitting of the Legislative Council on the 4th instant in regard to the extension of this Railway and the Despatch of the Secretary of State on the subject. The Despatch has since been published but space would not permit our giving it in our columns. His Excellency gives a full resume of it, and it will be seen that the Railway to the North has not received the sanction of the Secretary of State as several people thought that it had. Not even the sanction of

the section from Kurunagalla to Anuradhapura is unconditional and in terms of the recommendation of the Governor. It is hedged in by the condition that one-third of the cost of construction of this section should be borne by the revenue of the Colony, as it is an admitted fact that it should be worked for some years at a loss—a condition sound in principle and just in its application, but open to attack at certain quarters in order to retard the commencement of this work as long as possible. But we hope that the principle will be adhered to and the Government will be firm in their determination to push on this great Railway which the Commission that reported on it has unanimously declared to be a necessity and of which the Secretary of State in his Despatch says:

"That a direct railway to the North, designed to run through the remoter districts of Ceylon and eventually to connect the Jaffna Peninsula with Colombo and the centre of the Island, is in itself desirable, need not be argued. When made, it will facilitate administration, and it will, there is every reason to think, open up districts at present sparsely inhabited and little cultivated."

The Secretary of State's conclusions in regard to the recommendation of the Governor to simultaneously construct the section from Kankesanturai to Elephant Pass on the gauge of 2 ft 6 in are particularly disappointing to the people of this Peninsula. Mr. Chamberlain says that the whole line to Kankesanturai should be considered as part of the main line and constructed on a broad gauge of 5 ft. 6 inches, and that the commencement of this section should be postponed for a time. We quote the following paragraphs from the concluding portion of the Despatch.—

You will take then my view to be that no break of gauge can be sanctioned at any point in this Northern line. The Consulting Engineers are strongly in favour of constructing the whole line on the 5ft 6in gauge, and the arguments which they adduce in support of this view appear to me to be incontrovertible.

Under these circumstances you may consider that the commencement of the section from Kankesanturai to Elephant Pass should be postponed for a time; but I do not refuse to sanction the early construction of that section, if on reconsideration you can satisfy me and my expert advisers that on the light 5ft 6in gauge it can be made to pay ab initio.

The construction of the intermediate line between Elephant Pass and Anuradhapura must wait for the present. When made, it must be made on the existing 5ft 6in gauge.

We are not competent to say whether the Governor and his professional advisers in the Colony or the Secretary of State and his expert advisers at Home are right in regard to the views they take on the vexed question of gauge. But what we know and feel is that owing to this disagreement of opinion the much-needed railway to Jaffna is to be postponed sine die. It is to form the subject of fresh inquiry by another Commission as to whether the section from Kankesanturai to Elephant Pass on the 5 ft 6 in gauge would pay ab initio. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that the Peninsula line, unless further extended, would pay, if constructed on the standard gauge. How can it pay when it will lose all the sea-going traffic to Colombo and Galle and even the traffic that now goes by cart to the Vannies, Anuradhapura, Matale and Kandy? If the Government are really anxious to give to the congested population of Jaffna an outlet to the Vannies and the benefits of railway communication with the Southern portion of the Island, they should construct the whole line from Kurunagalla to Kankesanturai as one work, and it will not only afford relief to the people of the North but also

prove a financial success, if not immediately, within a few years of its construction. Or if the Railway is to be made by sections they must commence the work from this Peninsula, applying the principle of one-third of the cost being contributed from the general revenue of the Colony. We do not see the advantage of the railway extended to Anuradhapura, without the prospect of the line being extended to Jaffna in the immediate future. It is the people of Jaffna who are in need of a railway and who have for the last thirteen years agitated for it. If we understand the Despatch of Mr. Chamberlain aright the line from Kankesanturai to Elephant Pass—the line that is sure to afford immediate relief to the people of this Peninsula—will not be constructed unless it satisfactorily answers the test of "will it pay immediately," while the section from Kurunagalla to Anuradhapura—the section that will be of no use to us here unless further extended to reach this Peninsula—will be made partly out of borrowed capital and partly out of the general revenue.

Now is the time for a mass meeting of the inhabitants of this Peninsula not merely to thank His Excellency the Governor and the Secretary of State for what they have already done in the promotion of this Railway but also to point out the defects of the policy now proposed to be adopted and to send a Memorial praying that if the construction of the whole line from Kurunagalla to Kankesanturai cannot be now undertaken, the commencement of the work by sections may be done from this Peninsula.

Since the above was in type a Committee has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor composed of Sir F. R. Saunders, the Government Agent, Northern Province, and the General Manager of the Railway, to inquire into the best route to be adopted for the section of the proposed light broad gauge railway from Kankesanturai to Elephant Pass, and at the same time to furnish estimate of traffic and working expenses, and to report whether in their opinion a light broad gauge railway costing Rs 58,000 per mile would pay ab initio.

OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

For the last one week all the paddy godowns in the Jaffna District have been closed, the whole supply having become exhausted. This is an event unprecedented in the history of Jaffna. Serious distress, however, does not prevail in the country. This shows that Jaffna, though it imports annually about 2,000,000 bushels of paddy, besides a large quantity of rice and other food grains, and produces about half a million bushels of home-grown paddy, does not depend entirely for the sustenance of its inhabitants on rice and paddy alone. Dry grains, yams, manioc and the produce of the palmyrah are the mainstay of the poorer classes, and this accounts for the absence of actual distress here even though rice and paddy have been selling here at a famine price for about two months and though coast paddy could not be had for a week or so either for love or money. If such a scarcity prevailed in any other District of the Island the consequences would have been awfully serious, necessitating relief works being opened by the Government and affording gratuitous relief to thousands. I speak well of the industry and endurance of our countrymen that every failure of the loca

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வைத்திய விராணி—இல்லை வாய்ப்புகள் ஆல் ஆலுக்குத்துப்பிள்ளையும் வரைவில்தறப்பெற்ற அக்கு வேலி குரன்பிரசூதமந்திராஸையில் அக்கிட்டு வெளி ப்படுத்தப்படுமேர் சுதாங்கைப்பட்டினிலை. இதில்லிருந்த தாழ்விமிடுவதுப்பட்ட அடை பிரயோக ஜகான் விழுவங்களிடமிருந்தின்றன. பொதுப்பாயின் கூட்டாக ஆல்கால்குட்டிப்பாகிகளில் மறைந்துகிட்டுக் கூட தமிழ்நாட்டினுறவுள்ளே பலதுமிகுளிதல் நியங்கும்படி பல்கலாங்களில் கூர்வதில்லை எனும், சோங்களினிற்குப்பகலிக்கான அராய்ந்து அதைகளைகீழே நிறைவேர்த்து தக்கான வெளித்துவாத நிறைவேர்த்து மூலம் பிப்பதித்தினால் விடுவதுமேக்குமானாலே கூடும் பிடிமுறை தீடும். ஆனால் ஏவ்வக்கும் பிரயோகங்களைப் பதிரிகையிலென்பது காம் செல்லவேஎன்றுவிடுவிலை.

உலகு அதன் கோர்டில் தீவாரம் கொண்டிருக்கிறதே அவசினாலே சுட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது, பறந்திருக்கிறதே தீடுபட்டு பின்னர் சுட்டிருக்கிறதே சுட்டப்பட்டு இல்லாமல்திருப்பதாகி யிருக்கிறதே சுட்டுப்பட்டு வருகிறதே அப்படிருக்கிறதே மூலமாக பெற்று போட்டு வருகிறதே அப்படிருக்கிறதே பலரது வேலைக்கொள்கிறதோம் மேற்கூர கொலிவருத்தக் காலத்திற்கும், என்பதிலக்குநாக்களாக்கள் கொழுப்பு சென்றிருக்கிறார்கள், கிளமலைத்தன்மை பகுதியிலிருஷ்கொயில்கிப் புதுக்குரித்தகை பெறுவதன்னிடம் மொல்க்கெய்க்கை பெறுகிறதோம் பெறுவதன்னிட கெலவி இல்லை என்று கூறாகிறார்கள் அங்கீராயிலுடைப்பட்ட இவ்வாய்வத்தின் பொருட்டும் தமது பகுதிகளை மொருபாட்டுக்கை கொடுத்துபெறுத்தில்லை என்கிறதை கைப்பகுதித்தறுப் பின்னரிடாக்கின் இல்லை மற்றும் அவசினாக்குத்துத் தரவழகதும் போகவேண்டிய பிலை, உத்திரவோத்தகளாகவும், நியாயபரிசீலனைக்கு மிருக்கும் ஏனைய செய்யமென்பதையிருக்கிறும் தங்கள் தங்களாலியிப்பாக காங்கிரஸ் பங்குகிறத்தாக சுற்றிதழித்தும் பின்னரிடாக்கின் மாட்டர்ஸ்களேன்பது எமது கம்பிசை

விவரங்கள்.—ஒன்றுவேலி ஸ்தி. ஏ. ஈனக்குறப்புவர்கள் ட்ரும் வட்டிச்சோட்டு ஸ்தி திருச்சியில்லம்பல். ஏன் செல்லும்பார்க்கும் சென்றதுமிரும் தீவிர விவரங்கள் வெளியிடப்பட்டு தெரியத். நம்பகி.ன் இருவரும் கூவாழுவேயும் கீருவிவாழும் எம்பொருமாண்கிறுவதுபோன்ற விவரங்கள். இவ்விவரங்களில் ஏழத்துக்கு வர்த்தித்து பிபிய ரூபா பெற்றும்.

நீர்விடலை.—நூதார்க்கல் நெயில்வெட்டுவில்லை சுதமிப்பாய்யள்ள பொற்றிக்கூறுவது அது கிராமத்திலிருக்கிற கும் ஜினிஸபேன்னுடோ வெப்பால்ரிசின்களங்களோ கொண்டுசென்ற தமதுவயலில் கென்றுவெட்டியிருக்க கொண்டிருக்கும் கணமயத்தில் இவ்வாய்க்கம்மெடன வழக் குறைத்தின்ற அங்கொயலாகின்கள் சிலர் ஆயுதபாரிசை வரவிட்டுக்கொண்டு குடிக்க இருக்கிறியாருக்குவிட்டுபே ஓர்பெருஞ் சமர் கிழ்ந்தத் தீ. அப்பெழுது ஒருவன் துப்பாக்கிகளை மேற்கொண்டு விடுவதை பேன்னுடோ வெப்பால் வரைகட்டு விழுத்திவிட்டனர். கூட்டிக் கோலிபுரிக்காரனின் இங்காணிர்கு உரிமைத்தொல்லி சிற்றாசோதாரனின் ஒருவன் கிடிக்குத்தான்தின்குஞ் சென்றதாமே இங்கொலையைப்புரிந்தன கொண்டு ராஸ்னாலும்

பரிசோதனை மறுப்பு—காம்பாலதார் ஸ்ரீ. சி. வெ
தாமேதாம்பிள்ளையார்ஜன் மாண்டப்புவும் ஒவ்வொன்றில்
நான் விக்ஷியாகவிடப்பட்ட பரிசோதனை ஸ்ரீ. து. வேது
ப்பின்னையுவர்களையிருப்பட்ட குலைசூத்துவைத்
தம் பரிசோதனைக்காலிலென்றால் ஆகவே காலமே
ல் ஆட்டோபக் தொடுப்பேர் காங்கிரஸ்தாத் ஆகிய
பேருடுக்கே எழுதிக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்றால் அறி
விக்கும்படி ஒர் டிட்டமுலமாய் ஏங்கமாக சேட்டிருக்
கின்றனர்.

இந்தியப் பகுதிகள் — தஞ்சையில் மராத்தியர்களும் வட பிரசுரமாகவருமிட கழிப்பத்திற்கிணக் பத்திரி பிம்பானின்பொரும் விளம்பி வாசிக்காததாக தொடர்பு பலத்தாம் தொன்றுவதென்றியல்களே. இப்பத்திற்கிணக் பின் ஓர்ப்பிரசுரமை எமக்கு மிகவுக்க பக்காதிப்பத் துவக்கு ஸ்ததிக்குறிச்சூறு, இப்பத்திற்கிணக்கை எமக்குக் கிரமமா யங்கப்பிளவுக்காலம் காமுகமைது பத்திற்கிணக் கை வர்த்திக்கிறதோம்.

தமேரத்து கபோரான் மரணத்தின் பெறுதல் — பூதுவிற் கொள்ளினை யுக்கிபோரான்தர்களாயிருக்க மேல்குண்டி, மீண்டுமேற்ற ஆசிய விழுவரையும் கொண்டுசெய்த நாமேரத்து கபோர் என்பவர் பூது கெஷன் கிபிரியன் லீன்ஸ்ப்பட்டி குற்றவர்களைப் போன்ற பூதுவிற் கொண்டு சென்றதினை விதிக்கூப்பெற்றதாக இருக்கிறது. கானே இவ்விழுவரையும் கொண்டுசெய்ததாக முன்னால் கொண்டுதாப் பின்றாதது விட்டனன். போலின்ஸ்ப்பெரின்டாகிய மெஸ்பிரிவின்ஸன்பவர், கான்குற்று செய்ததாக ஒத்துக்கொண்டால் தங்கேயில் ஒருபாக செனவழித்து ஓர்கேயில் கட்டுவதாக

வும் தன்னுடைய மின்விளக்கு மரங்களுடும் சூப கெடு கெதிராகவும் கொண்டுவிட்டுமிக்கடியே கொண்ட ஒத்தாக கொல்ல நாசக் கொண்ட அன், என்கொல்லவிடுமென்ற கிழவூரியர் குறுத்துவிலையென்று சொன்னதினால் பீபதி அவனுக்கு மனதாட்டை விடுதல்வட்டம் ஆக்கமுவடிவியாயப்போமான்—தொப்புக்காலை சுதாங்குத் துஞ்சின் என்றுமிட்டதில் ஏழையுதப்பராயமுள்ள பயிரங்களில் ட் எஸ்பாய் பிராயப்பராயமோதனையிற் சிகிச்சை நிறுத்துகின்றாராம். தீ

வர்த்தகையும் ஓர்க்கிடப்படி, இருபத்தெட்டாறுவர்களுடன் பொது கிளிமீல்ஸ்களில் சிவாசாரமுக்காக்கின்கூடிய மேஜை உட்கூசலிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. சிவாசாரத்தினால்சாரங்களை ஒருவர் சிவாசாரப்பிரச்சாரங்களைக்கூட்டுத்தான் கிளிமீல்ஸ்களில் சிவாசாரமுக்காக்கிக்கூடிய வழி வல்லவர்முடியுடைய சர்வர் பிரச்சின்றன ரெண்ட்பது எவ்வளவும் போர்ச்சிரவந்தால்சியவினைக்கும்.

காந்தி

பஞ்சவிலையும் பாதுகாவலத்தும்.

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பராதூரஸல பற்றிகாசிபர் பஞ்சவிலையுடன்கூறி தூதுப் பரிசுபிபாச்சிபேஸல முழுகிடித்து வந்துவிலையை யாழியுமிகுத்துக் கணக்குவினையில் முடிக்க செட்டிடப் பிரிசீன்ஸ் கூட்டுப்போக்கு கொள்ளையிட்டுக் கூலம் மல்வினத்து அதனுல் செட்டிடப்பின்மீதுகொடும் ஏதாவதிட்டு தீட்டியிடக் கருத்தற்றுமிகுப்பது கேட்கல் நடவின்றது கூகவிலையேற்றங்குத்தக்குக் காரணம் செட்டிடப்பின்மீதுகொடும் தோறாக்கியேயன்ற மந்திரவுலவென்னும் காரப்படப்பே பேசுகிறதோடு சாதாரியத்தைப் பார்த்து தால், தெல்லிலைகிடாத்துவிட்டுக் கூலலெற்றுக் கூலைகளின்லாம் தக்கிலையிராக விலையாகவிட்டு தக்கவிலையோடு காரு, ஏற்றுக்கொளி, எப்படுக்கொளி, இருதுறைக்கொளி வை, இறக்குக்கொளி, வட்டுமூகவிலைகள்கூல் கூட்டிட்டு விணக்குத்துக்கணமும் வாப்பேடமும் செவ்வே உணர்து கொண்டவர்பேஸல அபிஷீக்கின்றார். உண்ணாக கூறுபவராயிருந்தால் காரப்பட்டானத் துறையில் இன்னன்விலை, காக்கங்காடு வகுக்காத்துறையிலை இன்னன்விலை, காங்கால் வங்காளம் இன்னன்விலை என்றென்று கூறுகிறது. காங்கால் வங்காளம் இன்னன்விலை விலை

தக்காலிகம் தானியம் வளர்க்கப்படுவது தந்திரவு விலை
எற்றமில்லையென்று விலை கணக்கின் நிலை பத்திரிகையை
பெற்றுக் கண்ணுமிகுக்கின்றது. இருபடி அதிகி இருந்து
கிட்கின்று சுக்காலிலிருஷ் வரையுக்கள், பெரிய முழுசாலை
வட்டமேற்கள் என்கொடுவதோடு ஏதுபிப் பரிசுப் பிரிவுகள்
உள்ளன. இதற்குக் கெட்டுப்பின்னே விலை விலை கொடுவதையும்
கூர்க்காலுக்கிணங்குமிருந்து அறிவேயை கெட்டுப் பின்னே கொடு
கிணலை மூப்பத்தாகு கூறுகிறதோ திருப்பத்தாகத்தாக்குக் கூறுகிற
ம்பள்ளுவார்களை? அப்படிக் கொடுவார்களைஞ்சு அவர்கள் நிலைத்துகின்ற விவரங்கள் பண்ணுவதைப்படியோ!
கிளைகாலத்தக்குமுன்னே இருபத்தினால்ல, திருப்பத்தாகத்துக்குமுன்று
விற்ற கெட்டுப்பின்னேகாமே இப்பொது தமிழ்நாட்டு மூப்பத்தாகத்துக்கு
தமிழ்நாட்டு மூப்பத்தாகத்துக்கு விற்ற கூறுகிற கூறுகிணலை
மாக அவர்களைக் குறைத்தல் விரைவாக்கோ. இருபடி
து இருபத்தொரு பண்ணத்தக்கு விற்றாலால்த்தில் என்னைப்
கொண்டு பெற்றுக்களோ, அந்தஸ்தப்பை மூப்பத்து
பத்திரிகைகள் பணம்விற்கிற போதும் பெற்றுக்கொண்டு
ஆராய்க்குத் தாங்கள் கண்குவிளக்கு, எட்டுக்காலம்
ஏற்பாடுகளிலே கெள்வில்லாமலிருந்தபோத எட்டு
பத்திரிகை, எந்தப்பிரதி, எந்தக்குருமார், எந்தப்பாற்றி
மீரார், எந்ததுத்திலியார்ஸ்ட் கேள்வுவரவுமாக்கப் படு
சுயத்தனப்பட்டார்கள்? ‘அப்பாராய் அவளிறங்கு

ந்தே தெரியும் என்னுடையோல், எல்லார் பெருமையும் எல்லாவிடமில்லை முன் ஏதும் ஏட்டுக்கூறில் வர்த்தப்பான் கண்ணுவிட்டுக் கேடு, அதைகாலப்படி சொல்கிறோம். அதற்குப் பட்ட செட்டிப்பின்னைகளில்கொல்லிக்கும், கேற்றுவதற்குப் பட்ட செட்டிப்பின்னைகளில்கொல்லிக்குமா? கேற்றுவதற்குப் பட்ட செட்டிப்பின்னைகளில்கொல்லிக்குமா? செல்லினையும் இன்னு சூபா வர்க்குமா? கேள்வப்போதானாகும் எப்போதும் வரும் எனத கணக்குக்கேள்விக்கு உத்தராக்கொள்கிற அவர்கள்மன்ற குளிரப்பன்றையும் வர்கள் செட்டிப்பின் தீவிராக்காத காலிலேறுவார். அத்தன்மையாகிய செட்டிப்பின்னைகளைப் பத்திரிகீப்பிற்கு வர்த்தக வர்த்தக நெடுங்களில்லாமல் வாராக் கொள்கின்றியிடப்படுகே இருக்கும் வியர்ப்பாரமாக வித்தமுறைக் கொண்டாட்டங்கள் ஒன்று பழித்துற்றுவது அந்தோ பேரவீரியாகையும், கூந்து மீண்டுமாம். செட்டிப்பின்னைகள் ஒன்றுமையும் காலிக்கட்டுப்பாடு முடியவென்று கொண்டு வரும் நிதி கூடும். அவர்கள் தங்களுக்குள் யாவரும்நிதி கூடும் வையும். அவர்கள் தங்களுக்குள் யாவரும்நிதி கூடும் வையும்.

த ஏனையுடு செய்திகளென்னும் வலிமையுறவுடைய வர்களென்பதும் யாவருமறிக்க விலையும், இனி கெள்ளுவியாபாரம் முழுதும் அவர்கள்கூடியே உள்ளூடு ந்பதும் யாவருமறிக்க விலையும். இவைகளும்வாய்ப்பு பத்திரிகைப்பட்டிருக்கிறது அங்கீராயம். அப்படிருக்கவும் இருபதுக்கு சென்ட் கெல்லை முப்பிரிக்கீரு விலைங்களும் இருபத்தொன்று இருபத்தெட்டுக்கணக்காக விற்க விரைவாக மென்னவோ? அவர்களுக்கும் வாய்க்காடு காலம் எக்காலமோ? எக்காலமும் அவர்களுக்கு ஒரேகாலமயிருக்கின்றனன்றோ? இருபத்தெட்டுப்பணம் விற்காலத்தில் கெட்டிக்கொடுக்கும் ஏன் கெல்லை கொள்ளுவது விவரத்து எதிர்க்கொடும் விவரமா? இப்பிரைடு அது

யாராக்கும்செய்தவர்கள் யாவர்? இப்பொது அதை ம்பதற விட்டார் யாவர்? அவர்களுக்குத் தருளவாய்ப்பெற்பத்தோ? பத்திரிகீபர் இதற்கு யாவர்கள் இல்லை தூய்தான் ஆழமுணர்வாமல் அழியிற் கவுனிது தபச்சிராகிப்பக்கமாகல்ல. செட்டிப்பின்மைகள் தரும் வாய்த்தொழுதெல்லாம் ஏனாக் கொள்ளையிடப் பட்டிரொண்டு பத்திரிகீபர்களியது சிறிதம் உலர்ணா எனிராயில்லாதது நியயமேவரா. அவர்கள் பொய்மாய்ம்பண்ணிவிற்காக்கி வக்காவ்கள்வர்கள். அவர்கள் தங்கள் முதல்கூடுது வட்டுவீதம் தேவிலிட்டா போதும் போதும் என்று அதற்காகத் தமது தேசம் டிட்டங்குவங்குது வியாபாரத்தோழிலை மெர்கெண்டைகள். இவ்விஷயம் அவர்களோடு பயின்றுப்பாவாக்கு இனித் துப்பப்பட்ட விஷயம்.

அப்பால் கானாம் வருஷம் கொண்டோயிடத்தகவையினாலும், அரசினராலும் அவ்வளை குறைங்கப்பட்டதென்பதும், அது செய்யாலும்யால் இப்போது அவ்வளை செட்டிப்பின்னோடுவென கட்டப்பட்டதுஎன்பதும் பதில் காலித்துக்கொண்டு அவருமியல் விஷயம் கண்ணாலும் புலவர்க்கிட்டுக்கொள்ளல். கொண்டோயிட நிதி காத்து என்று விடுவேண்டுமென்றெண்ணிக்கீர்க்காட்டுமாற் காட்டும் காலங்களைச் சூல்க்கூலை தூஞ்சிலிடப்பார்க்கின்றார். இன் விஷயத்தைச் சொட்டிப்பின்னோடு காலித்துக்கொள்ளலின், விப்பக்ரியாகிடுவதையும்கூடுதலாக கொண்டுவருவதுவிடை செய்யுமிடுவதுமிகு கிட்டும். அதற்கிடையில் கொண்டோயிடாமல் பத்தால் ஏற்குக்கூடாததாக கொண்டோயிடுவதுமாலா மோ? கொண்டோயாடுவிடத்தாக் கொட்டிப்பின்னோடு அதெழுப்பிலை கடைத்தாலுமிடுவதைகொண்டும். அங்கும் கொண்டோயிடுவதைக் கொண்டுவருவதையும் தான்வரபால்கொண்டுப்படுவதாகவும் யான்வரிடுவதையுமாகவாசத்துக்குப்படியிருக்கின்றதாக சொல்வது தின்விபார்ப்பானால்தல்லவினாலும் பின்னால் பத்திரிகைப்பூர்க்குள்ள உதவியம் தாமதாகாரமாகவேயும், அவிடிடத்திலைகள் பலமயிருக்கின்றதென்னாலும். குறுமார் கொண்டோயிடாரி அப்பிலிடுவர்களுள்ள அது பெரும்கணமயக்கலே முடியுமென்பதில் ஜூபிலி கிறித்தவின்னை. அதிலை ஏம்பது கொடுக்கப்பட்டில்லை அங்குமொத்தம் குமது குறுமார் அதையாழிலை மேற்கொள்ளுமாட்டிருக்கும். யாழுப்பாலைத்து அத்தக சுந்தராக் யாழுப்பாலை வகுக்காலைக்காரர் செய்யமாட்டால்கொலைவென்பதாலின், இதுகாலமயக்காரும் தொல்காட்டா இவர்கள் பஞ்சாக்கூராக வெள்ளாரா பேரரசைப்போகின்றார்கள் என்று! என்று! யாழுப்பாலைக்கார்களிடத்திலை மெப்புருஷைக் காலத்தெவள்பாடுபோனாகுமின்னே. பத்திரிகீர்ப் பண்முக ஞாக்காரர் வீழுந்த வீழுந்த அழுத ஏழுதியனவென்னும், அவ்வெழுந்தால்வரல்விட்டுமன்ற வீழுவதற்கேதுவாய்வுமுடின்றே. வயிற்றிதழித்தின்றார்கள் செட்டிக்கொண்டு கூறுமிப்புக்கிராதிப்பாகும், அவ்வெழுந்தாக்காலம் விந்தித் தெங்கிலேவளமுடிகூப் பாக்கின்றார்களுடேன்பது அவர்ப்பதிரிக்கையை வாசிக்குக் கிடைவிகள் உணர்தார்கள்.

வினாக்களைமாருப்பதவியைப் பொறுத்துவருகின்ற
செட்டிப்பிள்ளைகள் கார்ஸ் வரலாறுமுக்கும் இன்று
கூட நிர்க்கலையையாக்காது எடுப்பது உபதாஸ்திடப்
கேட்டிருக்கின்றன. இதேசெய்தியை இவர்களாயிப்பா-
ரா? கேட்டால் பெயரென்ன? இவர்களுக்காகவேயா-
வர். செட்டிப்பிள்ளைகள் பத்திரிகைப்போன்றோடு
விவிலைத்தில் விலையைப்பிட்டுவரதாகவர்கள்லர். நிர்க்க-
லையத்தால்க்கும் அதிகாரம் உப சட்டமுடி அவர்களுக்கு
ஸ்டீல்பிப்பத அரசுரையிலோ விவரமாய்வதுவே. வ-
ழப்பானத்தில் அரசினர் வாஸ்தவு நிர்க்கலைப்பண்டிக்கை
முக்கால் பங்கும் செட்டிப்பிள்ளைகளால் கொடுக்கப்பட-
வதன்கீழ், அங்குங்கமாகவும் அரசினர் நிர்க்கலையை
மூரிஞ்சுத் துணிக்கார்களைந்து இவர்களியது விக்க-
விதம் விக்கவே.

கண்ணப்பக்கத்துத் தோட்டத்துறையார்ஜ் லிவர்டூ
கெல்லி கெல்லிகளை வரவுற்றும் முயன்றிருக்கின்றன
ஏன்றாலும், அதன்வேலே செய்யப்பிள்ளைகளும் முழு மோசமுன்துதன்றும் பற்றியுமிப்பு கூத்து
நிக்கின்றனர். அது காரணம் அன்னாட்டத்து
போய்த் தன்னடையுறிமூட்டுத் தொட்டுப் பூத்துமென்று நினைவு கொண்டிருக்கின்ற பரப்புரைகள்.

மாதப் பக்தவதைப் பூஜை நடை பராமரிசுவதாக
 அப்பால் கொள்கின்றன எத்தனைக்க்கணக்கால்
 என் தடுக்கத்துக் கெட்டியேற்றுகின்றது விட்டது சம்பந்தமாகவே கூறி அரசினர்க்கு ஒரு முறையில் ரூபான்திரும் ராஜினர் இவரென்னப்பட யெல்லாஞ் செய்யவேண்டுமென்பது இவர்க்குக்கருத்துப்போனும் அரசினர்ம் இன்னுள்ள செய்யலாம் இன்னுள்ள செய்யலாதென்று தமத்தெல்லாமுறையைக் கைக்கொள்ள எதழுகுகின்றவர்களாக தமத்துக் கடிகரமின்வகுமானியிலும் இப்பக்திகாரர்ப் பிரகுப்திகராக இன்னுமையிலும் போதும் என்றுவிட்டு!! பக்தி பீர் கல்விக்கிறமை கண்ணுமிழுக்கின்றது பக்திரகு இன்னுப்பட்ட நிலைத்தெவேலென்னுமானாலும் படிக்கப்படுவதைப் பூஜை நடை பராமரிசுவதாகம் கீழம் கீழத்துக்கொள்வது நாத்தியாவியக்கரும்.

கிள்குளம்
காவிலையர்முட்டேந்த.

crop and the exhaustion of the imported supply of food grains do not at once throw them at the mercy of the Government.

We understand that similar scarcity prevails in some parts of South India, and there can not be imported from that quarter any paddy for some time to come. But some vessels are daily expected here with large quantities of paddy from Aracan, Coonoor and Masulipatam, of which one steamer alone brings from Aracan 40,000 bags of paddy. We have, therefore, reason to believe that the scarcity will not last long and that we will have a abundant supply of food grains to last for the whole year, though it is not likely that the price would much go down, considering the high rate at which they are now purchased in India.

We should in this connection deprecate the rabid attack of some of our local contemporaries on the Chetties for the present state of affairs, which, our contemporaries seem to think, have been brought about by the latter. We are no apologists of the Chetties. We do not hold them up as paragons of commercial morality. But it is due to them to say that the Chetties are no more responsible for the present scarcity in Jaffna than our contemporaries themselves, and that dealers in any commodity, to whatever community they might belong, would be tempted to act like the Chetties under similar circumstances. We have always felt the necessity of organised attempts being locally made to carry on the different trades, especially the trade on rice and paddy, which are now practically in the hands of foreigners, not in the hope that this will reduce the price of the necessities of life in Jaffna, but as the only means of increasing the wealth of the country which now goes out of it. It is want of co-operation and absence of mutual confidence among our people that have placed the monopoly of these trades in the hands of these Chetties. Who can blame them for taking advantage of our own fault? Is there no one among the constituents of the "Ceylon Patriot" and the "Jaffna Catholic Guardian" patriotic and public spirited enough to come forward at this juncture and order out rice and paddy on his own account and sell them at cost price, to the immense relief of his countrymen? If our contemporaries, instead of abusing the Chetties, bring about such a result, they will render this country a real service indeed. We are now at the mercy of the Chetties in regard to our food supply. As matters at present stand we should do nothing to create a feeling of panic and unrest among the Chetties which have already been created by the attempt at looting which was made a few days ago followed by the inflamed writings of some of our contemporaries, especially the Tamil Editor of the "Catholic Guardian" who seems to justify looting and would not have been sorry if the Chetties godowns were actually looted on the 1st Instant by the mob. There was at one time a feeling of great dismay among that community, and they seriously intended not to send further orders for paddy for sometime to come. But we are glad that Mr. Iavers, the Government Agent, sent for the leading members of the Chetty community on the 11th Instant and assured them that they need fear nothing to import any quantity of paddy as usual and sell it at a reasonable profit. This has had a reassuring effect, and the Chetties are now vying with each other in sending orders for large quantities of paddy.

Since writing the above we have learnt that native vessels arrived today with 100 or 16,000 bushels of paddy, of which a quantity was immediately landed and sold at Rs. 2 a bushel.

LAND GENERAL.

LOCAL.

The Weather rain on the 11th to the Town and The Harvest— harvest. The respiration are going on in all parts. 2-25 a bushel. paddy is selling at Rs. 2 a bushel. —Mr. Iavers has returned from circuit.

Quarantine—We invite the readers to the letter of another column on this subject. owners of vessels and passengers coming out from India that unless they had obtained Indian ports Bills of Health exact ly in every detail, in accordance with the orders and instructions of the Indian

pratique will be refused or quarantine imposed on arrival at any port in the Province. It was in ignorance of this new rule of the Senior Medical Officer that the passengers who arrived at the port of Kangesanturai by schooner "Mailvaganepurav" on the 13th instant with a Bill of Health which they considered to be in proper order and entitled them to landing at Kangesanturai without being quarantined, suffered much hardship and inconveniences, and one of them, a leading Chetty merchant of Jaffna who was compelled by the stress of circumstances to land ashore was prosecuted in the Jaffna Police Court on the 14th instant and fined Rs 50. We hope to revert to this case in our next issue.

The Supreme Court—The first Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court for the year 1898 commences here on the 21st instant. There are only four cases on the calendar.

Cholera in Jaffna—Cholera reappeared at Channagan last week. Three persons were attacked who were at once with the inmates of the infected houses removed to the Temporary Hospital at Kangesanturai which is at a distance of 5 miles from the infected locality. We understand that all the three cases have proved fatal. No fresh cases have been reported.

The Tamil Seat—The Tamil Seat continues vacant, and all we know is that the rumour which originated in the Law Library—and which this paper alone suppressed—that Mr. Brito had the refusal of it, was without foundation—Times of Ceylon, 12th February.

Tamil Medical News—"Vytivisarani" is the title of a monthly Tamil periodical edited by Mr. A. Muttambay Pillai of Messrs Ward and Davy Jaffna, the first number of which has been published. It is a most useful undertaking supplying, as it does, a long felt want among the Tamils. To judge from the various articles in this number this periodical will be the means of imparting very valuable informations on the medical science and remedies to the Tamil reading public. We wish the new venture every success.

The Tamil Seat and the Jaffna Tamils in the Straits—We have received proceedings of meetings held in the Straits Settlements which have voted by overwhelming majorities for the re-appointment of Mr. CoomaraSwamy. For want of space we are unable to publish them. We may particularly mention the meetings held at Kwala Lampur and at Sungai Ujong. The latter was held on the 10th ultimo under the presidency of Mr. R. A. Naganather, District Surveyor. There were 50 Tamils present at this meeting of whom 45 voted for the re-appointment of Mr. CoomaraSwamy and 5 for the appointment of Mr. Senathiraja. A Committee composed of the following gentlemen was appointed by the meeting to draw and forward a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor praying for the re-appointment of Mr. CoomaraSwamy, viz. Messrs R. A. Naganather, District Surveyor, K. Appapillai, Station Master, S. Kanagaretnam Computer and Draughtsman, Spencer Ponniah, Court Mudaliyar, and K. Chellappa, General Contractor. We commend the public spirit and patriotism of our countrymen who do not forget the interests of their country though they are thousands of miles away from it.

Acknowledgment—We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the specimen copies of "Great Thought" and "Illustrated Police News."

QUARANTINE.

Jaffna, Ceylon
8th February 1898

The Editor

Hindu Organ

Sir,

I would suggest the desirability of your warning all owners of native vessels coming from ports of Southern India, and also all passengers intending to travel by them that they should warn the masters of such vessels, WHETHER CARRYING PASSENGERS OR NOT, to obtain Bills of Health from the Indian port officers and to see that such Bills are made out EXACTLY IN EVERY DETAIL, in accordance with the orders and instructions of the Madras Government, for if no Bill of Health, or Bill not so made out IN EVERY DETAIL is brought, pratique may, and will be refused probably or quarantine imposed on arrivals at any port in this Province, involving delay, inconvenience and expense to owners of cargo or live-stock and to passengers.

Many Indian Bills of Health now omit to say whether cholera is or is not prevalent in or about the port. Masters of vessels should see that this information is duly given.

I give below an epitome of the chief requirements of the Madras Govt. Orders; but would here say that, should Cholera or Plague prevail at Paumben, clean Bills of Health for the adjacent port of Mandapam will not be accepted here, and that any vessel passing through the Pamben Straits that communicates with the shore there is by landing any one there who sub-

sequently returns to the vessel, or by there taking on board any passenger, or person to serve as member of the crew, will be quarantined on arrival at any port in this Province.

Yours Faithfully

BAYMAN THORNHILL

Senior Medical Officer.

Requirements of the Madras Government Orders

1. No one, who within the preceding 10 days has resided in a part of India believed to be infected with plague, is to be permitted to embark.

2. The Indian Port Medical Officer is to certify that he has examined every passenger and each member of the crew.

3. Every soul on board is to be enumerated in the Bill of Health and classed as "crew" or "passenger," and passengers as adults, children, or infants and also as males or females.

4. Vessels not leaving the Indian port before 6. a. m. of the day following the medical inspection may not leave without re-inspection, and the grant of a fresh Bill of Health.

5. After a Bill of Health has been obtained no person or cargo or goods of any kind shall be embarked or disembarked before the vessel leaves the port, unless such vessel is again inspected by the Port Health Officer and another Bill of Health obtained.

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: The Council will perhaps pardon me if I here make a few remarks—but I think the importance of the subject—the extension of Railways—will be deemed to justify the interruption of the business of Council. On Wednesday last I received a despatch from the Secretary of State in reply to mine regarding the Northern Railway. Although there has not been time to print it I wish to give the Council the earliest opportunity of learning the views of the Secretary of State, and accordingly I have placed it on the table of the Council. It is in the following terms:—
 I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of State has directed that the construction of the Northern Railway be carried on in broad gauge from Kurunegala to Anuradhapura, on a 2 ft. 6 in gauge from Elaptaurus, and I left the question which the intervening railway should be of what my proposal was regarding the construction of a light broad gauge railway from Kurunegala to Anuradhapura as a light broad gauge railway from Kurunegala to Anuradhapura, on a 2 ft. 6 in gauge from Elaptaurus, and I left the question which the intervening railway should be of what my proposal was regarding the construction of a light broad gauge railway from Kurunegala to Anuradhapura as a light broad gauge railway from Kurunegala to Anuradhapura, on a 2 ft. 6 in gauge from Elaptaurus, and I left the question which the intervening railway should be of what my proposal was regarding the construction of a light broad gauge railway from Kurunegala to Anuradhapura as a light broad gauge railway from 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