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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

It is with the greatest reluctance we have to complain about the remissness of many of our subscribers in not sending their arrears due to our paper, though they were constantly reminded of it in these columns and a special circular sent to them. If our subscribers wish that our papers should be thoroughly up to date in every respect they should not grudge to pay their dues promptly and strengthen our hands to effect the necessary improvements in the paper. Our thanks are due to those of our subscribers who have responded to our circular and paid up their arrears.

The Manager

Ceylon Technical College, Colombo.

DEPARTMENT OF TELEGRAPHY AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

Entrance Examinations.

An Entrance Examination for admission of students to the above Department of the Technical College will be held in Colombo at the College on Wednesday, March 22, and following days, commencing at 10.30 A.M. The examination will be held in Jaffna on Wednesday, April 5, and following days, commencing at 10.30 A.M. each day.

Forms of application containing all particulars can be obtained from the Superintendent of the College, Colombo, and from the Government Agent, Jaffna.

Candidates who intend coming to Colombo to be examined will forward those forms to the Superintendent of the College before March 22, and those who wish to attend the Jaffna examination will forward the forms to the Government Agent, Jaffna, before April 5.

There are upwards of forty vacancies to fill at the Technical College in this Department of it those who are admitted as students and pass the course and gain the diploma will be eligible for selection to appointments in the Post Office and Railway Departments of Government Service.

N. B.—Entrance Examinations for the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Departments of the College will be held after Easter on dates which will be duly announced.

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Colombo, February 13, 1899. Superintendent

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } No. 961
 Jurisdiction }

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chelvanayakam wife of Ponnampalam of Charasalai. Deceased.

Thiagar Ponnampalam of Charasalai Petitioner.

Vs

1. Nagattaippillai widow of Chittampalam of Charasalai
2. Velaiyutar Kumaru of Do and his wife
3. Parupatham of Do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Thiagar Ponnampalam of Charasalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Chelvanayakam wife of Ponnampalam of Charasalai coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 20th day of February 1899 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 17th day of February 1899 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 10th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 20th day of February 1899

Signed/ C. EARDLEY WILMOT District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } No. 962
 Jurisdiction }

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Santiagupillai Nicholappillai of Karaiyoor Deceased. Kaithampillai Manuvatpillai of Karaiyoor Petitioner.

Vs

Nallatamby Nagalingam of Karaiyoor

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Kaithampillai Manuvatpillai of Karaiyoor praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Santiagupillai Nicholappillai coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 20th day of February 1899 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of February 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is husband of the creditor 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 10th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 20th day of February 1899

Signed/ C. EARDLEY WILMOT District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } No. 963
 Jurisdiction }

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Teivar Kantaiyar of Point Pedro Deceased. Appakkuddy Kanapathippillai of Point Pedro. Petitioner.

Vs

1. Sithamparappillai Mailvaganam and
2. wife Kathirattappillai and
3. Vyramuttu Kanapathippillai all of Point Pedro

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Teivar Kantaiyar of Point Pedro coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 28th day of February 1899 in the presence of Mr. V. Ganapathipillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 28th day of February 1899 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 the 6th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 28th day of February 1899

Signed/ C. EARDLEY WILMOT District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } No. 967
 Jurisdiction }

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chittamparam wife of Kartikesu of Mandaitivu Deceased.

Veluppillai Kartikesu of Mandaitivu Petitioner.

Vs,

1. Kartikesu Ampalavanar and
2. Kartikesu Erampu of Mandaitivu
3. Velaiyutar Vaithalingam and wife
4. Chivakkoluntu of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Veluppillai Kartikesu of Mandaitivu praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Chittamparam wife of Kartikesu of Mandaitivu coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 8th day of March 1899 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai and Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 14th day of February 1899 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 her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 17th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 8th day of March 1899

Signed/ C. EARDLEY WILMOT District Judge

NOTICE.

All Money Orders, Postal Orders, Cheques and other remittances must be made payable

To THE MANAGER "HINDU ORGAN" Jaffna

THE HINDU ORGAN.

JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1899

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY AND THE CEYLON ASSOCIATION IN LONDON

"It has transpired that Mr Chamberlain in replying to the Deputation from the Ceylon Association in London said that the Northern Railway has to be made on the broad gauge." This is the gratifying intelligence which Renter telegraphed on the 17th Instant from London to our daily contemporaries in Colombo; and well may the people of Jaffna now congratulate themselves on the successful termination of their labours to secure the boon of the extension of the railway to the capital of the Northern Province.

This Railway has, during the last few months, attained to a prominence which no other similar projects in the Colony have ever attained. Though it had been the subject of agitation in this Peninsula for fourteen long years, and although it had the support of the vast majority of intelligent public opinion in the Colony, yet it had never before excited more than a parochial or colonial interest. Suddenly, however, it has not only become the question of the hour in the Colony but has been forced to the notice of the British public as a question of imperial importance. The press has been, since De-

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ember last, discussing the question of this railway with a persistency and earnestness unprecedented in the annals of Ceylon journalism; and no other question has ever formed the subject of such enthusiastic discussions in the colonial legislature and by the public bodies of Ceylon as has this Jaffna railway. The last meeting of the Planters Association held in Kandy on the 17th ultimo was a memorable one, considering the excitement that prevailed on the occasion and the unusually large number of planters who attended it to record their votes for or against this project. The result of this meeting which was a crushing defeat to the opponents of railway extension to the North was considered to have been of such momentous importance that it was immediately wired to the Secretary of State by His Excellency the Governor and to the British press through Ruter's agency.

As our readers are aware, all these have been the outcome of an adverse vote passed in respect to this railway at a special meeting of the Ceylon Association in London, in which not only the project of a railway to the North was wholly condemned, but His Excellency the Governor who secured the sanction of the Home Government for the construction of the first section of this railway, the Chairman of the Planters Association and the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the Planting Member of the Legislation Council who acquiesced in the railway policy of the Governor, were denounced in unmeasured and unwarrantable terms by Mr. Harcourt Skrine who was the life and soul of the movement opposed to the Northern railway.

But for this London meeting and the questionable conduct of Lord Stanmore who presided over it and allowed Mr. Skrine to vilify public men in Ceylon, the cause of railway extension to Jaffna would not have gained such strength and popularity as it now possesses. His Excellency the Governor is not the person to allow a former Governor of Ceylon to thwart his railway policy, more especially backed up, as he is now, by the unanimous vote of the Chamber of Commerce and the vote of the vast majority of Planters of Ceylon. The influential gentlemen maligned by Mr. Skrine who had simply acquiesced in the railway policy of the Government have now become warm supporters of the cause and are in the forefront of the fight to secure the speedy construction of the railway to Jaffna.

These manifestations of public feeling in Ceylon have, we feel sure, convinced Mr. Chamberlain of the necessity of adopting the responsible advice of His Excellency Sir J. West Ridgeway and rejecting the uncalled for interferences of Lord Stanmore and his confederates. We hope the Ceylon Association and Lord Stanmore will take this rebuff in good part and refrain from further interference with the affairs of the Colony. They are a discredited body now—discredited by the Chamber of Commerce and the Planters Association whose interests they were supposed to represent.

It is very discreditable to that body that they should have, after recording their vote in unmistakable terms against this railway, tried to explain away their conduct, on seeing the state of public feeling in Ceylon, that that vote was in perfect agreement with the amendment carried at the last meeting of the Planters Association—that is they were only opposed to unnecessary expenditure on the broad gauge instead of constructing the line on a narrow gauge. A perusal of the terms of the London Resolution and the speeches of the mover, seconder and supporters of it will convince any one that the action of that body was calculated to put a stop to the extension of this railway altogether. If the construction now put on their action by the London Association be true where was the necessity of their agent and spokesman, Mr. Skrine, pressing his motion to a division instead of accepting with good grace the amendment which was carried by a large and crushing majority in the Ceylon Planters Association? Or why did they not say so when the Committees of the Planters Association and the Chamber of Commerce informed them by wire that these bodies would not co-operate with them in their opposition to the Northern Railway, but would support any movement for the re-consideration of the gauge on which it was decided to be constructed.

Although the intention of the London Association was selfish, bad, and reprehensible, yet their proceedings have, as we have shown above, produced a diametrically opposite result. The able and earnest advocacy of His Excellency the Governor has so far secured the sanction for the construction of a section of this great Northern Railway—from Kurunegalla to Anu-

radhapura. We are now constrained to believe that, in the renewed interest excited in the Colony and in England, in consequence of the abortive resolution passed by the Ceylon Association in London against this Railway, His Excellency the Governor will return to the Colony empowered by the Secretary of State to undertake the construction of the whole line from Kurunegalla to Kankasanturai as one work, instead of doing it in isolated sections as originally proposed. The thanks of the people of the Northern Province of Ceylon are, therefore, due not only to His Excellency the Governor, the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, and to the Planters Association and the Chamber of Commerce which have, consistently supported the cause of this Railway, but also to the Ceylon Association in London which has by its senseless and selfish opposition to the project hastened the consummation so devoutly wished for by the people here.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

His Excellency Sir J. West Ridgeway, the Governor of this Colony, left Colombo on Monday the 20th Instant for England by the German Steamer *Barbarossa*, with Lady and Miss Ridgeway, on six months leave of absence, after three years arduous and successful administration of Ceylon. Apart from what His Excellency has done for the welfare of the Colony at large he has earned the undying thanks and gratitude of the people of the North by his able and earnest advocacy of the cause of the Jaffna Railway. We wish His Excellency, Lady and Miss Ridgeway a safe voyage home, a happy sojourn in the old country and speedy return to this colony.

THE LATE DR. A. PONNAMBALAM M. B., C. M.

It is with the deepest regret we record the death of this gentleman which occurred in Penang on the 17th Instant. He fell a victim to small-pox which now prevails with much virulence in some parts of Burmah and the Straits Settlements. The deceased was a nephew of Mr. Caspillai, Proctor of the Supreme Court, and a brother of Mr. A. Cathiravelu, Proctor of the District Court of Jaffna. He had a distinguished scholastic career in Aberdeen and graduated in Medicine and Surgery in 1893. He was one of the two Jaffna Tamils who ever received their medical education at a British University, the other being Dr. A. Rajasingham of the F. N. S. Hospital, Jaffna. Dr. Ponnambalam joined the Medical Department in 1894, and was employed at Bogawantalawa, Mannar, and Badulla. For a short time he acted as Visiting Surgeon of the F. N. S. Hospital at Jaffna. Owing to certain differences which arose between him and the Senior Medical Officer of Uva, Dr. Ponnambalam had to sever his connection with this Department and took service in Penang where he caught Small-pox in the discharge of his professional duties and died far away from his native country and his kith and kin. But Mrs. Ponnambalam was with him at the time of death. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to her and to his aged father and mother who are in Jaffna and to whom his death is a heavy blow, to his uncle Mr. Caspillai who spent about Rs. 15000 on his general and professional education, and to his brothers who were very much attached to him. Dr. Ponnambalam was a gentleman of refined manners, genial disposition, and public spirit. His death at the age of 34 is therefore a loss not only to his relations but to the community.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Public Health—Fever which has played great havoc in this Peninsula for the last four months or so and carried away hundreds of victims is now on the decrease. It still prevails, however, with some virulence in some parts especially in Point Pedro and Vadamarachi. Although more than half the number of the population has been, during the last few months, attacked with fever, and although great distress prevailed among the poorer classes, and mortality in large number of cases was due to want of proper medical aid, the authorities have done nothing to mitigate the suffering of the people by affording proper medical assistance, beyond what could be secured in outlying hospitals and dispensaries. In answer to a question by the Tamil Member at a recent sitting of the Legislative Council the Colonial Secretary is reported to have said that quinine was freely distributed among the patients through the Headmen. But we know as a matter of fact that in several places that we know of no distribution of quinine has ever taken place,

Seeing that this District has of late become a hotbed of fever during the winter and dewy seasons, and that the present outbreak is the severest ever known here we hope the Government will appoint a commission to inquire into its causes and recommend measures to prevent its recurrence in future years. A commission was appointed a few years ago when a similar epidemic of fever occurred at Galle. Why not adopt that policy in regard to Jaffna?

Jaffna Police Court—Mr. T. M. Tampoo J. P. Crown Proctor, has been again appointed to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate of Jaffna and Mallakam. We hope Mr. Tampoo will be confirmed in this appointment as he has been tried on several occasions and found not wanting. Mr. Bartlett who has given great satisfaction in the discharge of his duties as Police Magistrate, Jaffna, has left this to take up his new appointment at Taugalla.

Jaffna District Court—Mr. R. Kantiyah Secretary of the District Court Trincomalee, has been appointed Secretary of this Court in the place of Mr. F. Strays deceased. We congratulate Mr. Kantiyah who is one of the ablest and esteemed native officers in Government service on his promotion.

The Jaffna Maniagar—We hope that there is no truth in the rumour published by a contemporary that the veteran Maniagar of Jaffna is to be called upon to retire. A notification in a recent Gazette exempted Chief Headmen and Shroffs from the operation of the sixty-five years minute, and we thought one of the effects of the notification would be to prolong the term of office of the Maniagars of Jaffna and Valigamo West. The Maniagar of Jaffna is as active and vigorous as any young officer can be, and it is to the interests of the people committed to his charge that his services should be retained as long as he can serve the Government with ability and efficiency. Mr. Tambapillai Mudaliyar is one of the most kind-hearted of headmen and discharges his duties without fear, favour, ill-will or affection. Rich and poor he treats alike and it will be very difficult to find out a suitable successor. He is unassuming to a fault and is most easily accessible to the poor. No headman is more capable of reconciling the conflicting interests of the different sections of the people. We hope that his services will be retained for many years in come.

Quarantine Regulations—We are glad to learn that in consequence of representations made to Government by the merchants and shipowners of Valvettiturai, Point Pedro and Jaffna, the stringent quarantine regulations which have been hitherto enforced in the several ports of this Peninsula will be relaxed, as far as allowing crews of vessels and passengers to land after completing the period of quarantine.

Subordinate Civil Service—The names of gentlemen who have been nominated by His Excellency to stand the forthcoming competitive Examination have been published. We fail to find even one Tamil name in the list, although several young men belonging to highly respectable families in the Northern and Eastern Provinces applied for nomination. It is the interest of the Tamil community to know why not even one of them was considered eligible for nomination by His Excellency the Governor.

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The following reply of His Excellency the Governor to the Memorial of the people of Jaffna will, we doubt not, be hailed with special satisfaction by them

“Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo 22nd March 1899

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Memorial dated 27th ultimo addressed to His Excellency the Governor by you as Chairman and Mr. C. Stratenberg as Secretary of a Public Meeting held in Jaffna on the subject of the Northern Railway, and to express to you His Excellency's satisfaction at the prospect of an early commencement of this important work.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Signed/ H. WHITE.

For Colonial Secretary

A. Mailvaganam Esq. J. P.
Jaffna.