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NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA,
ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } No 657.
Jurisdiction }
Class I

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kathiravala Chapapathi of Vannarpannai West.
Deceased.

Chellamuttu widow of Kathiravala Chapapathi of Vannarpannai West.

Petitioner
Kathiravala Murukesu of Hatton in Kandy.
Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Chellamuttu widow of Kathiravala Chapapathi of Vannarpannai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Kathiravala Chapapathi coming on for disposal before H. Nevill Esquire, District Judge, on the 9th day of April 1895 in the presence of Messrs Casipillai & Cathiravala Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of April 1895 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 22nd day of May 1895 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 9th day of April 1895.

Sigd H. Nevill
District Judge.

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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 1895.

RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE NORTH.

We have great pleasure in giving publicity to the following Resolution passed by the "Ceylon Union" established in Perak, and forwarded officially to the Secretary of the Jaffna Railway Committee, in regard to the expediency and necessity of Railway extension to Jaffna. It shows that the Ceylonese in the Straits Settlements take a deep interest in the development and advancement of their native country and are ready to help us with their subscriptions, if they are needed, to further carry on the agitation for the extension of the Railway. We have no doubt that this Resolution will be an incentive to sustained exertions on the part of the Jaffna Railway Committee; and this body will not rest, we hope, till sanction is obtained for the commencement of this great work. The Resolution of the Ceylon Union, passed on the 17th ultimo with Mr. W. A. Rogers in the Chair is as follows:—

"That the Ceylon Union established in Perak and having among its members men who have travelled in Ceylon, India, and the Straits Settlements, and who have thereby doubtless seen the numerous advantages accruing to a country by Railway communication is emphatically of opinion that the opening up of North Ceylon in this manner to be in constant direct communication with the Metropolis, is a matter of distinct necessity to advance the progress of the people of the North, who at present, if not for some time past, are almost at a standstill.

"The Ceylon Union rejoices to see the names of such able and talented men in the Jaffna Railway Committee who doubtless will continue to agitate in the matter till the object in view is accomplished, and this Union pledges itself to use its efforts should it be necessary to raise a local subscription to defray in part the expenses of a deputation to wait on His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon in the event of the Jaffna Railway Committee arriving at a conclusion that such steps would be necessary to fully represent to His Excellency the various advantages of this project."

Since the above was in type we have received the following copy of the reply of Government acknowledging the receipt of the Memorial of the Jaffna Railway Committee:—

"Colonial Secretarys Office
Colombo, 2nd May 1895

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23rd April addressed to the Private Secretary to His Excellency and to state that the Memorial forwarded therewith will receive the attentive consideration of the Government and that the Memorialists may rest assured that their interest

will not be lost sight of so far as may be consistent with other claims on the Government.

I am &c
Signed H L Crawford
for Colonial Secretary

C. Strantenbergh Esqr,
Honorary Secretary
Jaffna Railway Committee."

THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF THE CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY.

It will be seen from the result of this Examination published elsewhere that 52 students have come off successful in it in the whole of Ceylon, of whom 19 are from the Jaffna College, Batticotta; 10 from the Hindu High School, Vannarponnai; and 1 from St. John's College, Chundicully. The three Schools from which a large number of boys have passed the Examination are the Jaffna College, the Trinity College and the Hindu High School. The result is highly creditable to the Hindu High School, which though in the fifth year of its existence, has attained to such a high and eminent position among the educational institutions of the Island as to present 16 students for the Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University, of whom 2 have passed in the first class, 4 in the second, and 4 in the third class. It is worthy of remark that all the 4 students who were presented for the same Examination from the Vannarponnai English School under the Wesleyan Mission have failed. As regards the percentage of passes to the number presented, the Hindu High School has the highest among the Jaffna schools, being 63 per cent, while that of the Jaffna College is only 40. percent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Weather—The South-West Monsoon has finally set in; and the wind blows hard in these days

The Ports of Jaffna and the Import of Paddy—A large number of native vessels from India and Burmah are now landing paddy at the ports of Kaits, Kangasanturai, Valvettiturai and Point Pedro. The price of food grains has not, however, yet gone down. Kaits is the port which has during the North East Monsoon been much used by the Chetties in landing their rice and paddy, as they were afraid to bring their ships to Kangasanturai before the South-West Monsoon had finally set in. This precautionary measure they were led to adopt in view of the great loss they sustained in April last year on account of the storm that suddenly broke out and wrecked five vessels with paddy at Kangasanturai. Now that the weather has settled and the Monsoon set in, Kangasanturai has from this week become, as it usually is during this season, the busiest and the most important port in this Province. The Chetties bitterly complain that by the Customs authorities at Kaits requiring importers to pay the import duty at that port, instead of, as was the practice till very recently, in the Jaffna Customs, they have been put to great inconvenience and additional expenses. They have, we understand, memorialized the Principal Collector of Customs to revert to the old practice; and we earnestly hope that Mr. Lee who is well acquainted with the ports and affairs of this District will grant their prayer. The Government will not gain anything by unnecessarily causing loss and trouble to the merchants.

Post Office—The Postmaster, Mr. Silva, who was suffering from an attack of fever, having

obtained leave of absence for ten days to recruit his health which has become of late very unsatisfactory. Mr C. Muttucumar, the young, energetic and affable relieving Postmaster, has come down from Colombo and relieved him. Mr Muttucumar is the son-in-law of the late Mr Samuel Nevins Pillai, the eldest brother of the popular Head Master of the Hindu High School, Mr. Chelvadurai Pillai.

It is worthy of note that this young officer, in his own sphere of work as relieving P. M. wherever he went and did duty, gave satisfaction and won the esteem and regards of the public, as the demonstration that took place in Rakwana where he had been a short time would testify, he being presented with a valedictory address and a purse, and entertained at a dinner prior to his departure, by the leading men of the place. —Cor.

(Mr. Silva has recovered and resumed duties we are glad to say Ed. H. O.)

The Government Agent—Mr. Twynam returned here from Colombo via Mannar and Delft on the 29th Ultimo. He has not yet attended office, owing, we are sorry to learn, to slight indisposition.

Delft Horses—Thirty of these animals have been caught and brought to Jaffna, by order of the Government Agent. They will be sold on the 10th Instant.

The Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri Courts—The appointment of Mr Advocate Nagalingam as acting Police Magistrate of these Courts for one month, during the absence of Mr. Casie Chitty on leave, has been Gazetted. Mr. Nagalingam assumed duties on the 1st Instant.

Railway Probationers Examination—An examination for the admission of probationers for the Railway service will be held at the Colombo School of Agriculture on May 20 and 21, commencing at 11 A. M. Shorthand-writing is made one of the subjects of Examination. Candidates not already in the Railway Service must be between the ages of 18 and 25 on May 20, and this should be proved by certificates of the Registration of their birth and not by affidavits. A goodly number of Jaffna young men have already proceeded from here to Colombo to present themselves for the Examination.

We are at a loss to know why this Examination should be held in Colombo alone and not simultaneously in the chief towns of the other Provinces also, as is done in the case of the Clerical Examination. We also fail to see the utility of shorthand-writing in the Railway Service any more than in the Clerical Service under Government, except perhaps as a means of restricting the choice of candidates for the Examination.

Tobacco—The outturn of this staple product of the Peninsula is considered to be above the average this year. The leaves are now being cut and cured, and the merchants will commence their purchase by the end of this month. Last year the Jaffna Tobacco fetched the highest price known for several years both here as well as in Travancore. The price of a Candy of tobacco of the best sort was in Jaffna last year as high as Rs 250 But, owing to a good crop here, and the large stock remaining in Travancore and Cochin, it is expected that the same sort will not fetch this year over Rs 200 per Candy.

P. W. D.—An exchange of duties has been sanctioned by Government between Mr. A. Kathiravala, District Engineer's Clerk, Pallai, and Mr. C. Thambiah, District Engineer's Clerk, Jaffna.

Calcutta F. A. Examination—Out of 21 students presented from the Jaffna College 14 have passed this Examination, among whom we are glad to find the names of Manika Thiagesar, son of Mr. S. Kanagasabai of Pannalai and brother-in-law of Mr. Advocate Kanagasabai; and S. Vytialingam who passed the Entrance Examination in 1893 in the first class from the Hindu High School.

Araly—The people of this place are to be congratulated on the establishment of A Saivite School here by Mr. A. Ramalingapillai, a respectable and liberal minded gentleman of the place. The school supplies a real want, as most of the parents who have been hitherto sending their children to the Mission school of the place have now withdrawn them and send them to the new Saivite School.—Cor.

Obituary—We deeply regret to have to record the death of Mrs Thorpe, wife of Mr. W. E. Thorpe, the Office Assistant to the Government Agent N. P. She had been suffering from consumption, and Mr. Thorpe secured his transfer to Jaffna in the hope that the climate

of this District would prove beneficial to her health. But she succumbed to the disease on the morning of the 27th Ultimo. We offer to Mr. Thorpe our sincere sympathy.

The Speakership of the House of Commons—Mr Gully Q. G. M. P. has been elected Speaker by a majority of eleven votes in the place of Mr (now Lord) Arthur Peel who has resigned.

The London Correspondent of the Amrita Bazar Patrika writes as follows of the new Speaker:—

Mr. Gully is a striking instance of the social possibilities of a democratic country, and how little a man's ancestry stands in his way if he himself is a man of capacity. Mr. Gully's grandfather was a well-known prize-fighter in the time of George the Fourth, his father was a medical practitioner, and he himself is now "the First Commoner of England." He was educated at Cambridge University, was called to the bar in 1860, was made Queen's Counsel in 1877, succeeded Sir Charles Russell as leader of the Northern Circuit in 1892 and would have been the next judge, had he not been elected Speaker. I had known the new Speaker for many years before he entered the House at all. I believe he has all the qualifications for the high and distinguished position to which he has been called, and that its dignity and honour will be well maintained by him.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Hon. C. P. Layard, Attorney-General, having returned from his trip to England, relieves Mr. Ramnathan who has been acting for him and who is likely to go on three months' privilege leave to India before resuming his duties as Solicitor-General. We extend a very cordial welcome to Mr. Layard.— Observer.

CALCUTTA ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The following names of passed candidates from Ceylon are taken from the *Calcutta Gazette*. The figures indicate the age of each.—

FIRST DIVISION.

C. Perumalpillai ... 19 Jaffna Hindu H School
K. Chelliah ... 18 do
S. Appaduray ... 15 Jaffna College
De Alwis, E. A. ... 16 Trinity College, Kandy
Perera, R. A. ... 16 Trinity College, Kandy

SECOND DIVISION.

Abraham E. S. ... 17 Jaffna College
M. Thillyampalam ... 18 do
N. Sellappa ... 20 do
S. Kanakasabai ... 17 do
S. Selvaduray ... 19 do
V. Ampalvanar ... 17 do
K. Chupramaniam ... 20 Jaffna Hindu H School
N. Sapapathy ... 18 do
S. P. Saravanamuttu ... 19 do
S. Veeravagu ... 19 do
Chinnakutti, C. A. ... 18 St. John's College Jaffna
D. A. A. Wickremasinghe ... 17 S. Thos. Col. Colombo
Pereira, P. ... 17 Trinity College, Kandy
T. N. Valupillay ... 18 Trinity College Kandy
Rasanayagam, S. D. ... 24 Batt. W. C. Institution

THIRD DIVISION.

A. Chellappa ... 19 Jaffna College
C. Duriappa ... 16 do
C. W. Palasingham ... 16 do
John W. ... 20 do
Josephs J. H. R. ... 18 do
K. Culantaivallo ... 20 do
Mather E. ... 18 do
R. Dharmalingam ... 16 do
Richards S. ... 17 do
S. Kanagratnam ... 18 do
T. S. Sinatamby ... 29 do
V. Sangarapillai ... 16 do
Mann J. R. ... 17 Jaffna Hindu H School
P. Thampiturai ... 18 do
S. Sithamparapillai ... 19 do
V. Visuvalingam ... 19 do
A. E. Moreira ... 19 Trinity College Kandy
Cooray, J. H. ... 18 S. Thos. Coll. Colombo
Coorey, I. ... 19 P. of W. Coll., Colombo
Corea, J. A. ... 19 Wes College Colombo
De Silva G. ... 17 Rich College Galle
E. J. Ratnasingham ... 19 Teacher, Jaffna
Fernando L. J. ... 17 Trinity college Kandy
do P. C. ... 16 P. of W. Coll. Morotuwa
G. E. Madawela ... 17 St. Thos' Coll. Colombo
Herft L. E. ... 18 Trinity college, Kandy
J. A. Shetkavalan ... 17 Batt. W. C. Institution
Jaywickreme H. A. ... 18 Trinity Col. Kandy
Leitch G. S. ... 18 Rich College, Galle
Lços A. A. ... 18 City school Colombo
Schokman P. A. ... 17 Trin college Kandy
Strong W. S. ... 16 Trin college Kandy

EXTRACT.

MR. GLADSTONE IN RETIREMENT. STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF AN OCTOGENARIAN.

(The Westminster Gazette.)

To-day Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone leave London for Hawarden Castle, where, after a short visit to the Dean of Lincoln, their son-in-law, they will arrive on Monday next. At the end of an exceptionally successful holiday of several months, Mr. Gladstone returns to his home in better health and spirits than he has enjoyed for over a year. He is as full of energy, as

keenly alive to all the questions and interests of the day, as he has ever been before. It will, therefore, be interesting at this point to trace the daily life of the octogenarian, who, as he himself often humorously remarks, is very much indeed on the shelf. This we propose to do in a short series of articles, of which the present is the first instalment.

Few and far between are the men who have lived up to their principles concerning the division of life as entirely as Mr. Gladstone. It has always been one of his principles that an old man should pass the last years of his life in the pursuit of something more solemn than party politics. The idea jarred on him years ago that on the threshold of another life a man should still spend his days in political strife, and though he was by no means blind to fine points of the man who died in harness, who fought till he fell, he had long ago made another plan for his own old age.

Thus, when the opportunity arose and he considered himself justified in retiring from the fight, he put his life long principle into practice with the same firmness with which, years ago, he practised that other great principle of his, according to which no man has the right to die rich. It will be remembered that, at that time, he divided his possessions among his children giving every acre of land to his eldest son, and to his other sons and daughters each his or her portion. Since then Mr. Gladstone looks upon himself not as the master of Hawarden, but as a lodger who is permitted to spend the rest of his life among his old surroundings.

When, therefore, more than a year ago, he suddenly retired from public into the strictest private life, and when everybody was mildly pitying him because "he must find things so deadly dull," Mr. Gladstone, as a matter of fact, was entering upon what has now proved to be one of the happiest periods of his life. He had countless interests to which he had never yet had sufficient time to devote himself, and without delay, without looking back, he plunged into them, as happy as a child, and became completely absorbed in his literary, classical, and theological pursuits. At that time the operation for cataract was to be performed, and Mr. Gladstone was obliged to be very careful in using his eyes. Also, an attack of influenza weakened him somewhat, especially as it left behind a slight internal weakness necessitating a certain amount of lying up every day, up to the time of journey to the South of France, from which Mr. Gladstone has just returned, completely cured even of this slight indisposition. The operation on the eye, as everybody knows, was very successfully performed, but at Christmas he had an accident at Hawarden which filled those about him at first with the gravest anxiety. Authentic details regarding this fall have not reached the public hitherto, but the present account will show both the gravity of it and also Mr. Gladstone's truly marvellous power of recuperation. He was sitting alone in his library one evening, with no one near him in that part of the house where "the temple of peace" is situated. Mr. Gladstone had been sitting at his desk reading, and got up, one hand full of books, and carrying a candle in the other hand, in order to look for some book he required from another part of the room. Getting up, he forgot that he had left the lowest drawer of his writing table open, stumbled over it, and fell headlong on the floor. Both hands being occupied, he could not protect himself, and fell with his forehead on the parquet floor. Instead of calling for assistance he tried to get up, and it was only quite by chance that one of his daughters entered the room just then. He told her what had happened, but made light of it. Both his shins were cut, his forehead had received a terrible blow, and he was badly shaken. At dinner, an hour after, he discussed Hegel in a most animated manner, then went to bed, and slept "like a top." Next morning, however, on getting up, he complained that he could not see properly, and during service at church, instead of following the lessons in his prayer book, he sat still with closed eyes. On coming home he was advised professionally to go to bed; this he did, in the middle of the day, and next morning it was found that he was perfectly restored. His shins were healing like a healthy child's, his sight was as good as usual, and the effect of the shock had passed off completely.

The holiday in the South of France, it was hoped, would remove the last little weakness which ten months ago the influenza had left behind. It had obliged Mr. Gladstone to take his breakfast in bed, at 8-30. But staying in bed to that "late" hour did not mean sleeping. For even before the breakfast arrived Mr. Gladstone was absorbed in a book, and very soon after breakfast he was up and about, to read or write till luncheon-time. This was also the period when he was obliged to leave off attending morning prayers together with Mrs. Gladstone at the village church, about a mile from Hawarden Castle. To the distress of their friends, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Gladstone would ever if a cup of tea was unexpectedly sprung upon them by anxious friends it was but very rarely that Mr. Gladstone could be persuaded to take it, while Mrs. Gladstone never broke her rule of taking nothing before going to church. Very occasionally, of late: Mr. Gladstone, before entering church, has gone into the rectory to ask for a cup of coffee from the eight o'clock breakfast table.

Notwithstanding this activity, Mr. Gladstone was obliged, up to the time of his going abroad last January, to conform in some slight degree to the doctor's request that he should be very careful. He had to lie down after luncheon for an hour or two, and retain a reclining position as much as possible. But with his arrival in the South of France a new regime began. The convalescence was over; every moment of the day—including that devoted to a midday nap—was most carefully mapped out. The G. O. M. got up with a perfectly clear idea as to what he meant to do that day between nine o'clock breakfast and the time when, after an absorbingly interesting game at backgammon, he read family prayers, by the light of one candle at 10 p. m. How Mr. Gladstone mapped out his "fair day's work" during his recent holiday, we propose to set forth in our second article which will be published to-morrow.