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THE HINDU ORGAN.

JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 1895.

JAFFNA WANTS A LOCAL BOARD.

We invite the special attention of our readers to the excellent article which we quote elsewhere from the "Independent" and feel sorry that we cannot find space today for another thoughtful editorial on the same subject that appeared in the "Examiner." The thanks of the people of Jaffna are due to our contemporaries for their able and earnest advocacy of our cause in respect of the want of a Local Board here. We have often in these columns referred to this subject and urged on the authorities the necessity of establishing a Local Board in Jaffna, not only in the interest of sanitation, but also in the interest of self-government. We have also shown that a Local Board could be worked here without additional taxation, under a sympathetic and progressive Government Agent. But our cry has been like the cry of one in the wilderness, on account of the opposition of our Government Agent to the introduction of all or any of the institutions intended by our paternal Government for the advancement of Her Majesty's native subjects in Ceylon and the amelioration of their political condition. When Village Councils and Village Tribunals have been introduced into all the other Provinces in the Colony, and when there are three towns in Ceylon, two of which are not of the importance of Jaffna in point of population, which have Municipalities, and thirteen including such second and third rate towns like Batticaloa, Gampola and Chilaw which have been brought under the operation of the Local Boards Ordinance, the Northern Province presents the sad spectacle of being the only Province from which has been withheld all manner of self-governing institutions. We may safely assert without fear of contradiction that Jaffna is the only Town of some importance, not only in Ceylon but also in the whole of the British Empire, which does not enjoy the benefits of local self-government by means of a Municipality or Local Board.

When the Hon'ble Mr. Coomaraswamy asked the Government in the Legislative Council, during the last session why Village Councils and Village Tribunals had not been introduced into the Northern Province, the reply of the Lieutenant-Governor practically was that the Government Agent being opposed to the introduction of these institutions, it would be neither politic nor expedient on the part of the Government

to force them upon him. If an un-official member were to raise in Council the question of the non-establishment of a Local Board in Jaffna, which is the second Town in Ceylon in point of population and third in point of reventual importance, the reply of Government will be, we have no doubt, identical to the one given to Mr. Coomaraswamy in regard to the non-introduction of the Village Councils Ordinances into the Northern Province. How long, we ask, the interests of nearly 300,000 loyal subjects of Her Majesty in this Province are to be neglected by the Government on account of its tender regard to the feelings and interests of an official who happens to be our Government Agent for over quarter of a century? If these institutions are not good in themselves, and if they are not practically beneficial to the people among whom they have been introduced, there could be no doubt that they would have been long ago abolished everywhere after a trial. What is good to the inhabitants of the other parts of the Island cannot be otherwise to those here, unless the Tamils of this Province, be a very ignorant community, more ignorant than the Tamils of the Eastern Province and the Sinhalese of the other Provinces. It is, however an admitted fact that the people of the Northern Province, especially of Jaffna, are, at least, equals, in point of intelligence and advancement to the inhabitants of the other parts of Ceylon.

Surely the Government should no longer shirk its duty towards Her Majesty's subjects in this part of the Colony. It should, in justice to them, introduce a Local Board into Jaffna even at the cost of retiring its veteran Agent, should he still oppose the introduction of this institution into the capital of his Province. We have no personal animosity against Mr. Twynam, our venerable Government Agent. On the contrary we have the highest respect for some of his great private and personal qualities. But we honestly feel that the best interests of this Province have suffered and still suffers from his systematic opposition to the introduction of such measures of reforms as are admitted in every civilized country to be necessary to the good Government and to the material, political and intellectual advancement of the country. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to see these reforms introduced by Mr Twynam himself as he would by adopting this policy, not only really endear himself to, and earn the sincere thanks of the people here but also leave his mark, which he has not hitherto succeeded in doing, on the Province with which he has been connected in various capacities for nearly half a century. Sooner or later a Municipality or Local Board will be introduced into Jaffna is certain. But sooner it is done at the instance of the present Government Agent rather than by his successor, the better for Mr Twynam's reputation as an Administrator, as well as for the well-being of the people committed to his charge.

CHANGE OF MINISTRY IN ENGLAND.

Since our last number was published important changes have taken place in the Government of the British Empire, Lord Rosebery's Ministry having resigned, on account of an adverse vote in the House of Commons, Lord Salisbury has formed a new Cabinet, composed of himself as Premier and Foreign Secretary, Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor; Duke

கணபதி துணை.

வாழ்கவந்தணர்வானவரானினம்.....	
கீழ்க்கண்புனல் வேங்கணுமோவராக	
ஆழ்க்கீயதெல்லாமானுமே.....	
குழ்க்கவையகமுத்துயர்தீர்கவே.....	

விளம்பரம்

கையொப்ப நேயர்களுக்கு விஞ்ஞாபனம்.

நமது இந்துசாதனம் ஆரம்பமாகி வருகிற ஆடி மீ ௨௪ உ யோடு ஆயுதவருஷமாயிற்று. மன்தகவருஷம் ஆவணி மீ ௧0 உ வெளிப்படுத்தப்படும் சாதனம் ஏழாம்வருஷத்த முகலாயிலக்கப் பத்திரிகையொருமும்.

இதற்கு இதுவரையில் இறுக்கவேண்டியிருப்பதாகிய சிறுகதைகளைப் பாக்கியை ஆடி மீ ௧௮ உ (1st of August) க்கு முன் அனுப்பிவைக்குமாறு கேட்கின்றோம். அக் திகதிக்குமுன் அனுப்பிவைக்காதவற்றைவரையுடைய பெயர்களை நாமாவலிப்புத்தகத்தினின்று நீக்கிவிடப்படும்.

இதுதவிர, ஏழாம்வருஷப் பத்திரிகையை ஏர்க்க விறும்புவார்கள் ஒருமாதக்கவணியாகிய புரட்டாதி மீ ௧௬ (1st of October) க்குமுன் அனுப்பிப் பெற்றுக் கொள்ள வேண்டியது. அவ்வாறனுப்பாதிருந்தால்,

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நீவார்த்தாத்தக்கு ,, ௬-00
இவ்விதிப்படி இறுக்கவேண்டியதே.

இதற்குப் பிரியமில்லாதவர்கள் நம்மை நஷ்டப்படுத்தாத ஒரு போஸ்டிக் காட்டில் தெரிவித்துவிடுமாறு கேட்கின்றோம்.

இங்ஙனம் மாணேசர்.

இந்துவைவல்கூலுக்குப் பொருள் உபகரித்தார் பெயருந் தொகையும்.

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காலி காட்டுக்கோட்டை நகரம்...	250 00
கண்டி காட்டுக்கோட்டை நகரம்...	175-00
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V. தம்பு... ..	1-..
S. பொன்னையா... ..	1-..
S. மூத்தம்பி... ..	1-..
S. T. கணகசபை... ..	3-..
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S. K. ஆறுமுகம்	1-..
C. சமசுவராயர்... ..	-50
V. சதிரவேலு... ..	-50
S. வேலுப்பிள்ளை... ..	1-..
M. பொன்னம்பலம் ,,	1-..
V. சின்னத்தம்பி... ..	2-..
S. செல்லையா... ..	1-..
K. முருகசு... ..	1-..
V. வல்லிபுரம்... ..	1-..
N. சின்னத்தம்பி... ..	1-..
M. சின்னத்தம்பி... ..	1-..
A. முத்துக்குமாரு... ..	1-..
S. செல்லப்பா... ..	1-..
N. பொன்னையா... ..	1-..
M. A. கந்தையா... ..	1-..
R.M.V.A. சதிரவேலு ..	2-..
V. இளையத்தம்பி... ..	1-..
P. வல்லிபுரம்... ..	1-..
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ச. விசுவாசரி... ..	2-50
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த. ப. கா. க. த. சி.	1-00
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சு. இளையத்தம்பி... ..	2-50
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Kumarasuriar Kandiah... ..	5-00
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சு. சேதுவர்... ..	-50
கா. சின்னத்தம்பி... ..	-50
சு. சின்னத்தம்பி... ..	-50
மா. நவசர்... ..	-25
வி. சரவண... ..	-50
சி. சதிரவேலு... ..	1-00
சு. சதிரவேலுப்பிள்ளை... ..	2-50
மா. காராளசிங்கம் (கண்டி) ..	2-00
சு. முருகுப்பிள்ளை... ..	1-00
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Hon'ry Secretary
Saiva Paripalana Sabai.

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யாழ்ப்பாணம்: மண்டலம் ஆணி மீ ௨௭௨

AN APPEAL TO OUR GOVT: AGENT கேள்விமுறையில்லையா?

கோடிக்கரையிலிருந்து தோணியேறிவருகின்ற பிரயணிகள் ஒருகாலத்தும் சமையல்சார்பாட்டுக்கு வேண்டிய எத்தனங்கோடு தோணியேறுவதில்லையென்பது யாவருமறிந்தவியல். பிரயணிகள் தோணிக்காகக் கோடிக்கரையில்வந்து சிற்சிலசமையல்களில் காணு இதைக் காண்குத் தங்கிவருவதற்குமுன், அவ்வூர் வசதிக்குறைவில் மூன்றுகோடிச் சார்பிடாது ஒருகாலப்போகாததோடு காண்கு ஊர்சேரவேண்டும் காண்கு ஊர்சேராமென்னும் கம்பிக்கைகோடு காட்டித்தா காற்றிலே தோணியேறப்படுமேபோது வசதியில்லாவிடில் சார்பிடாமலும் பசியோடு தோணியேறிவிடுவார்கள். அங்ஙனமேறுகின்றவர்கள் அக்கரைதேரிசின்றதா தெரிசின்றதா வென்னும் ஆவலோடும் பகலெல்லாம் பொழுதுபோக்குவார்கள். கரைசோரமல் கடலிலே இரத்தக்க நேரிமையின் அவர்கள் பசியாலும் தோணியைக்கத்தாலும் படுக்கட்டும், அங்ஙனம் சந்தப்பட்டவரன்றி மத்தேர் அறியார். ஆடவர்பாடு இதுவென்றால், இனிப் பெண்கள் சிறகு முறைகள் அத்தோணியிற் கிடந்து படுப்பாடுசொல்லுந்தரன்று. பசியுறந்தும் தோணியிருந்தும் காலத்திலாதலின், அரசினர் கோக்கம் நன்றகோக்கமேயாம். ஆயினும் அதன்பொருட்டுத் தக்க ஏற்பாடுகளைச் செய்துகொண்டு அரசினர்தடுக்கரணமேயால் அதனால் அச்சண்கள் படுக்கட்டும் பின்றும் பன்மடங்காம்.

சென்றவெள்ளிக்கிழமை கோடிக்கரையினின்றும் காண்குதோணிகள் சனமேற்றிக்கொண்டு காண்பவரையில் காண்குசென்றதறைய அடைந்தன. அத்தோணிகளைச் சனத்தை இறக்கவொட்டாமல் தடுத்தக் கரையிலிருந்து சந்தேகாரம்போய் இருபத்தாண்டுகும் கரைமல் கடலிற் கிடக்குமாறு கடல் டாக்குத்தர் உத்தரவளித்தனார். இத்தச்சண்கள் முத்தேச்சார்பிட்ட சார்பிடோடு மற்றகார்தோணியேறிவரர்களாம். இவர்கள் பட்டினிக்கணக்கைப்பார்த்துவிட்டது மூன்றுகாராரும். தடைசெய்த நியாயமேயாயினும், அவர்கள் அன்றைக்கும் மற்றகாரைக்கும் போகனக்குசெய்த தக்க டாக்குத்தர்செய்த ஏற்பாடுகளைக் காண்கு? அச்சிறுத்தோணிகளிலே பெண்கள் மலசலங்கழிப்பதப்படி? அவர்களே இறக்கித் தனிக்கட்டடங்களில் வைக்காதென்ன? சார்பிடாமல் கிடந்து வருந்தும்படி அரசினர் உத்தரவுசெய்வார்களா? இப்பெருங்கோடு மைப்பைக் கவண்மேற்த ஏசண்டிம் தெரிவிப்பார்களால் அங்ஙனம் இனிமேல் கடவாதென நினைக்கின்றோம்.

இந் து சா த ந ம்.

இந்துசாதனம் யாழ்ப்பாணத்தச் சைவப்பிரயண சபையாரால் நடத்தப்படுகிறது.

இந்துசாதனம், தமிழ்ச்சைவத்தாருக்கு வேண்டிய உலகியல் அரசிபல்களைப் பேசுவதன்றி சைவசமயிகளுக்கு அதிக நன்மையையுஞ் செய்துவருகின்றது.

இந்துசாதனம் எவ்வளவு நன்மைகளைச்செய்தாலும் அதற்கு அபிமானிகளாயுள்ளார் முன்பின் ஆயிரவரே. இந்துசாதனம் ஆரம்பித்த இந்த ஆறுவாஷத்திலும் கொழும்பு, திரிகோண்டி, கண்டிகாட்டையடுத்த நாடுகள் இவைகளிலுள்ள கையொப்பநேயர்களே அது அபிமானத்தோடு டுண்டி ஏற்று வர்த்துத் கிரமமாகப் பண்பண்பும் அபிமானிகளானார் யாழ்ப்பாணத்தளவாக்கு எபிமானிகளானாராலும் பணமென்றால் வேலிக்கப்பாற்றும்.

சபையும் இந்துசாதனமும் ஆரம்பித்தபின்னரே இருக்குள்ள நாற்றுச்சைவச்சைவத்தியாகால்களான சைவத்தான்குவித்தியாகால்கள் எப்பிக்கப்பெற்றுச் சைவத்தை வளர்த்துக் கிறிஸ்தவரெடுப்பைத் தாழ்த்திவருகின்றன.

இந்துசாதனம் சமயவருத்தி உலகவருத்திக்காக கடைபிற்றுக்கவரும், இதுவே அனைத்து வருஷம் ரூபா ௬ ௫ ஆகிய இச்சிறுதொகை கொடுத்து ஏற்று விருத்திசெய்ய மனம்பொருந்தாதிருக்கின்றார்கள்.

இந்துசாதனத்தைவிருத்திக்கேட்டுப்பெற்றும், அதன் கிரயத்தைக் கொடுப்பதில் சிலர் லேபிகளாயும், சிலர் அக்கறை யற்றவர்களாயும், சிலர் ஆட்டும் வரட்டும் பார்ப்போம் தாது எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாமல் கோடும் என்று சொல்பவர்களாயும் காலத்தை கீழ்க்கட்டி தந்து, காற்றில் மவுனசாமிகளாகிய கம்பிசுத் தெருவுக்கும் வராத வேறுவழிதேவர். இத்தன்மையர், வண்ணையாப்பலர், கொழும்புத்தறையார் சிலர், கோட்டுத்தியோகத்தர் சிலர், மாணியாப்பார் தாவடியார் சிலர், இனி விளங்குளத்தாரிலர், கோணமலையார் சிலர்

of Devonshire, President of Council; Lord Cross, Lord Priy Seal; Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Commons; Mr. J. Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary; Lord George Hamilton, Indian Secretary; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Lord Lansdowne, Secretary for War; Mr. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty; Sir M. W. Ridley, Home Secretary; Mr. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade; Mr. Chaplin, President of the Local Government Board; Sir Henry James, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Mr. Akers-Douglas, First Commissioner of Public Works; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, and Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor for Ireland. The Parliament was to have been dissolved on Monday last, and it will be soon decided at the polls whether the new Government is to remain in power, or not. If the result of the recent bye-elections were a sufficient indication of the feelings of the electors in the British Isles, there is no doubt of an impending Conservative victory. It will be interesting to our readers to know that, besides Mr. Dadhabai Naorojee who was returned at the last General Election by Central Finsbury, Mr. Bownagree, and Mr. W. C. Bonnerjee, are candidates for Parliamentary honors—Mr. Bownagree as a Conservative and Mr. Bonnerjee as a Radical. The last named gentleman is a Hindu and a distinguished lawyer of Calcutta. He is not a Parsee as some our Colombo contemporaries think him to be.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Weather—A refreshing shower of rain fell in several parts of the District on the morning of the 6th Instant. But there were only drizzles in the Town and the suburbs.

Ourselves—In view of the Hon'ble Mr. Lee's reference to Mr. Advocate Nagalingam, during the debate in the Legislative Council on the Marriage Registration Bill, as the "pseudo Editor of the Hindu Organ," we have to observe that Mr. Nagalingam, beyond being a leading member and Vice-President of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai to which this paper belongs, has no manner of connection whatever with its Editorial Staff. We must strongly protest against such uncalled for remarks and unwarrantable assumptions on the part of a high and responsible officer of Government.

The Jaffna Railway Committee—We understand that Mr. Nevill, the Chairman of the Committee has written to the Secretary expressing his desire to retire from the Committee. Mr. Nevill has laid the people of Jaffna under a deep debt of gratitude by his earnest advocacy of the cause of railway extension to the North and by his great and eminent services as Chairman of the Committee. We earnestly hope he will reconsider his decision and remain at the head of the Committee which he has done so much to revive.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a printed copy of the last Memorial of the Committee to His Excellency Sir Arthur Havelock on the subject of railway extension to Jaffna. It is an elaborate document of the highest importance reflecting the greatest credit on the Chairman and the members who framed it; and we feel sure that the facts and figures embodied in it cannot fail to impress on the authorities the justice and necessity of extending the railway to Jaffna without further loss of time.

Personal—Mr. A. Mailvaganam of Copay, we are sorry to state, is on the sick list, being confined to the house for the last one month with boils. His friends throughout the Island, however, will be glad to learn that he is making rapid progress towards recovery under the treatment of Drs. Grenier and Mills.

The Supreme Court—The second Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court for the year 1895 will be held here on Monday the 5th Proximo. It is believed that Mr. Justice Browne will be the presiding Judge. The Sessions will commence at Batticaloa on the 29th Instant and at Trincomalie on the 2nd proximo.

The late Mr. J. Vallipuram—We deeply regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. Vallipuram, ex-Vanniah of Manmunai Patto in Batticaloa, which occurred in that Town on the morning of the 4th Instant. He was born in Jaffna of respectable parents, and after receiv-

ing his English education in the Wesleyan Central School here, and after being a teacher in the same school for a short time, he went to Batticaloa in the sixties as Head Master of the Wesleyan Central Institution there. Having been married to a lady belonging to the leading Tamil family in that District, he settled there and was for more than quarter of a century a most useful and prominent citizen in the capital of the Eastern Province. Severing the Mission connection he was for some years engaged in mercantile pursuits, and subsequently entered the Government Service as Vanniah of Manmunai Patto, an office corresponding to the Maniagarship of Jaffna. He leaves behind a widow and eight children, five sons and three daughters, to whom we offer our heartfelt condolences. His eldest son Mr. G. W. Vallipuram is Superintendent of Minor Roads, Badulla, second son is Chief Clerk of the Water Works, Colombo, and third son is a Surveyor in Batticaloa.

Coach Contract—The Government Gazette of the 5th Instant contains a notice calling tenders for the conveyance of Mails by coach drawn by two horses between Matale and Jaffna, for five years commencing from the 1st January 1896. The tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office up to 12 noon on Monday 29th July 1895.

The New Post Office—We understand that Government has sanctioned the erection of the Central Post Office for Jaffna in a prominent site in the Town, and that the work will be soon taken in hand.

Murders—An atrocious murder was committed at Punguditivu West, a few days ago, the victim being one Chethar Sinnatambu who was found dead in bed. The alleged murderers are in jail. At Kadduvan, a village about 8 miles from Jaffna, in a quarrel between two persons one was stoned by the other. The injured person has since died, but the culprit has absconded and has not been yet arrested. At Anaicottai also a man died a few days ago under very suspicious circumstances.

Factory Apprentices—An Examination for the admission of candidates into the Government Factory will be held on the 31st Instant at the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Colombo.

Acknowledgment—We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt from Government of the Administration Reports of the Province of Uva and Sabragamuwa.

—We draw the attention of our readers to the Subscription List of the Hindu High School Building Fund published in the Tamil columns today.

COLOMBO.

Mr. Tampoo, of the precarious condition of whose illness I wrote you in my last, died on the 25th ultimo. He has been suffering from that dire disease diabetes, and his end, though at the comparatively early age of 40, was not entirely unexpected. His amiable nature and liberality endeared him to the rich and the poor alike, and his loss is deeply mourned by all. By his death the Colombo Tamil community has sustained a loss—a loss which is very difficult to replace. He leaves behind a widow and three children for all of whom we offer our sincere condolences.

Consequent upon the death of Mr. Tampoo and the post of Head Shroff falling vacant in the National Bank, which was held by the deceased for a period of 20 years, changes of Shroffs have taken place in the Banking houses. The deceased Shroff is succeeded by Mr. Gnasegaram of the Hongkong and Shanghai Corporation, while his place is taken by his brother, Mr. Namasivayam, the Shroff of the Ceylon Government Railway.

Law Examinations—The following Tamil students are going in for the different Law Examinations to be held on the 22nd Inst and the following days:—

Proctor's Preliminary: C. Chelliah. **Proctors Intermediate:** A. R. Sivajoti and A. Muttucumaru, both of Putlam.

Proctor's Final: S. Subramaniam, C. Muttutamby and V. Ganapatipillai.—Cor.

EXTRACT.

JAFFNA WANTS A LOCAL BOARD.

However qualifiedly we may be tempted to view most of the grievances of the North we have no doubt that as regards the sanitary condition of the people it is difficult to have two opinions. Lately we referred to authentic facts regarding the health of the people of Jaffna in 1894 and pointed out the importance of a Local Board for the town. So much of the personal element has been, unfortunately infused into the discussions of Northern grievances by newspaper correspondents, that the belief has gained currency in influential circles that the people of the North are, for private reasons animating their leaders, instigated to say anything against the administration of Mr. Twynam, even at the expense of veracity. We repudiate this erroneous belief as much as those mostly concerned would do though we certainly regret that there should have been occasion for such a misconception. Our own opinion is—with all deference to Mr. Twynam's work in the North—that the inhabitants of Jaffna are naturally desirous of a change of Government Agents. To the want of a new man in place of the present Agent they attribute all that they have to complain of. While province after province has been advancing by leaps and bounds the North alone has been stationary since the days of Dyke; changes and reforms have been going on all around while Jaffna alone was left to be satisfied with its worn-out, old resources; younger creations have been given much that they asked for and more than they needed, but the Northern Province has been denied the few things it repeatedly begged for; every province, every town and every class of people have been during the last fifty years moving onward, blessed bountifully, and only the Northern Province, Jaffna and its people, have been held back from joining in the march of progress, to be branded "the benighted" by commiserating strangers and sojourners. Stagnation fosters discontent and the history of the peninsula is replete with such outbreaks of strong feeling against tyrannical conservatism as can hardly be met with in the records of any other province, and the rankling hatred towards administrative monotony is in evidence unto this day.

That the Colonial office has blundered in the past, with regard to the most neglected of provinces, ought not to stand in the way of making some reparation for injuries done by granting the latest of Jaffna's requests—a Local Board. Puttalam has one, and even one for Batticaloa, is talked about. When we see that Jaffna needs a Local Board, as a necessity and not as a luxury, we cannot see why Government should hesitate to proclaim the establishment of one. Were a Local Board for Jaffna granted the people's feeling of dissatisfaction would be much minimised by the mere fact of their knowing that representatives had been duly elected to watch over the "conservancy of the town, the preservation of the public health therein and the promotion of the comfort and convenience of the people thereof."

A Local Board for Jaffna would have many of the eighteen purposes, for which section 35 of Ordinance 7 of 1876 makes it lawful to create bye-laws, to deal with. For instance Jaffna surely cannot be without making, repairing, cleaning, watering of streets, etc. the regulation of weights and measures; the assize of bread; the regulation of markets; the sanitary supervision over food-supply; a great many other things. It is objected that the creation of a Local Board would entail the imposition of heavy taxes, but the fact that the Northern Province yields the Government a handsome revenue yearly should make it practicable for the Government to effect a suitable adjustment of the expenditure of the Province and lighten the otherwise burdensome taxation which might be necessitated by a Local Board. The plea of fresh taxation is a poor one indeed, for the Government can afford to establish a Local Board in Jaffna if only there is the willingness to be just and generous to a province that has long enough submitted to all manner of slights, not the least of which is administrative monotony and sameness.

—Ceylon Independent.

(see supplement)