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NOTICE.

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Signed J. L. VANDERSTAATEN
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } No 671.
Jurisdiction }

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vatanayakam wife of Muttukkumaru of Vannarpponnai Deceased.

Mailvaganam Varitampi of Vannarpponnai. Petitioner

Vs.

1. Chinnachchippillai wife of Varitampi and
2. Tamotarampillai Muttukkumaroo both of Vannarpponnai.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Varitampi of Vannarpponnai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Vatanayakam wife of Muttukkumaru of Vannarpponnai coming on for disposal before H. Nevill Esquire, District Judge, on the 8th day of July 1895 in the presence of Messrs Casipillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of July 1895 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 12th day of August 1895 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 12th day of July 1895.

Sigd H. Nevill
District Judge.

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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 1895.

NORTHERN PROVINCE.

The Revenue Administration Report of the Government Agent, Northern Province, for 1894, is a voluminous and elaborate document and abounds with much varied and interesting informations. The first paragraph of the report gives a fair summary of the contents of the whole report. It is as follows:—

The past year was on the whole a favourable one for the several districts of the Northern Province, except as regards two patus of the Mannar District, in which, owing to a deficiency of rain, there was a failure of the kalapokam paddy crop. The kalapokam paddy crop of the Jaffna District was a fair one. The tobacco crop was a good one, and the dry grain crops, except those of the first quarter, were also reported good. The outturn of the palmirah fruit was somewhat indifferent

owing to the deficiency of rain during the first and second quarters. There was no unusual prevalence of sickness, and no serious outbreak of epidemic disease, although it was feared in March that cholera introduced into Chankanai by return pilgrims from Rameswaram would spread into the adjoining villages. It was however confined to Chankanai. There were 26 cases, of which 18 proved fatal.

The revenue of the Province for the year under review amounted to Rs 671,762 being an increase of Rs 30,915 over that of the previous year. The increase was in a great measure due to a larger revenue derived from the Customs, Arrack and Lddy Rents, Stamps, and Land sales. The total receipts under the Thoroughfares Ordinance was Rs 77,233 59,—Rs 64,759-28 in Jaffna, Rs 6,942-6 in Mannar, Rs 2,383-75 in Mullaitivu, and Rs 3,148-50 in Vavuniya—which is Rs 4,678-47 less than the receipts of 1893. Excluding from the above such casual receipts as value of trees cut down on roadsides, refund of changes overdrawn, &c, the actual contribution by the people in the shape of tax under this Ordinance was Rs 72 365-25 in 1894 for the whole Province, as against Rs 72 334-50 in 1893. The expenditure under the Thoroughfares Ordinance was Rs 79,775-95 during the year under review, as compared with Rs 79,101-85 in the previous year.

The outturn of the crops was a fair one in 1894, as there was sufficient rain-fall in the third and fourth quarters of the previous year. But last year was one of the driest years on record and its effect has proved disastrous to the paddy crop of this year (1895). The following is the return of the rainfall registered in the Jaffna, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya Districts for the year 1894, as compared with 1893:—

Jaffna	{ 1893.....57-66
	{ 1894.....34-16
Mannar	{ 1893.....27-96
	{ 1894.....24-92
Mullaitivu	{ 1893.....44-29
	{ 1894.....25-05
Vavuniya	{ 1893.....55-11
	{ 1894.....36-12

The estimated outturn of the paddy crops of the Province amounted to 667,000 bushels, made up of 500,000 bushels in Jaffna, 63,000 in Mannar, 56,000 in Mullaitivu and 48,000 in Vavuniya. The Varaku crop amounted to 11,000 bushels and other dry grains yielded 80,000 bushels. The import of grain coastwise and beyond sea amounted to 1,528 585 bushels of paddy, 120,870 bushels of rice, and 18,724 bushels of other grains. The quantity of paddy imported into the Jaffna ports from Batticaloa was 101,334 bushels in 1894 as against 91,573 bushels in 1893.

The quantity of arrack imported into the Province from the Western and Southern Provinces of the Island amounted to 34,690 gallons of the value of Rs 134 598, as against 33,494 gallons of the value of Rs 130, 088 during the previous year. We also find that un-manufactured tobacco of the value of Rs, 259,899 was imported coastwise, that is from Trincomalee and Batticaloa, into Jaffna during the year under review. This tobacco forms an ingredient in the manufacture of what is called the Jaffna cigar, which is extensively consumed throughout the Island.

It is satisfactory to find that the quantity of tobacco exported from Jaffna in 1894 was the largest ever exported, being 84,549 cwts of the value of Rs 1,695,898, compared with 66,478 cwts of the value of Rs 1,335,501 in 1893; of which the quantity exported beyond sea, that is, to Travancore and Cochin was, in 1894, 54,850 cwts of the value of Rs 1,225,593 as against 39,942 cwts of the value of Rs 867,971, in 1893. We may venture to predict that the quantity of tobacco exported in 1895 will largely exceed the quantity of 1894.

(to be continued)

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA.

The success of this Hindu Missionary in expounding Hinduism in the Parliament of Religious at Chicago and securing for it the respectful and sympathetic hearing of the American people has earned for him the thanks and undying gratitude of his co-religionists throughout India and Ceylon, as it has made him the object of hatred of the Christian Missionaries who have come to these countries to convert the people to Christianity. The organ of the Protestant Christian Missionaries in Jaffna, the "Morning Star," has, in season and out of season, done everything in its power to prejudice the minds of the people here against this Hindu Monk and belittle his work in America. Finding, however, that his efforts were of no avail, in the face of the warm eulogies passed on the Swami by the organs of public opinion in that Continent, which have been from time to time quoted by us, the Editor of the "Morning Star" once took the satisfaction of declaring in the columns of his paper in effect that Vivekananda owed whatever greatness he possessed to his early training in a Christian Mission School in India. The Swami is still in America, addressing large and appreciative audiences on the sublime truths of Hinduism; and we have no doubt his preaching has made a deep impression in America, as otherwise the Christian Missionaries of India and Ceylon will not show such absorbing interest in him as they evidently do exhibit.

The Missionary Editor of the "Morning Star" is now in America, and there seems to be also with him a Jaffna native Christian, in the person of Mr. Kanaga Ratnam B. A. They are both very anxious to say something disparagingly of Swami Vivekananda, and we give below their—shall we say?—disinterested opinion of him Dr. Howland writing to the "Morning Star" says:—

Not long ago I saw a notice in a daily paper that Vivekananda Swami was to lecture on Monday evening at the Mott Memorial Hall, New York, on the Doctrine of Yoga. This being near where I was staying and having a curiosity to see him as well as to hear what he would say, I went to the place at the appointed time and paid the 75 c. admission (nearly three rupees) and entered the hall. About 120 gathered, three fourths of them ladies. The Swami, as he is called, was dressed in an orange coat with a yellow turban, but with trousers, and shoes and cuffs like a European. He looked quite like his picture, excepting that he appeared rather more youthful. He was introduced by some one who seemed to have difficulty in pronouncing the name, and then he lectured for nearly an hour. He spoke in a dogmatic manner, as if he were a heaven-commissioned revealer of truth, informing his hearers of something which it was important for them to know, and with which he was familiar, but they were not. And yet he scarcely told anything about "Yoga" as held by the Hindus, different from other peoples. The most part of the address was a plea for recognition of a higher means of knowledge than the senses. A Christian philosopher could have made the same plea much more effectively. He had evidently carefully prepared his address, and in the main it was well worded, only occasionally was there a slip, but he did not use terms always in their right meanings, and he is evidently not familiar with Christian philosophy.

We quote again from the "Morning Star" of the 18th Instant in which appears also Dr. Howland's communication:—

Under date May 21st, Mr. S. C. Kanaga Ratnam B. A. writes to the Christian Patriot. "Swami Vivekananda is also here (New York city) and I understand he is becoming more and more unpopular and people are losing faith in him, altho he has been taken up by a class of people, who long to hear of any thing that savours of heresy. Last evening he lectured on the "Rationale of Yoga," and after widely advertising his lecture in the local papers, he succeeded in drawing an audience of about 50 persons, mostly ladies, by no means an unfair indication of the popularity of Swami Vivekananda."

Evidently Dr. Howland and Mr. Ratnam refer to the same meeting and the same lecture, for they both speak of a lecture on Yoga delivered by Swami Vivekananda in the City of New York. Besides, Mr. Ratnam says that the lecture was delivered on the 20th May last, and according to Dr. Howland it took place on a Monday. The 20th May being a Monday there is no doubt that Dr. Howland's meeting of 120 persons and Mr. Ratnam's meeting of 50 are one and the same. The

American Missionary, be it said to his credit, finds it difficult entirely to ignore facts, but his native colleague makes very short work of the Swami, little expecting that the "Morning Star" would, in its over zeal, publish the two accounts of Vivekananda's lecture in the same issue. Our Manipal contemporary was perhaps, unaware that Mr. Kanaga Ratnam's communication was intended solely for the consumption of the readers of the "Christian Patriot."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Weather—There has been no rain during the last fortnight, and the heat is intense.

The General Elections—The latest returns available here show that 509 out of 670 members have been elected of whom 348 are Unionists, 102 Liberals, 50 anti-Parnellites, 7 Parnellites and 2 Labour Candidates. It appears that the Unionists will have an overwhelming majority in the new House of Commons. The result of the elections will prove very disastrous to the interests of India, as some of her enemies such as Mr. J. M. Mclean and Mr. Bowring, have been elected, and as her best friends in the persons of Mr. Dadhabai Naoroji and Mr. W. S. Cairne have lost their seats. Mr. W. C. Bonnerjee's efforts to enter Parliament has also been unsuccessful. It may interest our readers to learn that Mr. W. E. T. Sharpe, retired Government Agent of the Central Province of this Colony has been returned for North Kensington.

Personal—Mr. Arunachalam, the acting Registrar-General arrived here on a tour of inspection on the 22nd Instant. He is staying at the Queen's House. We understand that he will leave here for Colombo on Friday Morning by coach.

—Mr. Taylor, the Auditor-General, also is here, having come on a tour of inspection. He will leave tomorrow for Colombo by coach.

—Messrs Ormsby and Waddell who came here last week in connection with the survey and estimate of a narrow gauge railway to Jaffna returned to Colombo by the last trip of the "Lady Gordon."

—Mr. Conolly our former District Judge returned to the Colony on Friday last. He will take up his permanent appointment as D. J. of Galle.

A Suspected Case of Murder—One Nannier Vytia lingham, of Punnalai Kadduvan, a village about 7 miles from Jaffna, who went to the Maviddapuram Kandswamy Temple on the night of the 19th Instant was found dead with his head battered, on the same night, at one of the steps of the Kemi connected with the Temple. The local Headmen, instead of detaining the corpse and making a searching inquiry as to how he came by his death, allowed it to be quietly removed to the village of the deceased and cremated there after a sham inquest. We are surprised to learn that no Post Mortem examination was held on the body. The deceased was a prominent figure in that part of Jaffna and was also, we understand, in well-to-do circumstances. The strongest suspicion exists as to the cause of his death. It is by the neglect and connivance of the Headmen crime has increased here, and we hope that the Headmen concerned will be called upon by the Government, Agent to explain their strange conduct in this matter.

FAREWELL ADDRESS, To

Dr. Elyatamby, M. R. C. S. London, L. R. C. P. L. R. C. S. & L. M. Edinburgh.

Dr. Elyatamby the Chief Medical Officer of this station, being under orders to take charge of the Assistant Colonial Surgeoncy of Jaffna, was on Tuesday last invited by his friends to a nicely and tastefully decorated Pandal next to the Customs at Point Pedro to receive a farewell address and a Tea Service.

Mr J. J. Casie Chitty, Police Magistrate was voted to the chair, and Mr Maartensz, Sub-Collector, read the address, and a copy of which printed in gold letters together with a neat silver Tea Service was presented to the Doctor. Several of the audience addressed the meeting at great length. They spoke in very high and emphatic terms of the Doctor's professional abilities and testified to his successful practice of medicine and the skilful use of the knife in many cases and the marked attention which patients received as his hands.

Doctor Elyatamby who rose up to reply appeared to be very much moved. He thanked all present very heartily for the honor they had done him that evening and said that he never expected to hear so much said of him and that he had only done his duty to the best of his abilities, and the honor shewn him was more than he deserved. He also said that the Tea Service with which he was presented would be preserved as a very valuable Treasure and would always recall to his mind many pleasant recollections associated with his stay at Point Pedro.

There were assembled in the hall upwards of 600 people, and amongst them were Messrs J. J. Casie Chitty, Police Magistrate; M. Supramaniam, popularly known as Pulolytamby. Landed Proprietor; F. A. Maartensz, Sub-

Collector; C. Arumugam, Sub-Collector; S. Muttiah, Advocate; Leembruggen, Inspector of Schools; M. Supramaniam, Proctor; Dr. Arasarkone Modr; Dr. Munyiah; Pundit Kuvindapillai; Messers V. Velayutampillai, Landed proprietor; A. S. Nicholas, Chief Clerk Court Point Pedro; S. Nagalingam, Interpreter Courts Point Pedro; A. Chellappah Pillai Shroff Customs Point Pedro; A. Bastiampillai Fiscal's Marshal; Somasuntarampillai, Teacher; S. Ganagarayer Teacher; J. A. Herft, Retired Chief Clerk Minor Court Jaffna; Dispenser Supramaniam; the leading merchants of Point Pedro; wealthy and respectable landed proprietors and the principal headmen of the District, besides others too numerous to mention.

The following is a copy of the address which was presented to the Doctor:—

Dear Sir,

It was with feelings of deep regret that we heard of your transfer to Jaffna as the Assistant Colonial Surgeon of that station. During the three and a half years you had the charge of this District as its chief Medical Officer, you have become so much endeared to us, that we feel your separation very keenly. We desire, therefore, before you leave us, to express our deep sense of indebtedness to you for the many and great advantages which we, in common with the people of this District, received at your hands, and also to thank you personally for the kindness and courtesy you at all times have shown to us in our intercourses with you, and to offer you for your kind acceptance this slight but sincere token of the great regard and esteem in which we hold you. Wishing you a long and successful career in your department. We beg to remain, Dear Sir, Your Sincere friends
J. J. Casie Chitty Police Magistrate. M. Supramaniam Landed Proprietor. F. A. Maartensz Sub-collector. S. A. Allegakoen Advocate S. Nagalingam Advocate, S. Muttiah Advocate, M. Supramaniam Proctor. C. Arumugam Sub-collector, V. Modr. Sivasidamparam Maniakar, L. S. S. K. Arasarkone Modr Medical Officer. A. Chellappah Pillai Shroff. S. Nagalingam Interpreter, J. M. Osborn Native Minister. G. C. Ganapathipillai, Surveyor, A. Bastiampillai Fiscal's Marshal, C. Munyiah Medical Officer, G. W. A. Supramaniam Dispenser, S. Mailvaganam Landed Proprietor, V. Sinnatamby Udiar, K. Valautam Udiar, A. Vyrantto Udiar, K. Valoopillai Vidhan, M. Tampoo Native writer, K. Suppar Vidhan, T. Canapathipillai Vidhan, J. A. Herft, S. Ganagarayer Teacher, S. Punniamoorthy Merchant, S. Manicam Merchant, T. Nagalingam Merchant, A. S. Arampamoorthy Merchant, C. Cathirgamamudaly Merchant, N. Arunachalam Merchant, K. Murugappan Landed Proprietor.

—Cor.

Point Pedro
15th July 1895.

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T. M. Tampoo
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