

Correspondence of the Morning Star.

Editor of the Morning Star. A singular instance of native credulity came under my notice this morning. There exists, or rather there existed, for the practice is almost obsolete I believe, a test for honesty among the Tamils which is closely allied to the red hot iron test... I am yours, &c., VERITAS.

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OVERLAND INTELLIGENCE.

We have English dates down to November 24th. The principal matters of interest from England are the opening of Parliament, and the public funeral of the Duke of Wellington. The latter occurred on the 18th of November, and was one of the most magnificent pageants ever witnessed.

FRANCE.—Louis Napoleon has been proclaimed Emperor, [For interesting remarks by the Illustrated London News, upon this event, see another column.] The success of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" continues to increase every day in Paris. It is being translated on all sides, its merits are being discussed in every society, and the Journal des Debats has given it a most extended and favorable review, which is being copied in various other journals.

AMERICA.—The presidential election in the United States was to take place on the 2d of November. There was almost no doubt that Franklin Pierce would be elected President by an unparalleled majority over his Whig opponent General Scott. The Hon. Daniel Webster, Secretary of State, died at Marshfield, his residence, near Boston on the 24th October aged about 70. His loss was universally deplored in the United States. His funeral was attended by a vast assemblage on the 29th of Oct., but there was no pomp and no display. Mr. Webster having requested in his last sickness that all connected with his funeral should be plain and simple and devoid of show and ceremony. Mr. Webster is said to have died in great peace, and as a Christian. Hon. Edward Everett succeeds him as Secretary of State. There were apprehensions of serious difficulties with Spain—an American steamer the Crescent City, having been prevented from entering the harbor of Havana by a Spanish vessel of war.

THE "MAINE" LAW IN LOWELL.—The following statements respecting the operation of the new Anti-Liquor Law in Lowell, are from the most reliable authority. Every case of drunkenness observed by a watchman or any member of the police is reported at the police office, whether a prosecution is instituted or not.

Table with 2 columns: Description of cases, and Number of cases. Includes entries for Sept. 22, 1851, and Sept. 22, 1852.

The testimony of the watchmen and other police officers is uniform, that there is much less disturbance and rowdiness than under the old regime. It is the testimony, too, of the grocers, that their customers, of a large class, pay better than formerly. At the time the law went into effect, there were 227 shops and places where intoxicating liquor was sold.

MAINE LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS.—The following is the concluding paragraph of a report of a great temperance convention held in Boston Oct. 19th. With the exception of Boston, Charlestown, Salem, and Newburyport, the law has been executed. The statement of facts made by the delegates from the several counties show that there is no human probability that the Law will be repealed. The opponents of the Law are, however, not asleep. They are sending out lecturers, and enlisting the press in their cause. They are crying out oppression. Their liberties and rights are taken away. This cry is raised because their craft is in danger. It is reported of Washington that when a messenger carried to him the tidings of the battle of Bunker Hill, he asked, "Did the Massachusetts men stand firm?" When it was answered in the affirmative, he replied, "Then the liberties of the country are safe." At this crisis in the temperance cause, if the men of Massachusetts stand firm, they will triumph. The smoke of the distilleries will not go up forever and ever, but speedily come to an end.

THIS IS LIFE.—If we die to-day, the sun will shine as brightly, and the birds sing as sweetly to-morrow. Business will not be suspended for a moment, and the great mass will not bestow a thought on our memories. "Is he dead?" will be the solemn inquiry of a few as they pass to their pleasure or their work. But no one will miss us, except our immediate connections; and in a short time they will forget us and laugh as merrily as when we sat beside them. Thus shall we all, now active in life, pass away. Our children crowd close behind us and they will soon be gone. In a few years, not a living being can say, "I remember him." We lived in another age, and did business with those who have long since slumbered in the tomb. This is life. How rapidly it passes! O, blessed are they who are held in everlasting remembrance.

MONARCHS OF ENGLAND FROM THE CONQUEST. First, William the Norman, then William his son; Henry, Stephen, and Henry, then Richard and John; Next, Henry, the third; Edwards, one, two, and three; Two Edwards, third Richard, three Henrys we see; Two Henrys, sixth Edward, Queens Mary and Bess, Then James the Scot, then Charles who they slew, And then followed Cromwell, another Charles too; Next James, called the second, ascended the throne; Then William and Mary together came on; Till Anne, Georges four, and fourth William all past, God sent them Victoria, the youngest and last.

LITTLE THINGS.—Springs are little things, but they are sources of large streams,—a helin is a little thing, but it governs the course of the ship,—a bridle is a little thing, but see its use and power,—nails and pegs are little things, but they hold the parts of large buildings together,—a word, a look, a smile, a frown,—all are little things, but powerful for good or evil. Think of this, and mind the little things. Pay that little debt—it's a promise, redeem it—it's a shilling, hand it over—you know not what important events hang upon it. Keep your word sacredly—keep it to children; they will mark it sooner than any one else; and the effects will probably be as lasting as life. MIND THE LITTLE THINGS.

FISCAL'S SALE.

In the District Court of Jaffna, Mattappa chetty, co-partner of Meypappa chittir Ramanaden chittir, residing at Vannarponne, Plaintiff, No. 6110, vs. Muttucamman chittir Supermania chittir of Vannarponne, Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday the 25th, Wednesday the 26th, and Thursday the 27th day of January, 1853, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of the said days, will be sold on the spot, the following property of said Defendant.

On the 25th, property situated at Valane west, and registered in the thombo on the name of Raasasegga, Modr.

A land called Venkolamvayal, in extent 152 lachams paddy culture, Titkoopothoovaly, in extent 86 lachams varago culture. Do. Seennal, in extent 17 lachams varago culture. Do. Arumatey Koodel, in extent 11 1/2 lachams varago culture. Do. Koodel, in extent 1 lachams varago culture. Registered on the name of Supermaniar Seramalingam, Poothovalady, in extent 9 lachams of varago culture. Registered on the name of Singamalatal, daughter of Klunger and wife Murriger, Venkolamvayal, in extent 13 lachams paddy culture. Do. Poothovalady, in extent 12 1/2 lachams varago culture. Registered on the name of Neeleyar Seythomadaven Kahtoopollem, in extent 20 lachams varago culture. Total paddy culture 165 and varago culture 1574, in all 3224 lachams with house, well and plantations, bounded on the east by lane, on the north by tank, on the west by property owned by Kamathy and others, and on the south by Government land. Registered on the name of Neelayar Pariatambay.

A land called Patchathey, in extent 29 lachams paddy culture, bounded on the east by property owned by Supermaniar, on the north by property owned by Sinnatambay, on the west by property owned by Valliamme and others, and on the south by property owned by Sedambalatal and others. Registered on the name of Ambalatal, daughter of Singamaleyer and wife Naganathan.

A land called Mookkiantotam, in extent 50 lachams varago culture with palmyra trees, young palmyras, illope and margosa trees, bounded on the east by property owned by Valliamme, on the north and west by lane and on the south by property owned by Vathavanam and lane. Registered in the name of Katherasay wife of Vesuvanathan.

A land called Velley putty in extent 9 lachams varago culture. Registered in the name of Sarroovayer Neelakandayer and others—Vellayputty, in extent 8 lachams varago culture. Total 17 lachams, bounded on the east by property owned by Teroyanasamanda koroekel and others, on the north by property owned by Nagamutty and others, on the west by property owned by Sedambaranather and others, and on the south by property owned by Supermaniar.

A land called Kolevey vayal, in extent 154 lachams paddy culture. Registered on the name of Ageleser Supper and Vallier, Killeveyayal, in extent 154 lachams paddy culture. Registered on the name of Nagammal, daughter of Sarangampay and wife of Supet Killoveyayal, in extent 15 1/2 lachams. Total 464 La, bounded on the east by property owned by Teroyanasamandan and others, on the north by property owned by Supermaniar and others, on the west by property owned by Supermaniar and on the south by property owned by Valliamme.

On the 26th, property situated at Vannarponne east, registered on the name of Poolokkattay Vaittannden.

A land called Vaythy Karavollevu, in extent 44 lachams varago culture, with share of the well, bounded on the east by property owned by Tugamutty and others, on the north by property owned by Veveggay and others, on the west by property owned by Ponatathy, and on the south by property owned by Valliamme and others, of which 4 share.

On the 27th, property situated at Koilakandy, registered on the name of chetty Tiroombalem and Mutu and his daughter Savappay wife of Vairamutty.

A land called Velampereyayal, in extent 15 La, paddy culture. Do. Vayal in extent 9 1/2 lachams paddy culture. Do. Vayal, in extent 8 1/2 lachams paddy culture. Do. Vayal, in extent 2 1/2 lachams paddy culture. Do. Vayal in extent 2 1/2 lachams paddy culture, in all 434 lachams, bounded on the east by property owned by Valliamme and others, in the north by property owned by Arunungattay, of which 4 share.

Registered in the name of Verappan Verapattiner. A land called Matalay velley vayal, in extent 40 1/2 lachams paddy culture, bounded on the east by property owned by Murugasar and Sedambara Suppumaniasamy and others, on the north by property owned by Savantharypulle, on the west by property owned by Valliamme and others and on the south by property owned by Sedambara Suppumaniasamy, of which 4 share. F. W. GIBBORNE, Deputy Fiscal.

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STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE UNDER THE ACT...

Division.	Amount received in commutation of labor employed.	Total.	M. F. Y.			Total.	Brought forward.	E. S. d.	Minor Roads.	M. F. Y.	E. S. d.	Total.	M. F. Y.	E. S. d.	Total.	It across paddy fields and other low places to an aggregate distance of 50m. 5f.
			1854	1855	1856											
Mannar Island,	17 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Wannole,	52 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Pringale,	21 12 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Mopkadeve,	71 11 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Mannath,	67 5 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Stoneyly colm,	29 12 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Neeromole,	6 9 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Narothycolum,	17 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Kethanmole S,	28 13 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Kethanmole N,	20 18 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Peninganno and Thuroky,	23 3 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
Othuroky,	10 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Opened the road for traffic to the width of 12 feet, enclosing the same with a wall, and partially opened in the preceding year.
<p>Add unexpended balance of 1850, and collections made in 1851 on account of 1850</p> <p>Total, 525 7 6</p>																
<p>Vanny District.</p> <p>Karakatomele N, 55 1 0 3 0 55 4 0</p> <p>do, 39 16 6 0 1 6 39 18 0</p> <p>Mohavalle, 33 3 0 0 9 0 33 12 0</p> <p>Pattucattiruppa, 18 9 0 0 4 6 18 13 6</p> <p>Mecipatto North, 14 7 0 0 0 14 7 0</p> <p>do, East, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>Mecipatto South, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>Kanavelipatto S, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>Total, 77 12 7</p>																
<p>Add unexpended balance of 1850.</p> <p>Total, 606 0 1</p>																
<p>Nuweralakawia District.</p> <p>Nuweralakawia, 64 1 0 5 15 6 69 19 6</p> <p>Kelmadage, 59 13 6 4 7 0 64 0 6</p> <p>Kanedage, 31 1 0 4 13 0 35 14 0</p> <p>Kadavat, 68 1 6 6 10 6 74 12 0</p> <p>Eppavalle, 34 9 0 7 14 6 49 3 6</p> <p>Welatella, 70 7 0 0 16 6 71 3 6</p> <p>Kalpa, 109 4 0 0 0 109 4 0</p> <p>Malapotte, 41 8 6 0 0 41 8 6</p> <p>Odiangolom, 33 10 6 0 0 33 10 6</p> <p>Olligalle, 36 10 6 0 13 6 37 4 0</p> <p>Mahatombos, 31 7 0 8 3 39 10 6</p> <p>Onderowe, 27 12 6 8 14 0 36 6 6</p> <p>Kirolowe, 27 9 0 8 17 0 36 6 0</p> <p>Nagampaha, 13 13 0 9 1 6 22 14 6</p> <p>Kalagan, 49 10 0 7 10 6 57 0 6</p> <p>Maunina, 28 0 0 14 0 6 42 0 6</p> <p>Total, 612 18 0</p>																
<p>Carried over, 512 18 0</p>																

Principal Roads.
 The central road, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Road from Mannar to the central road at Madawatchy, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees and other obstacles; raised and gravelled it for an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Road from Vavuni to the central road at Peria Alencolom on the road from Mannar to Madawatchy, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Sundry small roads around the station, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Miscellaneous, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Percentage to Division Officers, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Balance unexpended, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.

Minor Roads.
 Central road, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Road from the central road at Kalhologampul-an colom to Mulletto, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Roads about the station, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
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 Central road, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Road from Meehanalle towards Trincomalee, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.
 Road from Meehanalle towards Pottan, cleared the road of brush-wood, trunks of fallen trees, and other obstacles, raising the level of the road to an aggregate distance of 12m. 7f. over low places, and partially improved.

Abstract of Expenditure.

District.	Principal Roads.			Minor Roads.			Surveying.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	E.	S.	d.	E.	S.	d.	E.	S.	d.	E.	S.	d.			
Jaffna,	1615	13	4 1/2	935	4	0 1/2	0	0	0	44	18	9 1/2	2887	15	6
Mannar,	339	19	7 1/2	183	11	7 1/2	23	7	9	49	9	4 1/2	598	4	10 1/2
Vanny,	25	7	5	93	11	9 1/2	9	12	7 1/2	14	14	8 1/2	144	3	7
Nuweralakawia,	451	13	0 1/2	436	0	10 1/2	6	16	0	42	2	10 1/2	943	6	11 1/2
Total,	2492	13	5 1/2	1648	8	3 1/2	39	16	4 1/2	398	6	3 1/2	4573	12	11

Abstract of Balances.

District.	Jaffna,	Mannar,	Vanny,	Nuweralakawia,
Carried over,	141	1	34	7
1854,	7	15	2 1/2	3
1855,	3	12	6 1/2	27
1856,	180	3	5 1/2	54

Signed, P. A. DYKE.