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NOTE ON THE SPELLING OF CASTE NAMES

Caste names appearing in this book are romanized according to the following conventions:

Tanjore castes: as in E. Thurston, *Castes and Tribes of Southern India* (Madras, 1909).

Jaffna castes: as in J. Cartman, *Hinduism in Ceylon* (Colombo, 1957).

Kandyan castes: romanized from Sinhalese spelling.

Swat castes: as in Fredrik Barth, *Indus and Swat Kohistan: an Ethnographic Survey* (Oslo, 1956).

Some inconsistency between the Tanjore and Jaffna names is unavoidable. The following 'equivalents' may be noted:

<i>Tanjore</i>	<i>Jaffna</i>
Pallan	Palla
Paraiyan	Paraiyar

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