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## **Note by the Editor**

This number of the journal Sri Lanka Archives is published after a lapse of 26 years. The articles in the volume had been received by Mr. G P S H de Silva in 1989, then the Director of the Archives. Mr. de Silva had gone on early retirement in February 1990, and then, somehow or other the file containing the articles had been lost sight of.

That file was subsequently 'discovered by chance' in the Record Room and was brought to my notice. Since I had been planning for sometime to publish the fourth volume, I took the opportunity of the 'discovery' and decided to publish it as was intended by Mr. de Silva, when he had got the articles collected.

Although the articles were written almost 23 years back, they hold their validity to date, as they are on historical subjects. Some additional information on the articles, which I thought was appropriate, is given as either foot-notes or end-notes to those articles.

I thank Mr. de Silva, who at my request, was kind enough to go through the articles before they were sent to be printed. However, if there are any errors in the final compilation of the volume for the printer, except in the contents of the articles, the responsibility will be mine.

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## Abbreviations

|             |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|
| AA          | - | Assistant Agent                             |
| Actg. RM    | - | Acting Ratamahathmaya                       |
| AGA         | - | Assistant Government Agency                 |
| Asst. RM    | - | Assistant Ratamahathmaya                    |
| AR          | - | Administration Report                       |
| A/Ref.      | - | Archive Reference                           |
| CS          | - | Colonial Secretary                          |
| GA          | - | Government Agent                            |
| H.E.        | - | His Excellency                              |
| IKRH        | - | Illangasinghe Kalukumara Rajakaruna Hurulle |
| KKV         | - | Kumarasinghe Kania Vannia                   |
| M. of NCP   | - | Manual of North Central Province of Ceylon  |
| M. of Vanni | - | Manual of Vanni District                    |
| MV          | - | Maha Vannia                                 |
| NP          | - | Northern Province                           |
| NCP         | - | North Central Province                      |
| NK          | - | Nuwarakaláviya                              |
| RM          | - | Rate Mahathmaya                             |
| S.K.W.      | - | Sooriyakumara Wannisinghe                   |
| S.L.N.A     | - | Sri Lanka National Archives                 |
| VT          | - | Village Tribunals                           |