GLOSSARY

*Baith* .
Hymns sing in praise of saints during *Rathib* performance.

*Cowle* .
A system of granting government lands on improving leases.

*Cowledar*
Holder of government lands on improving leases.

*Cutcherry Katcheri*  
*Amin*’s Court/Monegar’s Court.

*Darkhastdar* .
Holder of government lands on lease in Amindivi group of islands.

*Duff*  
A kind of tambourine used for *Rathib*.

*Jenmi* .
Landlord.

*Jenmom lands*  
Lands under private ownership.

*Kalayanappanam (Bir)*  
Contribution towards marriage expenses by bridgroom’s family.

*Kannadi Aranchan*  
Waist belt about one inch broad with a lock.

*Karani*  
A village Revenue Officer in Amindivi group of islands.

*Karayma*  
A type of escheat lands.

*Karnavan*  
The oldest male member in a *Marumakathayam* family.

*Karyakar*  
Agent.

*Kathib*  
Assistant to *Khasi*.

*Khalifa*  
Person who initiates the performance of *Rathib*.

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Khali

Koottam

Kutcheri Pandaram lands directly

Mappila

Marumakkathayam

Maulood

Monegar

Moopan

Mukri

Mukthiars

Muthalal

Nadappal

Nazeranah

Neerah

Niskarapura

Odam

Pandaram land

Pattom

Peshkash

A functionary who solemnises Muslim marriages.

Assembly.

Lands surrounding the Kutcherry (court) buildings managed by government.

Malabar Muslim.

Matriarchal system of inheritance.

Muslim celebration of Saints.

A post akin to that of a Revenue Inspector.

Headman.

A Muslim priest who calls for prayer and leads the prayer.

Unqualified Lawyers.

Headman during the period prior to Rajas.

A last grade employee attached to the Amin.

Arbitrary contribution paid by the people.

Unfermented juice of the coconut palm used by islanders as a drink or boiled down into jaggery.

Prayer house of women.

Sailing vessel.

Government land.

Annual rent of coconut trees.

Money or equivalent paid periodically by one prince or state to another in acknowledgement of submission or as price of peace or protection or by virtue of treaty.
CHAPTER –I

INTRODUCTION