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THE KING Respondent

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No. 1

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LETTER FROM MR. VERNON WILLE, ACTING
COMMISSIONER OF PRISON AND PROBATION
SERVICES, CEYLON, TO THE REGISTRAR,
SUPREME COURT, CEYLON, WITH ENDORSEMENTS
THEREON.

In the Supreme
Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

No.1.

Letter from
Mr. Vernon
Wille to
Registrar,
Supreme Court,
29th June 1950.

My No. K-S.F. 397

Registrar, S.C.

An extract from the Visitor's Log Book of
Colombo Remand Prison is forwarded for favour of
observations please:

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"The present practice of appeals of remand
prisoners being heard in their absence is not
healthy. When represented by Counsel or other-
wise the prisoner should be present at proceeding".

Sgd: A. Reginald Perera

Sgd: Vernon Wille
Actg. C.P.P.S.

Colombo, 29th June, 1950.

In the Supreme
Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

Endorsements thereon

R.S.C. 1st Deputy R.S.C.
(Initialled) N.N.
2nd Deputy R.S.C.
30/6

No.1.

Letter from
Mr. Vernon
Wille to
Registrar,
Supreme Court,
29th June 1950
- continued.

1st Deputy,
Please see me any time you
are free.
(Initialled) C. de S.
Registrar, S.C.
30/6/50

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Registrar, S.C.
This obviously refers to
accused in Jail appeals
in which the appeal Petition
is not stamped and which
are referred to Basnayake, J.
for order. In all other
Criminal Appeals whether
the prisoner or prisoners are
represented by Counsel or not,
he (or they) are produced in
Court on notice.

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Sgd: F.C. van Cuylenberg
Dy. Registrar, S.C.
30/6/50

Papers submitted to Basnayake, J.
Minute by Basnayake, J.:

Registrar.
The statement is incorrect and
is a contempt of the Court.
Issue a Rule on A. Reginald
Perera returnable on Tuesday
the 25th. I shall sit specially
on that day.

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Sgd. Hema Basnayake,
11/7.50.

12.7.50

Rule issued for 25/7/50
(Initialled) L.W.

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No. 2.

RULE FOR CONTEMPT ISSUED ON APPELLANT

In the Supreme
Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

No.2.

GEORGE THE SIXTH BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF GREAT
BRITAIN, NORTHERN IRELAND AND OF THE BRITISH
DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, KING, DEFENDER OF THE
FAITH

Rule for
Contempt
issued on
Appellant,
12th July 1950.

In the Matter of a Rule for Contempt of Court
on A. Reginald Perera, Member of Parliament,
Dehiowita.

10 YOU, A. Reginald Perera of Dehiowita, are here-
by ordered to appear before the Honourable Mr. Justice
Basnayake at the Supreme Court at Hultsdorp, Colombo,
on the 25th day of July, 1950, at 11 o'clock of the
forenoon and show cause why you should not be punish-
ed for Contempt of Court in that you did make an en-
try to the following effect in the Visitor's Log Book
of Colombo Remand Prison: "The present practice of
appeals of remand prisoners being heard in their
absence is not healthy. When represented by Counsel
20 or otherwise the prisoner should be present at pro-
ceedings".

It is further ordered that this Rule be served
by the Deputy Fiscal, Avissawella.

WITNESS the Honourable Mr. Edward George Perera
Jayetileke, K.C. Chief Justice at Colombo on this
12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thous-
and Nine hundred and Fifty and of Our Reign the
Fourteenth.

30 Sgd: Clarence de Silva
Registrar, Supreme Court

(SEAL)

In the Supreme
Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

No. 3

MINUTE SHEET

No. 3.

LIST OF CASES FOR TUESDAY THE 25th JULY, 1950.

Minute Sheet,
25th July 1950.

BEFORE:

THE HONOURABLE
MR. HEMA BASNAYAKE, K.C.
PUISNE JUSTICE

In the Matter of a Rule for Contempt of Court
on A. Reginald Perera, Member of Parliament,
Dehiowita.

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Respondent present on notice served. He is
asked if he has cause to show - he begs for time -
he is informed that he had been noticed to show
cause this day. He makes a statement. (Vide pro-
ceedings annexed).

The Court finds respondent guilty of Contempt
and sentences him to pay a fine of Rs. 500/-, in
default six weeks' rigorous imprisonment. He is
given a week's time to pay the fine.

No. 4.

No. 4.

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Proceedings
before Mr.
Justice
Basyanake,
25th July 1950

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BASYANAKE

In the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon.

In the Matter of a Rule for Contempt of Court
on A. Reginald Perera, Member of Parliament,
Dehiowita.

Present:

The Hon'ble.
Mr. Hema Basnayake, K.C.
Puisne Justice.

Respondent present on notice served. He is asked

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if he has cause to show. The Respondent begs of Court for time and states that he needs certain documents and also fuller legal advice. He is informed that he had been noticed to appear in Court today to show cause.

In the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon.

No.4.

Proceedings before Mr. Justice Basyanako, 25th July 1950
- continued.

The Respondent states: "My submission, My Lord, is that I went to inspect the Welikade Jail on this particular day in my capacity as a Member of Parliament and a Visitor of Prisons. A number of prisoners made statements to me that they would like to be brought up to Court to listen to their appeals when they are considered. I asked the Jail Authorities whether some prisoners are not taken to Court when their appeals are being heard. The reply was "We do not take all the prisoners but only those who are undefended." In order to bring about a satisfactory change in the present procedure which I thought was not healthy, I, as a member of the Legislature made the entry in the Visitor's Book. I had no intention of bringing Your Lordship's Court into disrepute."

Court: The first part of your statement, namely, "the present practice of appeals of remand prisoners being heard in their absence is not healthy" is untrue. Could you substantiate that statement?

Respondent: My Lord, I understood that in certain cases prisoners were not brought to Court. I made that statement on the information given to me by the Jail authorities. I had no intention of bringing the Court into contempt at all.

Court: You made a statement which is incorrect. You say you are a Member of Parliament and before you made the statement you should have verified the truth of that statement. Your statement does not indicate that you heard it from the Jail authorities. A person is not at liberty to make untrue statements regarding the practice of the Courts.

Respondent: My Lord, even if what I had stated is incorrect I had not been able to investigate the point. With due respect to Court, I beg to submit that my statement in the Visitor's Book does not amount to Contempt of Court.

In the Supreme Court: That is your view of the law.
 Court of the
 Island of
 Ceylon.

Respondent: I meant no disrespect to Your Lordship.

No.4.

O R D E R

Proceedings
 before Mr.
 Justice
 Basyanake,
 25th July 1950
 - continued.

I am unable to accept your explanation. I impose on you a fine of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five hundred), in default 6 (six) weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

The Respondent desires to have time to pay the fine and he is given a week's time to pay it.

Certified Correct.

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Sgd: R.S. Perera,
 Stenographer, S.C.

No.5.

No. 5.

Letter,
 Appellant to
 Registrar,
 Supreme
 Court, 27th
 July 1950.

LETTER, APPELLANT TO REGISTRAR, SUPREME
 COURT.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Colombo, 27th July, 1950.

The Registrar,
 Supreme Court,
 Colombo.

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Dear Sir,

Please furnish me on immediate receipt of this, a certified copy of all the papers and proceedings in connection with the matter of the Rule issued on me for Contempt of Court in order to enable me to take this matter to Their Lordships of the Privy Council.

Yours Faithfully,

Sgd: A. Reginald Perera.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Basnayake,

Submitted,

The proceedings of the 25th of July have not reached me as yet.

Sgd: Clarence de Silva,
Registrar, S.C.
27/7/50

Registrar.

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I have not been furnished with a copy of the proceedings. Ask the Clerk of the Court to do so. The fine must be paid on the due date. If the Privy Council sets aside my order, the fine will be refunded.

Sgd: Hema Basnayake,
27/7/50.

In the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon.

No.5.

Letter, Appellant to Registrar, Supreme Court, 27th July 1950 - continued.

No. 6.

PETITION OF APPELLANT FOR STAY OF EXECUTION

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE ISLAND OF CEYLON

No.6.

Petition of Appellant for stay of execution, 27th July 1950

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In the Matter of a Rule issued on A.R. Perera re Contempt of Court

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In the Matter of an application for stay of sentence.

To:

The Hon'ble,
Mr. Justice Basnayake,

This 27th day of July, 1950.

The Petition of the Petitioner, A. R. Perera of Imbulana, Ruanwella, states as follows:-

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1. The Petitioner had a Rule issued on him by Your

In the Supreme
Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

No.6.

Petition of
Appellant for
stay of
execution,
27th July 1950
- continued.

Lordship to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of Court.

2. The said matter was heard by Your Lordship on the 25th July, 1950 and Your Lordship made the Rule absolute and sentenced the Petitioner to pay a fine of Rs. 500/-, in default six months (sic) rigorous imprisonment. The Petitioner was given one week's time in which to pay the fine.

3. The Petitioner is taking this matter to Their Lordships of the Privy Council.

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4. In view of the above, the Petitioner prays that Your Lordship be pleased to stay execution of the aforesaid sentence for a period of three months.

Sgd: A. Reginald Perera,
Petitioner.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Basnayake,
Submitted.

Sgd: Clarence de Silva,
Registrar, Supreme Court,
27/7/50

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No.7.

Order,
27th July 1950

No. 7.

ORDER

"I have no power 'to stay execution'. The fine must be paid on the due date. If the Privy Council sets aside my order the Petitioner will be entitled 'to a refund of the fine'".

Sgd: Hema Basnayake,
27.7.50.

No. 8.

LETTER, REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT TO APPELLANT

In the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon.

No. PTN

Supreme Court Registry,
Colombo, 28th July, 1950.

No.8.

Letter,
Registrar,
Supreme Court
to Appellant,
28th July 1950

Sir,

10 With reference to your Petition dated 27th instant addressed to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Basnayake praying that the execution of the sentence passed on you in connection with the Rule issued on you for Contempt of Court be stayed, I have the honour to inform you that the order of His Lordship on the matter is as follows:

"I have no power 'to stay execution'. The fine must be paid on the due date. If the Privy Council sets aside my order the Petitioner will be entitled to a refund of the fine".

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Sgd: Clarence de Silva,
Registrar, Supreme Court.

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I, Clarence de Silva, Registrar and Keeper of Records of the Supreme Court of Ceylon do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of all the proceedings had in the Supreme Court, and connected documents, in regard to a Rule issued on Mr. A. Reginald Perera for a Contempt of Court.

Clarence de Silva

Registrar, Supreme Court,
Ceylon.

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16.8.50.

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Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

No. 9.

LETTER, APPELLANT TO REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT

No.9.

Letter,
Appellant to
Registrar,
Supreme Court,
25th August
1950.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

25th August, 1950.

The Registrar,
Supreme Court, Colombo.

Dear Sir,

Would you please inform me what the practice
was as at the 20th June, 1950 in regard to the hear-
ing of the appeals of accused persons who are in 10
jail.

Yours faithfully,

A. REGINALD PERERA.

M.P.

No.10.

Letter,
Registrar,
Supreme Court
to Appellant,
6th October
1950.

No. 10.

LETTER, REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT TO APPELLANT

SUPREME COURT OF CEYLON

No.302/ET.

The Registry, Supreme Court,
Colombo 12.

October 6, 1950.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th
August, 1950, I have the honour to inform you that
as soon as an appeal from a prisoner on remand is
received, it is registered, i.e. given a number and

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an asterisk in red ink placed over this number so as to distinguish it from appeals sent by those who had been enlarged on bail. Simultaneously a note of this fact is made on the face of the record as well as on the Judge's brief. The next step is the fixing of a date for the hearing of the appeal which date is never less than 21 days from the date on which the prisoner is given notice by the registry. The Superintendent of Prisons thereafter reports, in due course, service of this notice on the prisoner concerned. The Jail authorities produce the prisoner on the fixed date, whether or not in the meantime he had retained counsel. In either case, his appeal appears at the head of the list. If it happens that before the fixed date counsel informs the listing officer (who is a deputy registrar) that the date fixed does not suit him, the appeal is refixed for a date suggested by that counsel (which is always subsequent to the date originally fixed.) The prisoner, however, is produced on the date originally fixed, and then he is personally informed by the listing officer that at the request of his counsel, the date has been changed, and he is informed of this new date; at the same time the Prison authorities are directed on the printed form (which is produced by the Jailor who conducts the prisoner and attached hereto) to produce this prisoner on the new date.

With regard to unstamped appeal petitions from prisoners whether on remand or on bail, the procedure adopted during the period in question, was, after registration, to submit them to the Hon. Mr. Justice Basnayake, who rejects the appeal in Chambers as the provisions of S340(3) had not been complied with, but interferes in deserving cases, acting in revision. This procedure is consequent on an order issued by the previous Chief Justice to the listing officer. The present practice is to list all such matters in open Court as directed by the present Chief Justice. I may add that appellants in the Court of Criminal Appeal cases, who since the inception of that Court on 27.4.40, have all been on remand, are invariably present at the hearing, as their applications to be present are, as a rule, allowed by Court on my recommendation.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sd.) Clarence de Silva
Registrar, S.C.

-c-

A. Reginald Perera, Esq., M.P.,
The House of Representatives,
Colombo.

In the Supreme
Court of the
Island of
Ceylon.

No.10.

Letter,
Registrar,
Supreme Court
to Appellant,
6th October
1950 -
continued.

In the Privy
Council.

No. 11.

AFFIDAVIT OF APPELLANT

No.11.

Affidavit of
Appellant,
27th October
1950.

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ON APPEAL FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
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B E T W E E N ARTHUR REGINALD PERERA .. Petitioner

- and -

THE KING Respondent

I, ARTHUR REGINALD PERERA, of Imbulana,
Ruanwella, Ceylon the above-named Petitioner make 10
oath and say as follows:-

1. I have since 1948 been a member of the House of
Representatives in the Ceylon Parliament repre-
senting the Dehiowata constituency.

2. It has for many years been customary in Ceylon
for members of the House of Representatives (or be-
fore 1948 the State Council) to pay occasional visits
to public institutions in Ceylon such as schools,
hospitals and prisons. Such visits are generally 20
regarded as a normal part of the duties of a Repre-
sentative. When visiting prisons it is also custom-
ary for Representatives to enter any comments,
criticisms or suggestions which may occur to them in
a prison log book provided for the purpose. The
contents of such log book are intended for trans-
mission to the Minister for Home Affairs and the
Officials responsible for prison administration.

3. On 26th June, 1950, in the course of my duties
as a Member of the House of Representatives, I visit-
ed the Colombo Remand Prison. I went round on in- 30
spection accompanied by a Jailor, Mr. Wijewardena.

4. In the course of my inspection, a number of
prisoners made representations to me that they would
like to be taken to Court to listen to their appeals

when these were heard. Amongst other things which I cannot now remember, it was actually said that all they know about their appeals was when they were informed by the jail authorities, "Ema theenduwa my" (the same decision as before).

In the Privy
Council.

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No.11

Affidavit of
Appellant,
27th October
1950 -
continued.

10 5. In view of the representations made to me, I enquired from the Jailor who was accompanying me whether some prisoners were not taken to Court when their appeals were being heard. He replied that they did not take all the prisoners but only those who were unrepresented. I had no reason to doubt his statement.

20 6. Looking at the matter from the point of view of a person held in prison while the hearing of his appeal was pending, I took the view that even when represented by Counsel an accused-appellant in Jail should have the opportunity of being present at the hearing of his appeal and that the prison authorities should therefore take him to the court for the hearing. I wish to state that I was not thinking in terms of Court procedure at all but in terms of prison procedure, and that I acted under the impression that it was the prison authorities who were responsible for what I thought was an unsatisfactory state of affairs.

30 7. In consequence of the representations which had been made to me and relying on the information received from the jailor I wrote in the visitors log book the words set out in paragraph 3 of my Petition. On the following day I wrote to the Minister for Home Affairs the letter which is annexed to my said Petition as Annexure "A".

40 8. When the rule issued by Basnayake J., was served on me I was advised by my legal advisers to obtain a copy of my letter to the Minister for Home Affairs of which I had not kept a copy. I was also advised that in the circumstances there would be no difficulty in obtaining an adjournment. I therefore appeared in Court on the 25th July 1950 without legal assistance and asked for time in order that I might obtain the documents I needed and arrange to be represented by Counsel. My application was refused by the learned Judge.

9. In these circumstances I addressed the Court as best I could. I was informed by the Judge that the statement I made in the visitors log book was untrue.

In the Privy Council.

No.11.

Affidavit of Appellant, 27th October 1950 - continued.

This was the first occasion when I had reason to suppose that my information was inaccurate and was also the first occasion when I knew that the system prevailing with regard to criminal appeals was the result of the direction of the Court.

10. I desire to state that I wrote the words complained of in pursuance of what I believed to be my duty as a member of the Ceylon House of Representatives. I was completely unaware that the Supreme Court or any of the Judges thereof were in any way concerned or had any responsibility for the practice to which I referred. At no time did I intend to obstruct or to interfere with the course of justice or the due administration of the law.

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SWORN at 56 Buckingham)
Gate in the County of)
London the 27th day of) A. REGINALD PERERA
October 1950)

Before me,

C. Evan Davies

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Commissioner for Oaths.

No.12.

No. 12.

Order granting special leave to appeal, 8th December 1950.

ORDER GRANTING SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL

(L.S.)

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 8th day of December, 1950

PRESENT

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

LORD PRESIDENT
LORD PAKENHAM

MR. SECRETARY GORDON-WALKER
MR. DUGDALE

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WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council dated the 27th day of November 1950 in the words following, viz:-

"WHEREAS by virtue of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh's Order in Council of the 18th day of October 1909 there was referred unto this Committee a humble Petition of Arthur Reginald Perera in the matter of an Appeal from the Supreme Court of Ceylon between the Petitioner Appellant and Your Majesty Respondent setting forth (amongst other matters): that the Petitioner prays for special leave to appeal to Your Majesty in Council against the Order of the Supreme Court dated the 25th July 1950 whereby the Court adjudged the Petitioner guilty of contempt of Court and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 500 or to six weeks rigorous imprisonment in default of payment: that the Petitioner is and has been since 1948 a member of the House of Representatives: that the words which were held to constitute a contempt of Court were written by the Petitioner on the 20th June 1950 in the Visitors' Book of Colombo Remand Prison after he had visited the prison as a member of the House of Representatives and were intended solely for transmission to and consideration by the Inspector General of Prisons and the Minister for Home Affairs: that at the time when he wrote the words the Petitioner was not aware that the practice to which he referred was the result of a direction given by a Judge of the Supreme Court: that the Petitioner submits that the words written by him were written in pursuance of his Parliamentary duties and did not in any way reflect upon the Supreme Court or any Judge thereof: And humbly praying Your Majesty in Council to grant the Petitioner special leave to appeal against the Order of the Supreme Court dated the 25th July 1950 or for such further or other relief as to Your Majesty in Council may seem meet:

"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE in obedience to His late Majesty's said Order in Council have taken the humble Petition into consideration and having heard Counsel in support thereof (no one appearing in opposition thereto) Their Lordships do this day agree humbly to report to Your Majesty as their opinion that leave ought to be granted to the Petitioner to enter and prosecute his Appeal against the Order of the Supreme Court of Ceylon dated the 25th day of July 1950:

"And Their Lordships do further report to Your Majesty that the proper officer of the said

In the Privy Council.

No.12.

Order granting special leave to appeal, 8th December 1950
- continued.

In the Privy
Council.

No.12.

Order grant-
ing special
leave to
appeal,
8th December
1950 -
continued.

Supreme Court ought to be directed to transmit to the Registrar of the Privy Council without delay an authenticated copy under seal of the Record proper to be laid before Your Majesty on the hearing of the Appeal upon payment by the Petitioner of the usual fees for the same."

HIS MAJESTY having taken the said Report into consideration was pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to approve thereof and to order as it is hereby ordered that the same be punctually observed obeyed and carried into execution.

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Whereof the Governor-General or Officer administering the Government of Ceylon for the time being and all other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

E.C.E. LEADBITTER.

EXHIBITS

ExhibitsE X H I B I T S

A.

Letter,
Appellant to
Minister of
Home Affairs
and Rural
Development,
27th June 1950

A.

LETTER, APPELLANT TO MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
& RURAL DEVELOPMENT

House of Representatives.
Colombo, 27th June 1950.

The Hon. the Minister of Home Affairs
and Rural Development,
Colombo.

Sir,

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I visited Remand Prisons, Welikada on 26th June 1950 and inspected the institution. I wish to bring the following facts to your notice and request you to inquire into them with a view of bringing early redress.

1. I was informed that it was the present practice not to produce remand prisoners in Court on the day their appeals are fixed for hearing. It is my opinion that it is an inalienable right of a citizen, be he represented by counsel or otherwise, to be present at the hearing of his case. I strongly urge that every remand prisoner be produced in court on the date of his case. 20
2. I notice that in a cell built to house a single prisoner (7' x 9') three prisoners are often housed at present. This practice must stop forthwith particularly as these men are still presumed to be innocent and are entitled to better treatment. 30
3. The library facilities for remand prisoners are inadequate.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. A. Reginald Perera
M.P.

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Exhibits

LETTER, SUPERINTENDENT, COLOMBO REMAND PRISON
TO APPELLANT.

B.

Letter,
Superintendent,
Colombo Remand
Prison to
Appellant,
19th July 1950.

A. Reginald Perera, Esq., M.P.
C/o. Dr. Colvin R. de Silva,
Pendenis Avenue, Colpetty.

No. V. 1450/50.

Sir,

10 With reference to your telephone message of
yesterday, I have the honour to forward herewith an
extract of the entry made by you in the Visitor's
Log Book of this prison on 26th June, 1950.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Sgd: ILLEGIBLE.

Superintendent, Colombo Remand
Prison.

19th July, 1950.

Exhibits

B1.

B1.
 Extract from
 Visitors'
 Log Book of
 Colombo
 Remand Prison

EXTRACT FROM THE VISITOR'S LOG BOOK OF COLOMBO
 REMAND PRISON

Date	Time In : Out	Name of Visitor	Business Transacted
26.6.50	3.47 : 4.15 p.m. p.m.	A. REGINALD PERERA, M.P.	<p>Visited Remand Prison in company of Jailer Wijewardane. Premises clean. Adequate Library facilities required. The present practice of appeals of remand prisoners being heard in their absence is not healthy. When represented by Counsel or otherwise the prisoner should be present at proceeding.</p> <p>In my opinion not more than one prisoner should be in a cell. (7 by 9) approx.</p> <p>Signed, A. REGINALD PERERA.</p>

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True Extract.

Sgd: ILLEGIBLE

Superintendent. Colombo Remand Prison. 18.7.50.

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