

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 4

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MALAYAN UNION

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APPLICATION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF COUNSEL

The attention of the Honourable the Chief Justice has been

drawn to the fact that certain counsel who have been briefed for the defence of accused persons in the lower Courts have adopted the practice of writing to the District Judge or Magistrate at very short notice asking that cases in which they are concerned be adjourned as they are otherwise engaged.

I am to point out that adjournment of cases in these circumstances has already resulted in congestion of work and to ask that counsel who cannot appear for their clients should hand over their briefs to other counsel. If this cannot be done the trials will have to continue without the assistance of counsel. His Lordship has instructed that unless there are exceptional circumstances trials in the Lower Courts must proceed on the dates fixed otherwise serious inconvenience will be occasioned to accused persons, the Court and witnesses. (1)

Sd.

R E G I S T R A R

Registry, Supreme Court, M.U.

Kuala Lumpur, 17th June, 1946.

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