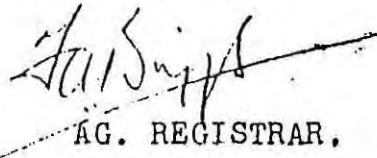


## THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MALAYAN UNION

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 20/1947

JAPANESE ARMY PERSONNELS.

Representations have been made by the Army authorities which suggest that, in numerous cases in the inferior civil Courts, Japanese surrendered personnel have been sentenced to pay fines. It is pointed out that, as a matter of military discipline, Japanese surrendered personnel are not allowed to have any money in their possession at any time or in any circumstances. If this were strictly observed, clearly no such fine would ever be paid. It is also pointed out that if 'time to pay' is allowed, it may in effect be an incentive to the Japanese surrendered personnel in question to obtain money by theft or other improper means. The Chief Justice, without giving any directions to District Judges or Magistrates in this matter, desires that they should be aware of the suggestions made.

  
AC. REGISTRAR.

The Registry,  
Supreme Court,  
Malayan Union,

Kuala Lumpur. 17th September, 1947.  
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To All District Judges and Magistrates.