

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, FEDERATION OF MALAYA.

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 1954.

To:

All Presidents, Sessions Courts.  
All Circuit Magistrates.

Preliminary Inquiries.

It has come to the notice of the Chief Justice that in some Magistrates' Courts the procedure laid down to Section 269 of the C.P.C. (Malay States), - the corresponding section in the Settlements Code being Section 262 - is not being complied with. In a case which recently came before him, inquiries made established that the depositions of a number of witnesses had not been read over to them.

2. Further it is understood that in some Courts a practice exists whereby the witness, when he has finished his evidence goes to a side table for his depositions to be read to him, the Court meanwhile proceeding with the next witness. This does not comply with the section, which requires the reading over to be in the hearing of the accused if in attendance or of his advocate if he appears by advocate.

3. The Chief Justice has directed that the practice shall cease forthwith and that Magistrates shall comply strictly with the section.

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(D.H. SHACKLES)  
REGISTRAR.

The Federal Registry, Supreme Court,  
Federation of Malaya.  
Kuala Lumpur, 18th October, 1954.  
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