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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, FEDERATION OF MALAYA

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 3 OF 1960.

Adjournments in Criminal Cases.

It has been brought to the notice of the Chief Justice that in some Courts unduly long adjournments have been granted in criminal cases, with the result that there have been considerable delays in the final disposal of such cases.

2. His Lordship is seriously perturbed over such delays in the disposal of criminal proceedings and has directed me to inform you that the normal practice must be that once a case is started it should be carried on from day to day until it is finished, unless some unforeseen circumstances occur during the course of the trial so as to make it absolutely essential to grant any adjournment. The convenience of Counsel should be no reason for granting anything but the shortest adjournment.

3. Where a Government servant on being charged with a criminal offence in Court is interdicted from service, it is of the utmost importance that the case against him should be heard and disposed of at the earliest possible moment.

S.S. Gill
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The Federal Registry,
Supreme Court, Fed. of Malaya,
Kuala Lumpur.
4th October, 1960.

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