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Jabatan Kehakiman,  
Mahkamah Tinggi,  
Kuala Lumpur 01-02.  
19hb. September, 1979.

All Presidents, Sessions Courts;

All Magistrates, Magistrates' Courts, Peninsular Malaysia.

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR (U) NO. 8 OF 1979

Subordinate Courts (Amendment) Act, 1979

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice to draw your attention to the Subordinate Courts (Amendment) Act, 1979, which will come into force on 1st October, 1979.

2. The amendment is made in response to complaints by Presidents of Sessions Courts and the Police that the Subordinate Courts (Amendment) Act, 1978 (Act A434), which came into force on 1st July, 1978 and which, among other things, transferred the jurisdiction to try offences under the second limb of Sections 392 and 457 of the Penal Code, has caused a lot of inconvenience to the Police and the public, besides creating backlog in the Sessions Courts which are few in number and are to be found only in major towns.

3. In view of this (1979) Amendment, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice directs that all fresh cases under the two sections should w.e.f. 1.10.79 normally be tried by the Magistrates' Courts. Similar cases now pending in the Sessions Courts where no evidence has yet been recorded should be re-transferred to the respective Magistrates' Courts. Part-heard cases should not be re-transferred. The respective Presidents should continue with the hearing of such cases until they are completed.

(ABDUL HAMID BIN HAJI MOHAMED)

FOR REGISTRAR.

c.c.

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- 2) Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Malaya, High Court, K.Lumpur;
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