

#### BETWEEN

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED . . . . - - - Plaintiffs

AND

THE SHIP "TASIKMALAJA"

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

WRIT OF SUMMONS

(17th October, 1952)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION ACTION NO. 13 OF 1952

Plaintiff

Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited

- against -

The Ship "Tasikmalaja"

ACTION for Work and Labour done, Materials supplied and Towage.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland 20 and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

To the Owners and all others interested in the ship "Tasikmalaja".

We command you that, within one week after the service of this Writ, exclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Supreme Court of Hong Kong in the above named action; and take notice that in default of your so doing the said action may proceed, and judgment may be given in your absence.

WITNESS THE HONOURABLE SIR GERARD LEWIS HOWE, Knight, Q.C., Chief Justice of Our said Court this 17th day of October, 1952.

(L.S.)

(Sd.) C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO. Registrar. In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong Admiralty Jurisdiction

No. 1 Writ of Summons. 17th October, 1952.

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No. 1 Writ of Summons. 17th October, 1952. continued. This Writ may be served within six months from the date thereof, exclusive of the day of such date, but not afterwards.

The Defendant may appear hereto by entering an appearance either personally or by solicitors, at the Registry of the said Court.

The Plaintiff claims the sum of \$172,760.52 for work and labour done, materials supplied and towage to the ship "Tasikmalaja" and costs.

#### **PARTICULARS**

1952 9th May to 25th June	) )	Work and labour done and materials supplied	\$368,432.52 4,328.00	10
			\$372,760.52	
		Less paid on account by Government of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia	200,000.00	
		Balance due	\$172,760.52	

And the Plaintiff claims \$172,760.52 and costs.

(Sd.) DEACONS.

Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

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This Writ was issued by Messrs. DEACONS of 1 Des Voeux Road Central Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong Solicitors for the Plaintiff, whose registered office is situate at Kowloon Dock, Hunghom, in the Colony of Hong Kong.

All documents required to be served upon the Plaintiff in the action may be left for them at the office of Messrs. Deacons, No. 1 Des Voeux Road Central Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong.

(Sd.) DEACONS.

## AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS WILLIAM GRIMSDALE IN SUPPORT

In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong Admiralty Jurisdiction

(17th October, 1952)

No. 2 Thomas William Grimsdale's Affidavit in support. 17th October, 1952.

I, THOMAS WILLIAM GRIMSDALE OF The Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited, Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong make oath and say as follows:—

- 1. I am the Secretary of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited the Plaintiff in this action and am authorised by the Plaintiff to make this affidavit on its behalf.
- 2. The Plaintiff has a claim against the ship "Tasikmalaja" for work and labour done, materials supplied and towage amounting to \$172,760.52.
- 3. The said claim has not been satisfied and the aid of the Court is required to enforce it.

Sworn etc.

#### No. 3

#### WARRANT FOR ARREST OF RES

No. 3 Warrant for arrest of Res. 17th October, 1952.

(17th October, 1952)

ACTION for Work and labour done, materials supplied and towage.

20 ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

To the Bailiff of Our Supreme Court of Hong Kong. WE HEREBY COMMAND you to arrest the ship "Tasikmalaja" and to keep the same under safe arrest until you shall receive further order from us.

GIVEN at Victoria, Hong Kong in Our said Court under the seal thereof this 17th day of October, 1952.

(L.S.)

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(Sd.) C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO. Registrar.

#### WARRANT

30 Taken out by Messrs. Deacons
1 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong
Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

No. 4
Appearance by
Juan Ysmael
& Co. Inc.
23rd October,
1952.

#### No. 4

## APPEARANCE BY JUAN YSMAEL & COMPANY INCORPORATED.

(23rd October, 1952)

TAKE NOTICE that I appear for the ship "Tasikmalaja" and for Juan Ysmael & Company Incorporated, a domestic Filipino corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippine Islands, with registered office and postal address at Rooms Nos. 217/221 Consolidated Investments Building, Plaza Goiti, in the City of Manila in the Philippine Islands, sole owners of the said ship "Tasikmalaja" as Defendants in this action.

Dated the 23rd day of October, 1952.

(Sd.) MARCUS DA SILVA.

Solicitor for the ship "Tasikmalaja" and for Juan Ysmael & Company Incorporated.

My place of business is at Rooms Nos. 107/109 Gloucester Building, First Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong.

The Address for service is as aforesaid.

No. 5
Appearance by
Anthony Loh
trading as
A. W. King.
23rd October,
1952.

#### No. 5

## APPEARANCE BY ANTHONY LOH TRADING AS A. W. KING

(23rd October, 1952)

TAKE NOTICE that we appear for Anthony Loh trading as A. W. King whose business address is situate at Room No. 9 Mezz floor, Telephone House, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, a party interested in this action.

Dated the 22nd day of October, 1952.

(Sd.) STEWART & CO.

Solicitors for Anthony Loh trading as A. W. King.

Our place of business is at Wang Hing Building, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor, Victoria, Hong Kong.

Our address for service is Wang Hing Building, No. 10 Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor, Victoria, Hong Kong.

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## APPEARANCE UNDER PROTEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

(24th October, 1952)

TAKE NOTICE that we appear for the Government of the Republic of of latest Indonesia the owner of the abovenamed ship in this Action, without prejudice to an application to the Court to dismiss the Action.

UNDER PROTEST

This Appearance is to stand as unconditional unless the Defendant applies 10 within ten days for such dismissal as aforesaid.

Dated the 24th day of October, 1952.

#### (Sd.) WILKINSON & GRIST.

Solicitors for the Owner of the abovenamed Defendant ship whose address for service is No. 2 Queen's Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong.

#### No. 7

#### APPLICATION BY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF CONDITIONAL APPEARANCE TO 12TH DECEMBER, 1952

(4th November, 1952)

Application on the part of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for an Order that the period of ten days referred to in the Conditional Appearance entered on behalf of the said Government be extended to the 12th day of December, 1952 or further order with liberty to any party interested in the abovenamed vessel to apply.

(Sd.) WILKINSON & GRIST.

Dated the 4th day of November, 1952.

Solicitors for the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong Admiralty Jurisdiction

No. 6 Appearance under Protest by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia. 24th October, 1952.

No. 7
Application
by the
Government of
the Republic of
Indonesia for
extension of
period of
Conditional
Appearance to
12th December,
1952,
4th November,

1952.

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In the Supreme Court of Admiralty

Hong Kong Jurisdiction

No. 8 Peter John Griffiths' Affidavit in support. 4th November, 1952.

No. 9 Order by Mr. Justice

Walton Reece

Appearance to

4th November,

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extending

period of . Conditional

1952.

1952.

No. 8

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PETER JOHN GRIFFITHS IN SUPPORT

(4th November, 1952)

I. PETER JOHN GRIFFITHS of No. 2 Queen's Road Central Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong a Partner in the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist of the same address hereby make oath and say as follows:-

- 1. I have the conduct of this case on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.
- 2. A Conditional Appearance was entered on the 24th day of October, 1952 providing that the same should stand as unconditional unless the said 10 Government applied within ten days for dismissal of the Action.
- 3. I am instructed by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to apply for the Writ and all subsequent proceedings to be set aside on the ground that as a foreign Sovereign State the said Government are impleaded in this Action.
- 4. I have been unable to obtain the necessary instructions to prepare affidavits or other documents in support of the Motion and I verily believe that I shall not be in a position to obtain the necessary evidence for at least 14 days.
- The question of impleading arises in relation to the same vessel in Appeals Nos. 14 and 15 of 1952 which are to be heard before the Full Court on the 20 8th to the 12th days of December, 1952 inclusive. I verily believe that the decision in those Appeals may be decisive on the question of impleading and that in order to save costs in this Action it would be desirable that consideration of the immunity question of this Action be deferred until the said Appeals have been determined.

AND lastly the contents of this my affidavit are true.

Sworn etc.

No. 9

#### ORDER BY MR. JUSTICE COURTENAY WALTON REECE EXTENDING PERIOD OF CONDITIONAL APPEARANCE TO 12TH DECEMBER, 1952

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(4th November, 1952)

Upon the Application of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and upon reading the Affidavit of Peter John Griffiths filed herein this 4th day of November, 1952, and upon hearing Solicitors for the Applicants IT IS ORDERED that the period of ten days referred to in the Conditional Appearance entered on behalf of the said Government and within which the said Government should apply for the Action to be dismissed is extended to the 12th day of December 1952 or until further order of this Honourable Court with liberty to any party interested in the above-named vessel to apply.

> (Sd.) C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Registrar.

(L.S.)

#### NOTICE OF MOTION BY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA ON GROUNDS OF IMPLEADING

(28th November, 1952)

In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong Admiraltu Jurisdiction

No. 10 Notice of Motion by Government of the Republic of Indonesia

TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday the 17th day of February, 1953 at ten o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard by Counsel the on grounds of Government of the Republic of Indonesia will by Counsel move the Judge in Court 28th November, for an Order that the Writ of Summons and all subsequent proceedings herein be 10 set aside with costs on the following grounds:—

- (1) That this Action impleads a foreign Sovereign State namely, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia. The said Government is unwilling to submit to the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court.
- (2) That the said Steamship is the property of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.
- (3) Further or alternatively that the said Steamship is and at all material times was in the possession and effective control of the said Government by its duly authorised Agents.
- (4) Further or alternatively that the said Steamship was brought into the Colony 20 of Hong Kong by the said Government through its duly authorised Agents.
  - (5) The said Government is and was at all material times entitled to possession of the said Steamship.
  - (6) The claim in this case is against a foreign Sovereign State and the Court has no jurisdiction or alternatively will not exercise its jurisdiction to decide the same.
  - (7) That the claim to the said Steamship is being made by a foreign Sovereign State and the Court has no jurisdiction or alternatively will not exercise its jurisdiction to decide the validity of the said claim.

DATED the 28th day of November, 1952.

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(Sd.) WILKINSON & GRIST. Solicitors for the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

To the above-named Plaintiffs and to Messrs. Deacons, their Solicitors.

To Messrs. Juan Ysmael & Co. Inc. and to Mr. M. A. da Silva, their Solicitor.

To Anthony Loh Trading as A. W. King and to Messrs. Stewart & Co., his Solicitors.

No. 11 Marjoenani's Affirmation. 20th November,

#### No. 11

#### AFFIRMATION OF MARJOENANI

(20th November, 1952)

- I, MARJOENANI of the Indonesian Embassy, 38 Grosvenor Square, London, W.1, do solemnly sincerely and truly declare and affirm as follows:—
  - 1. I am the duly authorised Charge d'Affaires of the Indonesian Government, appointed to represent the interests of such Government in London, and I am authorised by my said Government to make this Affirmation.
  - 2. As the duly authorised representative of the said Government in London I am entitled to immunity in any proceedings in the Courts of Hong Kong 10 relating to State property. Indonesia is an independent sovereign State and I am authorised by my Government to object to the purported exercise of any jurisdiction over the State of Indonesia or over the property of that State or its diplomatic representatives.
  - 3. On the instructions of my said Government, I formulated on the 14th day of November 1952 to the Foreign Secretary of Her Majesty's Britannic Government, a claim to ownership and possession of the vessel S.S. "Tasikmalaja", which I am informed and verily believe is within the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Courts, and is the subject of certain proceedings at present before those Courts.
  - 4. There is now produced and shown to me marked "M.1" a copy of the letter dated the 14th November 1952, written on behalf of my said Government, formulating the said claim for immunity in the case of the said vessel S.S. "Tasikmalaja".
  - 5. For the reasons set out in the said letter I respectfully submit on behalf of my said Government that Her Majesty's Britannic Courts in Hong Kong should declare that the ship S.S. "Tasikmalaja" which is the subject of these proceedings, is immune from their jurisdiction and these proceedings should accordingly be stayed.

Affirmed etc. (In London).

#### "M.1"

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION ACTION NO. 13 OF 1952

BETWEEN

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Plaintiffs

Hong Kong
Admiralty
Jurisdiction
No. 11
Marjoenani's
Affirmation.
20th November,

1952. continued.

In the Supreme Court of

AND

#### THE STEAMSHIP "TASIKMALAJA"

Defendants

This is the Exhibit marked "M.1" referred to in the Affirmation of 10 MARJOENANI affirmed herein this 20th day of November 1952.

(Seal)

Before me,
(Sd.) ALAN RICKETTS,
Not: Pub:
A Notary Public and a
Commissioner for Oaths.

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#### INDONESIAN EMBASSY

The Charge d'Affaires of the Republic of Indonesia presents his compliments to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and in connection with the case of the S.S. "Tasikmalaja", has the honour to communicate as 20 follows:—

On the instructions of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, the Charge d'Affaires has the honour to refer to the Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia addressed to Her Majesty's Embassy for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Djakarta on the 27th October, 1952, in which the Government of the Republic of Indonesia formally made a claim to the ownership and possession of the vessel S.S. "Tasikmalaja", which is at present within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Hong Kong.

On the further instructions of the Indonesian Government the Charge d'Affaires has the further honour to confirm the claim which was put forward in 30 the said Note, to the effect that the Indonesian Government as a sovereign state is entitled to immunity in the Courts of the said Colony, which are not entitled to implead the sovereign rights of the Indonesian Government or to enquire into the subject matter of proceedings pending before them in respect of the said vessel S.S. "Tasikmalaja".

The grounds upon which the Charge d'Affaires is instructed to put forward the Indonesian Government's claim for sovereign immunity are that the ownership is claimed by the Indonesian Government of the said vessel, which was brought into the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Courts by a Master and crew acting on the instructions of, and in obedience to, orders of the Indonesian Government. The said vessel is in fact State property and is destined for troop carrying operations.

No. 11 Marjoenani's Affirmation. 20th November, 1952. continued. The Charge d'Affaires is instructed to make it clear that up to the date when the said vessel entered the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Courts, there was no indication of any disloyalty from the Master of the vessel or the Philippino members of the crew, and even after that date the Indonesian crew, comprising over 80% of the crew members, have remained completely loyal to his Government. In fact, the Indonesian crew at all material times has been, and still, is in possession and control of the said vessel on behalf of the Indonesian Government.

The said vessel is registered under and is flying the Indonesian flag, the former Panamanian flag having been lowered in the presence of the Panamanian Consulate representative in Hong Kong. The said vessel has an Indonesian 10 Certificate of Nationality and was delivered to a dock company in Hong Kong for repairs by the Indonesian Government.

A Bill of Sale at present in possession of the Indonesian Government can, if required, be produced as prima facie evidence of title.

Having regard to the information supplied above, the Charge d'Affaires has the honour to suggest that His Excellency should formally confirm in writing that the Government of the Republic of Indonesia are entitled to immunity in the Hong Kong Courts and that a copy of this letter, together with such confirmation, should be transmitted to the Authorities in Hong Kong for their attention.

The Charge d'Affaires, while expressing his sincere thanks to Her Majesty's 20 Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, for his intermediary in this matter, avails himself of this opportunity to convey to His Excellency the assurances of his highest consideration.

14th November, 1952.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, S.W.1.

#### NOTICE OF CAVEAT RELEASE

(12th December, 1952)

In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong Admiraltu Jurisdiction

TAKE NOTICE that Juan Ysmael & Company Incorporated Defendants Notice of in the abovenamed action apply for a Caveat against the release of the abovenamed Defendant ship "Tasikmalaja".

No. 12 Caveat Release. 12th December, 1952

Dated this 12th day of December, 1952.

(Sd.) M. A. DA SILVA.

Solicitor for Juan Ysmael & Company Incorporated.

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#### No. 13

#### NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN CHAMBERS

(17th February, 1953)

No. 13 Notes of Proceedings in Chambers. 17th February, 1953.

Coram: Reece, J. (In Chambers). Wadeson for Plaintiffs. Silva for Juan Ysmael & Co. Inc. Griffiths for Government of Indonesia.

Mr. Wadeson applies to adjourn sine die with liberty to any party to apply to restore.

Griffiths and Silva agree. 20

> Adjourned sine die with liberty to any party to apply to restore. Costs in cause.

> > (Sd.) C. W. REECE. 17th Feb., 1953.

#### No. 14

#### NOTICE OF CAVEAT RELEASE

No. 14 Notice of Caveat Release. 8th June, 1953.

(8th June, 1953)

TAKE NOTICE that Juan Ysmael & Company Incorporated Defendants in the abovenamed action apply for a Caveat against the release of the above-30 named Defendant ship "Tasikmalaja".

Dated this 8th day of June, 1953.

(Sd.) MARCUS DA SILVA. Solicitor for Juan Ysmael & Company Incorporated.

No. 15 Summons Inter Partes by Plaintiffs for liberty to withdraw their claim and for their warrant for the arrest of the vessel to be discharged. 28th July, 1953. To

#### No. 15

#### SUMMONS INTER PARTES BY PLAINTIFFS FOR LIBERTY TO WITHDRAW THEIR CLAIM AND FOR THEIR WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF THE VESSEL TO BE DISCHARGED

(28th July, 1953)

- The Government of the Republic of Indonesia the owner of the abovenamed To Defendant ship and to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist their Solicitors.
- The Defendant Ship "Tasikmalaja" and Juan Ysmael & Company In-To corporated, sole owners of the said ship "Tasikmalaja" and to Mr. M. A. da 10 Silva their Solicitor.
- Anthony Loh trading as A.W. King a party interested in this action and to Messrs. Stewart & Co. their Solicitors.

You are hereby summoned to appear before THE HONOURABLE SIR GERARD LEWIS HOWE, Kt. Q.C., The Chief Justice, at his Chambers at the Supreme Court, at 9.30 o'clock a.m. on Saturday the 1st day of August, 1953 on the hearing of an application on the part of the Plaintiff for an order that the Plaintiff be at liberty to withdraw their claim in this action, that the Warrant for the arrest of the said vessel be discharged and that there be no order as to

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And you are to take notice that if you do not appear the Court may consider and deal with the application in a summary way.

Dated the 28th day of July, 1953.

(L.S.)

(Sd.) C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO.

Registrar.

This Summons was taken out by DEACONS of 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria Hongkong Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

(Sd.) DEACONS.

No. 16 Notes of Proceedings in Chambers. 1st August, 1953

#### No. 16

#### NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN CHAMBERS

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(1st August, 1953))

Coram: Reece J. (In Chambers).

Armstrong for H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co.

Griffiths for Republic of Indonesia.

Armstrong: Matter settled by agreement between parties. I ask leave to withdraw action; that the Warrant for arrest of vessel be discharged; and no order as to costs.

Griffiths: I agree. Mr. Silva, who is not here, has also agreed in writing. Action withdrawn; Warrant of arrest discharged; No order as to costs.

> (Sd.) C. W. REECE, P.J.

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1st Aug., 1953.

# ORDER THAT THE PLAINTIFFS BE AT LIBERTY TO WITHDRAW THEIR CLAIM IN THIS ACTION, THAT THE WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF THE SAID VESSEL BE DISCHARGED AND THAT THERE BE NO ORDER AS TO COSTS

(1st August, 1953)

Upon the application of the Plaintiff and upon hearing the Solicitors for the Plaintiffs and the Solicitors for all the parties IT IS ORDERED that the 10 Plaintiffs be at liberty to withdraw their claim in this action, that the Warrant for the arrest of the said vessel be discharged and that there be no order as to costs.

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(Sd.) C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO. Registrar.

No. 18

#### NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BY PLAINTIFFS

No. 18 Notice of withdrawal by Plaintiffs. 6th August, 1953.

(6th August, 1953)

To The Government of the Republic of Indonesia the owner of the abovenamed Defendant ship and To Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist their Solicitors.

The Defendant Ship "Tasikmalaja" and Juan Ysmael & Company incorporated, Sole owners of the said ship "Tasikmalaja" and to Mr. M. A. da Silva their Solicitor.

Anthony Loh trading as A. W. King, a party interested in this action and To Messrs. Stewart & Co. their Solicitors and Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

We, the undersigned, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE to the Defendant Ship "Tasikmalaja" her owners and the party interested in this action or their Solicitors that the Plaintiff Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited hereby withdraw their claim in this action.

Dated this 6th day of August, 1953.

(Sd.) DEACONS.

Solicitors for the Plaintiff
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited.

1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong.

Hong Kong
Admiralty
Jurisdiction
No. 17
Order that the
Plaintiffs be at

In the Supreme Court of

liberty to withdraw their claim in this Action, that the Warrant for the Arrest of the said vessel be discharged and that there be no Order as to Costs. 1st August, 1953.

#### BETWEEN

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED - - - - - Plaintiffs

AND

THE SHIP "TASIKMALAJA"

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