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No.11 of 1963

ON APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA AT NAIROBI

# BETWEEN

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF

Appellant

- and -

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THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

Respondent

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ON APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR FASTERN AFRICA AT NAIROBI

BETWEEN:

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

– and –

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL

CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961

IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA

AT NAIROBI

CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF App

versus

Appellant

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

#### MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL

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The Appellant above-named, being aggrieved by Notice Reference File No. 28673 of 6th April, 1961 served upon him by the Respondent, pursuant to s.110(3) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act, 1958, confirming Assessment No. 52/39386 for the Year of Income 1960, appeals to This Honourable Court, pursuant to s.111(2) of the said Act, against the said Assessment upon the following grounds:-

- 1. The said estimated Assessment has no basis or justification in fact or in law.
- 30 2. The Appellant is not chargeable with any tax in respect of the period referred to in the

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Memorandum of Appeal Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961 26th October 1961

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Memorandum

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Assessment in view of the fact that his income during the said period did not exceed the personal allowances granted in the said Assessment.

- 3. The Respondent erred in law in purporting to act under the provision of ss. 103 and 123 of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act and in disregarding the provisions of ss.81(1) and 81(3) of the said Act.
- 4. Pursuant to rule 5 of the Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959, the Appellant attaches.
- 5. (a) A copy of the decision of the Local Committee made on the 25th day of July 1961 (marked Appendix "A").
  - (b) A copy of the Notice of Appeal (marked Appendix "B").
  - (c) A Statement of Facts (marked Appendix "C").

The Appellant therefore prays:-

- (a) That the Assessment may be annulled or varied;
- (b) For such further or other relief as this Honourable Court may see fit to grant, together with the costs of the Appeal.
- DATED at NAIROBI this 26th day of October, 1961.

A.S.G.KASSAM Advocate for the Appellant.

Drawn by: Messrs.S.R.Kapila & Kapila, Advocates, <u>NAIROBI</u>. Filed by: A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, <u>NAIROBI</u> To be served upon: The Legal Secretary, E.A.High Commission, Advocate for the Respondent, High Commission Building, NAIROBI.

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# APPENDIX A. CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961.

#### APPENDIX A.

File No. 90271 (L.C.)/4.

The Local Committee, Nairobi Area, P.O. Box 30165, NAIROBI.

Date 28th July 1961.

Sardar Mohamed Maherally Shroff, 10 TO: Box 552, NAIROBI.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting held on 25th July 1961 The Local Committee made the following decision in your case:-

APPEAL NOT UPHELD.

Yours faithfully,

SGD.

? CLERK TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

Copy to:

- (1)Assessor of File No.2/28673 for information and necessary action.
- (2) Harrisson Storm and Partners, Box 2064,

NAIROBI.

In the Supreme Court of Kenya

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Appendix A. Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961

#### APPENDIX B. CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961.

#### APPENDIX B.

#### RE: SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF.

Notice of intended Appeal to Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Kenya at Nairobi in respect of:

Assessment No: 52/39386 - year of Income 1960. Assessment No. 52/39387 - year of Income 1961.

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

TAKE NOTICE that the above-mentioned Appellant, SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF, being dissatisfied with the decision of the Local Committee made at its meeting held on the 25th day of July 1961, in the above matter, intends to appeal to Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Kenya at Nairobi against the above assessments, under Section 111(2) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act, 1958 and pursuant to the Provisions of the Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959.

DATED at Nairobi this 8th day of September, 1961.

#### (Sgd) A.S.G.KASSAM.

#### Advocate for the Appellant.

The address for service for the purposes of the intended appeal of the Appellant is care of A.S.G.Kassam, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, P.O. Box 9040, NAIROBI.

TO: The Commissioner of Income Tax, P.O. Box 30165, <u>NAIROBI</u>. (posted by Registered Post). 10

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APPENDIX C. CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961

APPENDIX "C".

Respondent

IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI.

CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 of 1961.

IN THE MATTER OF: THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1958, and the INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959.

# SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

1. The Appellant is a citizen of Pakistan and normally resides in Karachi, Pakistan.

2. The Appellant arrived at Nairobi on or about the 1st day of June, 1960, on a visit to East Africa from Bombay to investigate the possibility of capital investment in East Africa.

3. On arrival at Nairobi the Appellant possessed internal airway tickets to visit all the capital cities of East Africa and return air tickets to Bombay, and was issued with a Visitor's Permit by the Kenya immigration authorities for a period of 14 days which was subsequently twice extended by periods of three months each. Since 4th February, 1961, the Appellant has remained in Kenya on a Prohibited Immigrant's Pass which was issued to him to enable him to finalise the issue of his income tax liability in Kenya.

4. On or about the 28th day of January, 1961, the Appellant was served with Income Tax Assessment No.52/39386 claiming the sum of Shs.773,125/by way of Income Tax for the year of income 1960 (hereinafter called "the said Assessment"). No.4

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Appendix C. Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961 continued 5. On the 30th day of January, 1961, the Appellant duly objected to the said Assessment in accordance with the requirements therein set out, and on the 6th day of April, 1961, the Respondent served upon the Appellant a Notice under Section 110(3) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act, 1958, (hereinafter called "the said Act") confirming the said Assessment.

6. On the 12th day of July, 1961, the Appellant lodged an appeal against the said Assessment to the Local Committee at Nairobi through his accountants, Harrison, Storm and Partners of Nairobi. The said Appeal was heard by the Local Committee on the 25th July, 1961, and by their letter dated 28th July, 1961, the Local Committee notified the Appellant that the said appeal was not upheld.

7. The Appellant will tesify to the effect that during the period for which he has been assessed, he was involved in a number of transactions involving (a) the sale of foreign currency notes to various money exchangers in Kenya at no profit whatsoever, the said notes having been received by him for sale on behalf of various other parties; (b) the sale of some sarees whereon the Appellant made a profit of Shs: 1168/94; and (c) the receipt of deposits in respect of a proposed property transaction, whereof a substantial sum was refunded and the balance treated as a loan to the Appellant and invested by him together with a further loan received by him from his uncle, one Jaffer Ahamed Nizari of Kuwait, on a mortgage where from the Appellant made a profit of Shs. 73/97.

8. The Appellant will testify that he had no income other than as stated above during the period for which he had been assessed, and at the hearing hereof the Appellant will adduce documentary evidence consisting of correspondence with the East African Income Tax Department and with various banks and money exchangers in Kenya, statements of accounts relating to the above stated transactions together with vouchers and other documents supporting the same, and will call witnesses in relation to the said transactions.

Dated at Nairobi this 26th day of October, 1961. (Sgd.) A.S.G.KASSAM Advocate for the Appellant 20

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Drawn and Filed by:

A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, NAIROBI.

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#### MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL

CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961

10 IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT

NAIROBI

CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961.

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

Respondent

Appellant

#### MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL.

The Appellant above-named, being aggrieved by Notice Reference File No.28673 of 6th April, 1961 served upon him by the Respondent, pursuant to s.ll0(3) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act, 1958, confirming Assessment No. 52/39387 for the year of Income 1961, appeals to this Honourable Court, pursuant to s.ll1(2) of the said Act, against the said Assessment upon the following grounds:-

- 1. The said estimated Assessment has no basis or justification in fact or in law.
- 2. The Appellant is not chargeable with any tax in respect of the period referred to in the Assessment in view of the fact that his income during the said period did not exceed the personal allowances granted in the said Assessment.
- 3. The Respondent erred in law in purporting to

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Memorandum of Appeal. Civil Appeal No. 45 of 1961 26th October 1961

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Memorandum of Appeal Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 26th October 1961 continued act under the provision of ss.103 and 123 of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act and in disregarding the provisions of ss.81 (1) and 81(3) of the said Act.

- 4. Pursuant to rule 5 of the Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959, the Appellant attaches:-
  - (a) A copy of the decision of the Local Committee made on the 25th day of July, 1961 (marked Appendix "A").
  - (b) A copy of the Notice of Appeal (marked Appendix "B").
  - (c) A Statement of Facts (marked Appendix "C").
  - The Appellant therefore prays:-
  - (a) That the Assessment may be annulled or varied;
  - (b) For such further or other relief as this Honourable Court may see fit to grant, together with the costs of this Appeal.

DATED AT NAIROBI this 26th day of October, 1961.

A.S.G.KASSAM Advocate for the Appellant.

Drawn by: Messrs.S.R.Kapila and Kapila, Advocates, NAIROBI. Filed by:-A.S.G.Kassam, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, NAIROBI. To be served upon:-The Legal Secretary, E. A. High Commission, Advocate for the Respondent, High Commission Building, NAIROBI.

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# APPENDIX A. CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961

#### APPENDIX A.

Appendix A Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961

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The Local Committee, Nairobi Area, P.O. Box 30165, NAIROBI. File No.90271 (L.C.)/4. 28th July 1961.

TO: Sardar Mohamed Maherally Shroff.

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Box 552, Nairobi.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting held on 25 July 1961

The Local Committee made the following decision in your case :-

APPEAL NOT UPHELD

Yours faithfully,

SGD. ?

CLERK TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

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- Assessor of File No.2/28673 for informa-(i) tion and necessary action.
- (2) Harrison Storm and Partners Box 2064. NAIROBI.

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## APPENDIX B. CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961

APPENDIX B.

#### RE: SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF.

Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961

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Appendix B.

Notice of intended Appeal to Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Kenya at Nairobi in respect of: Assessment No: 52/39386 - year of Income 1960. Assessment No: 52/39387 - year of Income 1961.

TAKE NOTICE that the above-mentioned Appellant, SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF, being dissatisfied with the decision of the Local Committee made at its meeting held on the 25th day of July 1961, in the above matter, intends to appeal to Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Kenya at Nairobi against the above assessments, under section 111 (2) of East African Income Tax (Management) Act 1958 and pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959.

DATED at Nairobi this 8th day of September, 1961.

#### A.S.G.KASSAM,

#### Advocate for the Appellant.

The address for service for the purposes of the intended appeal of the Appellant is care of A.S.G.Kassam, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, P.O. Box 9040, Nairobi.

TO:

The Commissioner of Income Tax, P.O. Box 30165, NAIROBI.

(Posted by Registered Post).

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APPENDIX C. CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961

APPENDIX C.

IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI

CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961.

IN THE MATTER OF: THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT 1958, and THE INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959.

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Appellant is a citizen of Pakistan and normally resides in Karachi, Pakistan.

2. The Appellant arrived at Nairobi on or about the 1st day of June 1960, on a visit to East Africa from Bombay to investigate the possibility of capital investment in East Africa.

3. On arrival at Nairobi the Appellant possessed internal airway tickets to visit all the capital cities of East Africa and return air tickets to Bombay, and was issued with a Visitor's Permit by the Kenya immigration authorities for a period of 14 days which was subsequently twice extended by periods of three months each. Since 4th February, 1961, the Appellant has remained in Kenya on a Prohibited Immigrant's Pass which was issued to him to enable him to finalize the issue if his income tax liability in Kenya.

4. On or about the 28th day of January, 1961, the Appellant was served with Income Tax Assessment No.52/39387 claiming the sum of Shs: 97,935/- by way of income tax for the year of income 1961, (hereinafter called "the said Assessment").

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Appendix C Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 continued 5. On or about the 30th day of January, 1961 the Appellant duly objected to the said Assessment in accordance with the requirements therein set out, and on the 6th day of April, 1961, the Respondent served upon the Appellant a Notice under Section 110(3) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act 1958, (hereinafter called "the said Act") confirming the said Assessment.

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8. The Appellant will testify that he had no income other than as stated above during the period for which he has been assessed, and at the hearing hereof the Appellant will adduce documentary evidence consisting of correspondence with the East African Income Tax Department and with various banks and money exchangers in Kenya, statements of accounts relating to the above stated transactions together with vouchers and other documents supporting the same, and will call witnessess in relation to the said transactions.

Dated at Nairobi this 26th day of October 1961. (sgd)

A.S.G.KASSAM Advocate for the Appellant. 13.

Drawn & Filed by :

A.S.G.KASSAM Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, NAIROBI.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961.

10 IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961.

IN THE MATTER OF: THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1958, and THE INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959.

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

versus

20 THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

The Income Tax(Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959, Rule 3(1)

TAKE NOTICE that this Honourable Court will be moved on Tuesday the 21st day of November, 1961, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard by the Counsel for the Appellant that on the grounds stated in the annexed Affidavit of SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF and other reasons to be adduced at the

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Notice of Motion, Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961 27th October 1961

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hearing of this application, this Honourable In the Supreme Court be pleased to enlarge the time for filing Court of Kenya the Memorandum of Appeal in the above appeal. No.9 AND THAT this Honourable Court be pleased Notice of to make such Order as to costs and such other Motion, orders as may seem just to this Honourable Civil Appeal Court. No.44 of 1961 27th October DATED at Nairobi this 27th day of October, 1961. 1961 continued (Sgd) D.J.DEVINE DEPUTY REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT OF KENYA, NAIROBI. This Notice of Motion was taken out by: A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street. NAIROBI. To be served upon:-The Legal Secretary, E.A.High Commission, Advocate for the Respondent, High Commission Building, NAIROBI. No.10 NO.10 NOTICE OF MOTION Notice of CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961. Motion, Civil Appeal IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT No.45 of 1961 NAIROBI 27th October IN THE MATTER OF: THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX 1961 (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1958, and THE INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959. SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant versus THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent NOTICE OF MOTION The Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959, Rule 3(1).

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AND THAT this Honourable Court be pleased to make such Order as to costs and such other orders as may seem just to this Honourable Court.

DATED at Nairobi this 27th day of October, 1961.

(Sgd) D.J.DEVINE

DEPUTY REGISTRAR,

SUPREME COURT OF KENYA, NAIROBI.

20 This Notice of Motion was taken out by:

A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, <u>NAIROBI</u>.

To be served upon:

The Legal Secretary, E.A.High Commission, Advocate for the Respondent, High Commission Building, NAIROBI. In the Supreme Court of Kenya

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Notice of Motion, Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 27th October 1961 continued

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF S.M.M.SHROFF

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961

# IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1958, and THE INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959.

# SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

Respondent

#### AFFIDAVIT

I, <u>SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF</u>, temporarily residing in Nairobi in the Colony of Kenya, make oath and say as follows:-

1. I am a citizen of Pakistan and normally reside in Karachi, Pakistan.

2. On or about the 28th day of January, 1961, I was served with Income Tax Assessment No.52/39386 claiming the sum of Shs: 773,125/- by way of Income Tax for the year of income 1960 (hereinafter called "the said Assessment").

3. On the 30th day of January, 1961, I duly objected to the said Assessment in accordance with the requirements therein set out, and on the 6th day of April, 1961, the Commissioner of Income Tax served upon me Notice under Section 110(3) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act, 1958 (hereinafter called "the said Act") confirming the said Assessment. 20

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Affidavit of S.M.M.Shroff Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961 26th October 1961 4. On the 12th day of July 1961, I lodged an appeal against the said Assessment to the Local Committee at Nairobi through my Accountants, Harrison, Storm and Partners of Nairobi aforesaid. My said Appeal was heard by the Local Committee on the 25th day of July, 1961 and by their letter dated the 28th day of July, 1961 (the exact date of service whereof on me is not within my recollection) the Local Committee notified me that my said appeal was not upheld.

5. After receipt of the said letter from the Local Committee I consulted my said accountants who advised me to instruct a firm of advocates to appeal against the said Assessment to this Honourable Court on my behalf under Section 111 (2) of the said Act.

6. On or about the 8th day of September, 1961 I instructed my advocate, A.S.G.Kassam of Nairobi aforesaid, to give a Notice of Appeal to the Commissioner of Income Tax.

7. I am advised by my said advocate, and I verily believe, that on the 8th day of September, 1961 he gave the required Notice of Appeal to the Commissioner of Income Tax.

8. I have been suffering from high blood pressure for some years, and on or about the 12th day of September, 1961 I received a severe attack of hyper-tension, as a result whereof I was unable to instruct my said Advocate to proceed with my said intended appeal to this Honourable Court, and I am advised by my said advocate, and I verily believe that he was consequently unable to proceed with my said intended appeal.

9. During my said illness I was treated by Dr. A.N. Bowry, medical practitioner, of Nairobi aforesaid, and on the 12th day of October, 1961 I was advised by my said doctor that I was fit to resume work and on the same day he gave me a certificate to that effect, a copy whereof is annexed hereto and marked S1.

10. I have duly submitted my accounts to the Commissioner of Income Tax and I verily believe that on the basis of these accounts I am not liable to pay any income tax at all for the year of income

In the Supreme Court of Kenya

Affidavit of S.M.M. Shroff Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961 26th October 1961 continued

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Affidavit of

S.M.M.Shroff

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11. I have deposited with the Commissioner of Income Tax my passport No.300682 issued to me by the Government of Pakistan and a security in the sum of Shs: 200,000/- pending the disposal of my intended appeal or appeals against the said Assessment and Assessment No.52/39387 which claims from me the sum of Shs: 97,935/- by way of income tax for the year of income 1961, and against which assessment I also intend to appeal to this Honourable Court.

12. For the reasons above stated I was prevented from presenting my Memorandum of Appeal to this Honourable Court within the period provided therefor.

13. I verily believe that there has been no unreasonable delay on my part.

14. I make this Affidavit in support of my application to this Honourable Court for enlargement of time for filing my said intended appeal.

<u>SWORN</u> at Nairobi this 26th) day of October, 1961.

Before me:

Sgd. J.N.DESAI

A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

Drawn and filed by: A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, Nairobi. (signed) Sardar Mohamed.

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AFFIDAVIT OF S.M.M.SHROFF

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961

#### IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA

#### AT NAIROBI

# CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1958, and the INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959.

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1. I am a citizen of Pakistan and normally reside in Karachi, Pakistan.

20 2. On or about the 28th day of January, 1961 I was served with Income Tax Assessment No.52/ 39387 claiming the sum of Shs: 97,935/- by way of income tax for the year of income 1961 (hereinafter called "the said Assessment").

3. On the 30th day of January, 1961 I duly objected to the said Assessment in accordance with the requirements therein set out, and on the 6th day of April, 1961 the Commissioner of Income Tax served upon me Notice under Section 110(3) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Affidavit of S.M.M.Shroff Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 26th October 1961

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Appellant

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S.M.M.Shroff

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e Act, 1958 (hereinafter called "the said Act") a confirming the said Assessment.

4. On the 12th day of July, 1961 I lodged an appeal against the said Assessment to the Local Committee at Nairobi through my accountants, Harrison, Storm and Partners of Nairobi aforesaid. My said appeal was heard by the Local Committee on the 25th day of July, 1961 and by their letter dated the 28th day of July, 1961 (the exact date of service whereof on me is not within my recollection) the Local Committee notified me that my said appeal was not upheld.

5. After receipt of the said letter from the Local Committee I consulted my said accountants who advised me to instruct a firm of advocates to appeal against the said Assessment to this Honourable Court on my behalf under Section 111 (2) of the said Act.

6. On or about the 8th day of September, 1961 I instructed my advocate, A.S.G.KASSAM, of Nairobi aforesaid, to give a Notice of Appeal to the Commissioner of Income Tax.

7. I am advised by my said advocate, and I verily believe, that on the 8th day of September, 1961, he gave the required Notice of Appeal to the Commissioner of Income Tax.

8. I have been suffering from high blood pressure for some years, and on or about the 12th day of September, 1961, I received a severe attack of Hyper tension, as a result whereof I was unable to instruct my said advocate to proceed with my said intended appeal to this Honourable Court, and I am advised by my said advocate, and I verily believe, that he was consequently unable to proceed with my said intended appeal.

9. During my said illness I was treated by Dr. A.N.Bowry, medical practitioner, of Nairobi aforesaid, and on the 12th day of October, 1961, I was advised by my said doctor that I was fit to resume work and on the same day he gave me a certificate to that effect, a copy whereof is annexed hereto and marked S.1. 20

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10. I have duly submitted my accounts to the Commissioner of Income Tax and I verily believe that on the basis of these accounts I am not liable to pay any income tax at all for the year of income in respect of which I have been assessed.

11. I have deposited with the Commissioner of Income Tax my passport No.300682 issued to me by the Government of Pakistan and a security in the sum of Shs: 200,000/- pending the disposal of my said intended appeal or appeals against the said assessment and Assessment No: 52/ 39386 which claims from me the sum of Shs: 773,125/- by way of income tax for the year of income 1960 and against which assessment I also intend to appeal to this Honourable Court.

12. For the reasons above stated I was prevented from presenting my Memorandum of Appeal to this Honourable Court within the period provided therefor.

13. I verily believe that there has been no unreasonable delay on my part.

14. I make this affidavit in support of my application to this Honourable Court for enlargement of time for filing my said intended appeal.

SWORN at Nairobi this )
26th day of October,
1961.
BEFORE ME:
(Sgd.) J.N.DESAI.
A COMMISSIONER FOR
OATHS.
Drawn & Filed by:
A.S.G.KASSAM,
Advocate,
Sheikh Building,
Victoria Street,
Nairobi.

In the Supreme Court of Kenya

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Affidavit of S.M.M.Shroff Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 26th October 1961 continued

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No.13 IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA

Court Notes. 21st November 1961

## AT NAIROBI

APPELLATE SIDE

### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961.

(From the Original Assessment No.52/39386 for the year of Income 1960).

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

Respondent

Appellant

21.11.61.

A.R.Kapila (Kassam with him) for Applicant.

Thornton for Respondent.

Kapila: In Camera?

Thornton: No Objection.

Order: Application to be heard in camera.

Kapila: Appeal against estimated assessment. Application. Enlargement of time. Appeal and motion filed on 27.10.61. As also C.A.45/61. Identical grounds except amount of assessment and year. Grounds of Appeal.

Thornton: Not served with Memo of Appeal.

Kapila: Memo of Appeal filed together with Motion. Fee paid. Can hand Thornton copy of Memo of Appeal. Do so now.

Thornton: Prepared go on.

Kapila: Rule 3 Legal Notice No.12/59. Proviso

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period 75 days from date of service upon Appellant of decision of Local Committee. Rule 3<sup>(1)</sup>(d). Local Committee's decision letter of dismissal dated 28.7.61. Deemed to be served Section 145(3)within 14 days after posting. unable state exact date of receipt. Service would be deemed on 11.8.61 and 75 days would run from that date which would go up to 25.10.61. In absence of proof to the contrary.

Appellant's sickness during material time 10 of 75 days. Notice to appeal filed on 8.9.61 well within time. Respondent informed of intention to appeal. No prejudice to Respond-Appellant ill from 12.9.61 to 12.10.61. ent. Most material period, in-Confined to bed. From 12.10.61 to 27.10.61 when structions. appeal filed, complicated examination. Estimat-Tax estimated over £40,000 for ed assossment. about eight months residence. Appellant's contention income practically nil. Wide gulf. Investigation bound take time.

> Similarly C.A. 45/61 estimated assessment about Shs: 97,000/-. Appellant - contends income only Shs: 207/20.

Of 75 days, deprived of 30 days owing to illness. Onus discharged over Rule 3. Not bound show that appeal could have been filed during balance of 75 days.

Magnitude of appeal. No injustice to Re-30 spondent.

Thornton: Oppose application.

(i) No jurisdiction to extend time unless application made within 75 days. CIT v A.Q. Case 43 Vol. 2, part, p.192. Decision under 1952 Act. Rule 3 substantially same.

Facts different. Commissioner wished appeal. Mayers J. p.200. No difference between this application and case 43.

No express provision in Rules for enlargement of time as in civil procedure

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- rules. Latter not applicable.
- (ii) Of jurisdiction, proviso Rule 3 not satisfied. 75 days from 11.8.61 to Two days out. Medical 25.10.61. Para 8 of Affidavit. certificate. Certificate unsubstantiated. Do not question certificate, not genuine but evidence of illness thin. reason to doubt certificate. No Even if ill, Appellant still had 13 days to file appeal. Not "prevented". About one month before Appellant fell Not the type of illness to ill. "prevent". Case 43 "Prevent".
- <u>Court</u>: Appeal No.45. Para 2 of Affidavit. Assessment 28.1.61. for year of Income 1961?

Thornton: Correct Assessment.

Kapila: In case No.43 position different. Under section 145 proof to contrary is possible only in respect of date of service. Service cannot be challenged. Two periods.

- (i) before illness only 4 days between giving of notice and falling ill.
   Appeal to Local Committee not by Advocate. Accountant.
- (ii) After illness; 13 days. If appeal could have been prepared at all, would have been filed. Only 2 days out. Voluminous papers and documents. If Thornton right, Appellant must prove illness right up to 75th day.

Every effort made to file in time but still out by two days. Proves impossibility.

Ruling reserved.

C.B.Madan. J.

27th November	27.11.61.
1961	Kassam for Applicant.
	Thornton for Respondent.
	Ruling delivered.

C.B.Madan. J.

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# RULING

#### IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA

#### AT NAIROBI

#### APPELLATE SIDE

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 of 1961.

(From the Original Assessment No:52/ 39386 for the year of Income 1960).

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

## RULING

This is an application for an extension of time to present memorandum of appeal against the decision of the Local Committee which rejected the Appellant's appeal against Assessment No.52/ 39386 for the year of Income 1960. The Applicant seeks leave to appeal to this court under section 111(2) of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act, 1958.

The decision of the Local Committee is dated the 28th July 1961, and it was conveyed to the Applicant at his postal address but there is no evidence as to the actual date of service. It, therefore, must be deemed to have been served upon the Applicant on the 11th August, 1961, that is fourteen days after the date of posting as laid down by section 145(3)(a) of the Act.

The application is made under Rule 3 of the Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959, which reads as follows:

> "3(1) Every appeal to a judge under the Act Shall be preferred in the form of a memorandum of appeal and shall be presented to the Registrar within 75 days after the date of service upon the Appellant of

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Respondent

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- (a) (b) (c)
  - (d) the notice under paragraph (f) of section 112 of the Act of the decision of the local committee, as the case may be:

Provided that, where a judge is satisfied that, owing to absence from the Colony, sickness, or other reasonable cause, the Appellant was prevented from presenting such memorandum of appeal within such period and that there has been no unreasonable delay on his part, the judge may extend the period within which such memorandum of appeal shall be presented."

The application and memorandum of appeal(were filed in court on the 27th October, 1961, that is late by two days as the 75th day fell on the 25th October 1961.

Mr. Thornton for the Respondent submitted that the court had no jurisdiction to extend the time unless the application for such extension is made within the statutory period of 75 days. Mr. Thornton relied upon the authority of Commissioner of Income Tax v. A.Q., Tax Case No.43, E.A.Tax Cases, Vol.2 - Part 111, p.192. In that case Mayers J. held that there was no inherent power in the court to grant an extension of time for lodging an appeal, and also that the court has no power to grant an extension of time for lodging an income tax appeal unless the application therefor is made within the time for appealing, i.e. within 75 days in the instant case.

If I did not arrive at the conclusion which I set out later, I would have respectfully permitted myself to consider whether the court is excluded from entertaining an application to grant an extension of time for lodging an appeal unless the application therefor is made within the time for appealing. What, for example, would be the result in a case where the applicant being dissatisfied with the decision of the local committee and having given notice of appeal in writing to the Commissioner within 45 20

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days as required under section 111(2) of the Act, becomes incapacitated owing to sickness, which is one of the grounds contemplated by the proviso to Rule 3 for the grant of an extension of time, from lodging an appeal until In such a case I the 75th day had passed. would feel constrained and probably find myself unable to adhere to the decision of even so learned and distinguished a judge as Mayers J., in Tax Case No.43. I would also probably feel constrained to hold, subject to being satisfied about the Applicant's incapacity, that the court had power to grant an extension of time under such conditions. However as already stated in view of the decision which I have arrived at in this case, I do not consider it necessary to express any further opinion on this point.

In the instant application, the applicant's notice of intention to appeal against the decision of the local committee is dated the 8th September 1961. The applicant states in his affidavit that he was ill from the 12th September to the 12th October, and he has produced a medical certificate also. He was therefore unable to instruct his advocate to proceed with his intended appeal.

The applicant was, however, in a position to instruct his advocate from the 12th October until the 25th October, to file the appeal in court on his behalf. In addition, for the same purpose, the applicant also had at his disposal the earlier period before he was taken ill, i.e. from 11th August until the 12th September.

In order to succeed, the applicant must satisfy the court that

- (a) owing to sickness, which is the ground relied upon in this case,
- (b) he was prevented from presenting his memorandum of appeal within the permitted period, and
- (c) there was no unreasonable delay on his part

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In the Supreme In my opinion the application fails on all Court of Kenya these three grounds.

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The applicant had recovered from his illness on the 12th October. He has not stated that he was "prevented" from presenting his memorandum of appeal, neither is there any matter in his Affidavit which would justify me in holding that the applicant was hindered or stopped from lodging in court his memorandum of appeal during the period of his fitness.

I also consider that there was unreasonable delay on the Appellant's part. Apart from the period so nearly a fortnight which the Appellant had at his disposal after his recovery, the memorandum of appeal which I feel I am entitled to look at, has failed to impress me as being a document for the drafting and preparation of which the period of time which was available to the applicant was not sufficient. The memorandum of appeal, apart from the prayers, and compliance with the statutory requirements under Rule 5 to annex to it certain documents, consists only of the following three grounds:

- 1. "The said estimated Assessment has no basis or justification in fact or in law.
- 2. The Appellant is not chargeable with any tax in respect of the period referred to in the Assessment in view of the fact that his income during the said period did not exceed the personal allowances granted in the said assessment.
- 3. The Respondent erred in law in purporting to act under the provisions of sections 103 and 123 of the East African Income Tax (Management) Act and in disregarding the provisions of sections 81(1) and 81 (3) of the said Act".

I do not consider that the foregoing three grounds of appeal were so taxing or complex legally that the memorandum of appeal could not have been finalised within the statutory period of 75 days.

I also find myself unable to accept the argument that because there was a delay of two days

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only in filing the memorandum of appeal, this application should therefore be granted. The period of time for presenting memorandum of appeal is prescribed by statute. In the context of statutory limitation, the length or shortness of the delay is irrelevant.

For all these reasons the application is dismissed with costs.

A similar application in Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 between the same parties was consolidated with the instant application. For the aforesaid reasons that application is also dismissed with costs.

#### C.B.Madan J.

28.11.61.

Mr. Kassam advocate for Applicant.

Ex parte :-

Date for mention before the Honourable Mr. Justice Madan fixed for 6th day of December, 1961, at 9.30 a.m.

Notice on payment to other party.

# D.J.Devine. Deputy Registrar.

6.12.61.

Vohra for Kassam for Applicant.

Thornton for Respondent.

Vohra: Apply for leave to appeal against ruling. Not applied for when ruling delivered because Kassam not instructed then and applicant was in Mombasa on day of delivery of ruling. Leave necessary. Section 75 C.P.O.

Thornton: Oppose application. Order: Leave to appeal, also in Civil Appeal No.45/61.

C.B.Madan.

I certify that is a true copy of the original.

(sgd.) <u>D.J.DEVINE</u>

Deputy Registrar. 15.12.61. In the Supreme Court of Kenya

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Court Notes continued 28th November 1961

6th December 1961.

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#### ORDER

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In the Supreme Court of Kenya

> IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI

Order 6th December 1961

# APPELLATE SIDE.

# CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 of 1961.

(From the Original Assessment No.52/39386 of the year of Income 1960).

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

#### versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

## AND

CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 of 1961

(From the Original Assessment No.52/39387 for the year of Income 1961.)

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

(<u>CONSOLIDATED</u> by Order of this Court dated 21st November, 1961.)

#### ORDER

THIS CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION presented to this Court by Counsel for the Appellant on the 27th day of October, 1961, and coming on the 21st day of November 1961 for hearing and on the 27th day of November 1961 and the 6th day of December, 1961 for ruling before the Honourable Mr.Justice Madan in the presence of Counsel for the Appellant and Counsel for the Respondent and UPON READING the Affidavits of the Appellant sworn on the 26th day of October, 1961, with annexures thereto, in support of the said application and UPON HEARING Counsel for the Appellant and Counsel for the Respondent, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Appellant's application in Civil

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2. That the Appellant's application in Civil	Court of Kenys
Appeal No.45 of 1961 which was consolidated with the aforesaid application, be also dis- missed.	No.16
3. That the Appellant do pay to the Respon- dent his costs of the said two applications to be taxed and certified by the Taxing Master of this Court.	Order 6th December 1961 continued
4. That the Appellant be at liberty to $lod_{\xi}e$ appeal against the Order dismissing the Appellant's said applications.	
GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of this Court at Nairobi on the 6th day of December, 1961.	
ISSUED on this 9th day of February, 1962. BY COURT (Sgd) D.J.DEVINE DEPUTY REGISTRAR, H.M. SUPREME COURT OF KENYA, NAIROBI.	
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NOTICE OF APPEAL IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA <u>AT NAIROBI</u> CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 and CIVIL APPEAL No.45 <u>of 1961</u> (Consolidated)	Notice of Appeal 7th December 1961.
IN THE MATTER OF: THE EAST AFRICAN INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1958, and THE INCOME TAX (APPEAL TO THE KENYA SUPREME COURT) RULES, 1959.	
BETWEEN:	
SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant versus	
THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent	
NOTICE OF APPEAL	

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Appeal No.44 of 1961 be dismissed.

In the Supreme Court of Kenya

TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Appellant

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In the Supreme being dissatisfied with the decision of the Honour-Court of Kenya able Mr.Justice Madan given herein on the 27th day of November, 1961, intends to appeal to Her Majesty's Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa again-No.17 st the whole of the said decision. DATED at Nairobi this ) (signed) A.S.G.KASSAM. Notice of 7th day of December, A.S.G.KASSAM Appeal 1961. Advocate for the Appellant. 7th December 1961 TO: continued 10 1. The Registrar, H.M.Supreme Court of Kenya, NAIROBI. 2. The Legal Secretary. E.A. High Commission, Advocate for the Respondent, High Commission Building, NAIROBI. The address for service of the Appellant is care of A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, Sheikh Building, 20 Victoria Street, Nairobi. NOTE: A respondent served with this notice is required within fourteen days after such service to file in these proceedings and serve on the appellant a notice of his address for service for the purposes of the intended appeal, and within a further period of fourteen days to serve a copy thereof on every other respondent named in this notice who has filed notice of an address for service. In the event of non-compliance, 30 the appellant may proceed ex-parte. Filed this 7th day of December, 1961 at Nairobi. (signed) D.J.DEVINE By. REGISTRAR. Drawn & Filed by: A.S.G.KASSAM: Advocate for the Appellant Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, NAIROBI. 40 Received copy G.C. Thornton for Legal Secretary 11.12.61.

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# NO.18

# NOTICE OF ADDRESS FOR SERVICE

# IN HER MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT OF KENYA

#### AT NAIROBI

Notice of Address for Service 15th December 1961.

No.18

CIVIL APPEAL NOS.44 and 45 of 1961.

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

#### NOTICE OF ADDRESS FOR SERVICE

- 10 Take Notice that the address for service of the Respondent served with Notice of Appeal herein, is :
  - c/o The Legal Secretary East African Common Services Organisation, P.O. Box 30005, NAIROBI.

DATED AT NAIROBI this 15th day of December, 1961. (Signed) G.C.Thorton

ORGANISATION.

SENIOR ASSISTANT LEGAL SECRETARY,

Counsel for the Respondent.

SUPREME COURT OF KENYA.

EAST AFRICAN COMMON SERVICES

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To: The Registrar Supreme Court of Kenya, Law Courts, NAIROBI. and to: A.S.G.Kassam Esq., Advocate, Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, NAIROBI. FILED this day of December, 1961 at Nairobi. (signed) D.J.DEVINE REGISTRAR

In the Supreme Court of Kenya

# Appellant

NO.19

MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL

No.19

In the Court

of Appeal for Eastern Africa

EASTERN AFRICA AT NAIROBI

IN HER MAJESTY'S COURT OF APPEAL FOR

CIVIL APPEAL NO.15 OF 1962.

# BETWEEN

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF

AND

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

(An Appeal from the Ruling and Order of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Kenya at Nairobi (the Honourable Mr.Justice Madan) dated the 27th day of November, 1961 and the 6th day of December, 1961)

in

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 of 1961

Sardar Mohamed Maherally Shroff Appellant versus

The Commissioner of Income Tax Respondent

# <u>AND</u>

CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 of 1961

Sardar Mohamed Maherally Shroff Appellant

versus

The Commissioner of Income Tax

(Consolidated by Order of Court dated the 21st day of November, 1961)

# MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF, the Appellant above-named, appeals, with the leave of the Court below and after due compliance with the conditions upon which such leave was granted,

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Appellant

Respondent

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Memorandum of Appeal 15th February

to Her Majesty's Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa against the whole of the decision abovementioned, on the following grounds, namely:-

1. The learned judge misdirected himself in holding that the Appellant had not stated that he was prevented from presenting his Memorandum of Appeal and misconstrued the meaning of the word "prevented" in the proviso to Rule 3 of the Income Tax (Appeal to the Kenya Supreme Court) Rules, 1959.

2. The learned judge erred in finding that there had been an unreasonable delay on the Appellant's part.

3. The learned judge erred in holding that the fact that the Memorandum of Appeal had been presented only two days out of time was irrelevant.

4. The learned judge erroneously permitted himself to be influenced by the brevity and apparent simplicity of the Memorandum of Appeal and failed to appreciate that the said document did not necessarily reflect the time and labour involved in taking instructions for preparing the appeal and the statutory annexures thereto.

5. The learned judge erred in refusing the application for extension of time for the lodgment of appeal in all the circumstances of the case.

DATED at Nairobi this 15th day of February, 1962.

A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate for the Appellant.

#### TO:

The Honourable the Judges of Her Majesty's Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa.

And to:

The Legal Secretary, Eastern African Common Services Organisation, High Commission Building, P.O. Box 30005, NAIROBI.

The address for service of the Appellant is :

In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

No.19

Memorandum of Appeal 15th February 1962 continued

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In the Court care of A.S.G.KASSAM, Advocate, Sheikh of Appeal for Building, Victoria Street, Nairobi. Eastern Africa FILED the 15th day of February, 1962, at Nairobi. No.19 (Sgd.) R.M.PATEL Memorandum of for REGISTRAR, COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA. Appeal 15th February Drawn and filed by: 1962 A.S.G.KASSAM, continued Advocate, 10 Sheikh Building, Victoria Street, P.O.Box 9040, NAIROBI. No.20 NO.20 Notes of NOTES OF ARGUMENT OF FORBES V-P. Argument of H.M.COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA Forbes V-P. AT NAIROBI 18th October 1962 CIVIL APPEAL NO:15 OF 1962 BETWEEN SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant and THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent Notes taken by the Hon.the Vice-President Sir Alastair Forbes 18.10.62 Coram: Forbes V-P. Crawshaw J.A. Newbold J.A. K.C.Gautama for the Appellant G.C.Thornton for the Respondent Gautama: Appeal from refusal to grant enlargement of time. 1959 E.A. Sub. Leg. p.47. L.N. 12/1959 rule 3(1). Refer Proviso to rule 3(1).

P.28 of Record, 1.15. P. 5 of Record, para.8; para.12.

Submit the applicant had deponed that

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he was ill from 12/9 to 12/10 and so advocate could not proceed.

Also states he was "prevented".

Service presumed to be effect on 11/8.

45 days to file appeal.

Filed notice of appeal on 8/9 - i.e. on 28th day.

P.25 of Record.

Submit period from 12/9 to 12/10 was the most material. He instructed his Counsel at first opportunity. Submit no unreasonable delay.

<u>Ground 3</u>: Submit this is relevant; app. filed only 2 days out of time. If 3 months later, Court would not consider it.

Ground 4: Refer rule 5 at p.48.

Statements of facts should be considered with memo. of appeal. But Judge only looked at memo of appeal.

Counsel had to go through Appellant's affairs. (In reply to V-P.) Medical Certificate does not say in so many words that App. unable to attend to his affairs.

Thornton: (Not called on).

JUDGMENT

Appeal dismissed with costs.

A.G. Forbes V-P. 18.10.62.

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In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

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Notes of Argument of Forbes V-P. 18th October 1962 continued In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

# NOTES OF ARGUMENT OF CRAWSHAW J.A.

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#### H. M. COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA

Notes of Argument of Crawshaw J.A. 18th October 1962

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# AT NAIROBI

CIVIL APPEAL NO: 15 OF 1962

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

AND

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

Notes taken by the Hon. Justice of Appeal 11 Mr. Justice Crawshaw.

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18.10.62	Coram:	Forbes V-P
10.30 a.m.		Crawshaw J.A.
		Newbold J.A.

K.C.Gautama for Kassam for the Appellant G.C.Thornton for the Respondent.

<u>Gautama</u>: L. N. 12 of 1949 p.47 rule 3(1)-75 days to apply to J. - Proviso for extension in case of illness, etc.

> 28/14 - 34 ) Submit affidavit showed 5 para. 8 ) he was ill and advocate and para.12) could not therefore proceed with app.

Service on 11th August.

Notice on 8th September, - 28 days.

Ill - 12th October.

25/10 Submit no unreasonable delay, and that J. wrong in saying that only 2 days late was irrelevant.

Ground 4: Rule 5. J only looked at Memo 30 and not the S/Affairs. Large sum involved.

<u>Ground 16</u> : I agree medical certificate does not in so many words say that the Appellant unable to attend to any business.	In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa			
Court: Thornton not called upon.	No.21			
Appeal dismissed with costs.	Notes of			
E.D.W.Crawshaw, J.A. 18.10.62.	Argument of Crawshaw J.A.			
<u>N.B.</u> Medical certificate insufficient. Grounds of appeal to J. presumably similar to those before committee as Committee gave no reasons for dis- missing appeal.	18th October 1962 continued			
E.D.W.Crawshaw.				
NO.22	No.22			
NOTES OF ARGUMENT OF NEWBOLD J.A.	Notes of Argument of			
H. M. COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA	Newbold J.A. 18th October			
AT NAIROBI 18th Oct 1962.				
CIVIL APPEAL NO: 15 OF 1962				
SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant				
AND				
THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent				
Notes taken by the Hon.Justice of Appeal III Mr. Justice Newbold.				
18.10.62. Coram: Forbes V-P. 10.30 a.m. Crawshaw J.A. Newbold J.A.				
K.C. Gautama for the Appellant G.C. Thornton for the Respondent.				
Gautama: Appeal from refusal to extend time.				
IT (Appeal to K S C) Rules, 1959 rule 3(1) proviso.				
P.28 1.14 and 29 - prevented.				

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In the Court P.5 para.8 - unable to instruct of Appeal for Eastern Africa 12 - stated A. prevented. Ill from 12th September to 12 October -No.22 and prevented from filing affidavit. Notes of Rule 3(1) - 75 days. Argument of Newbold J.A. Service presumed on 11th August. 18th October 1962 N/A filed on 8th September, i.e.28 days. continued P.25 1.10 - if appeal could have been prepared would have been filed. To Ct. (V-P):Court: Forbes. (V-P): cannot say J. wrong. appeal with costs. Crawshaw: I agree. Newbold: Agree.

C.D.Newbold J.A. 18.10.62.

I should dismiss

Statement of facts take some time. 20 Medical certificate does not state in so many words that A. unable to attend to business. Do not require to hear Thornton. J. not satisfied that A. prevented from presenting appeal medical certificate does not show A could not give instructions - grounds same as before L.C. -

Submit period from 12th September to 12th October most material.

No unreasonable delay.

Submit that only two days out of time is relevant and not material.

Rule 5 - statement of facts.

Submit Memo and Statement of Facts equivalent to pleadings.

Assessments amount to large sum.

advocate

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# NO.23

# ORDER

#### IN HER MAJESTY'S COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN

# AFRICA

# AT NAIROBI

# CIVIL APPEAL NO:15 OF 1962.

#### BETWEEN

# SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

and

10 THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

(An Appeal from the Ruling and Order of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Kenya at Nairobi (The Honourable Mr.Justice Madan) dated the 27th day of November, 1961 and the 6th day of December, 1961).

in

#### Civil Appeal No:44 of 1961

#### BETWEEN

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

#### versus

20 THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent AND

# Civil Appeal No:45 of 1961

# . BETWEEN

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

#### versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

(CONSOLIDATED by Order of Court dated the 21st

In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

# No.23

Order 18th October 1962

In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

No.23

Order 18th October 1962 continued

In Court this 18th day of October, 1962. Before the Honourable the Vice-President (Sir Alastair Forbes) and the Honourable Mr.Justice Crawshaw, a Justice of Appeal and the Honourable Mr. Justice Newbold, a Justice of Appeal.

# ORDER

THIS APPEAL coming on for hearing this day <u>AND UPON HEARING</u> K.C.Gautama, Esq. of Counsel for the Appellant and G.C.Thornton, Esq. of Counsel for the Respondent Being not called on <u>IT IS ORDERED</u> that the Appeal be and is hereby dismissed AND that the Appellant do pay to the Respondent the costs of this Appeal.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court at Nairobi the 18th day of October 1962.

(Sgd.) F. HARLAND

REGISTRAR.

Issued this 11th day of December, 1962.

day of November, 1961).

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# ORDER GRANTING FINAL LEAVE TO APPEAL TO HER MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA

# AT NAIROBI

#### CIVIL APPLICATION NO:8 OF 1962.

(In the matter of an Intended Appeal to Her Majesty in Council).

#### BETWEEN

10	SARDAR	MOHAMED	MAHERALLY	SHROFF	Appellant
					(Applicant)

AND

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

(An Appeal from the Judgment and Order of Her Majesty's Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa at Nairobi dated the 18th day of October, 1962 in Civil Appeal No:15 of 1962.)

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

AND

O THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

IN CHAMBERS this 26th day of April, 1963.

Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Newbold, Justice of Appeal.

#### ORDER

UPON the application presented to this

In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

No.24

Order Granting Final Leave to Appeal to Her Majesty in Council 26th April 1963.

In the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa

No.24

Order Granting Final Leave to Appeal to Her Majesty in Council 26th April 1963. continued

Court on 8th day of April, 1963 by Counsel for the above-named Applicant for Final Leave to Appeal to Her Majesty in Council AND UPON READING the affidavit of ABDUL SULTAN GULAMHUSSEIN KASSAM of Nairobi in the Colony of Kenya, Advocate, sworn on 8th day of April, 1963 in support thereof AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Applicant AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Respondent THIS COURT DOTH ORDER that the application for final leave to appeal to Her Majesty in Council be granted AND DOTH DIRECT that the Record including this Order be dispatched to England within a week from the date of issue of this Order AND DOTH FURTHER ORDER that the costs of this application be costs in the appeal to Her Majesty in Council.

DATED at Nairobi this 26th day of April, 1963.

(Sgd.) F. HARLAND

REGISTRAR.

COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA.

Issued this 2nd day of May 1963.

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EXHIBIT S.1.A.

SEE PHOTOGRAPH PRINTED ON REVERSE. Appellant's Exhibits

S.l.A.

Income Tax Assessment No:52/39386 28th January 1961.

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EXHIBIT S.2.A.

Appellant's Exhibits

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Income Tax Assessment No:52/39387

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EXHIBIT S.1.

# CIVIL APPEAL NO.44 OF 1961

Dr. A.N.Bowry	Victoria Court
	(Old Central Hotel)
L.A.H.(Dublin),L.M. (Rotunda),	Tel.No.24965
L.P.S.I., L.M.P.C.P. (nag	g.) P.O.Box 4091 Nairobi.
Retired (Kenya Medical Service)	Date 12.10.1961.

To whom it may concern:-

This is to notify that Mr.Sardar Mohd. has been suffering from Hyper tension since 12.9.61 both inclusion, and is fit to resume his duties.

(Sgd.) A.N. Bowry.

EXHIBIT S.1.

#### CIVIL APPEAL NO.45 OF 1961.

Dr. A.N.Bowry L.A.H.(Dublin) L.M. (Rotunda), L.P.S.I.,L.M.P.C.P.(Nag.) Retired (Kenya Medical Service). Victoria Court (Old Central Hotel) Tel.No.24965 P.O.Box 4091, Nairobi. Date 12.10.1961.

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This is to notify that Mr. Sardar Mohd: has been suffering from Hyper tension since 12.9.61 both inclusion, and is fit to resume his duties.

(Sgd.) A.N. Bowry.

S.1.

Medical Certificate Civil Appeal No.45 of 1961 12th October 1961.

Appellant's Exhibits

S.1.

Medical Certificate

Civil Appeal No.44 of 1961 12th October 1961

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No.11 of 1963

ON APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR EASTERN AFRICA AT NAIROBI

# BETWEEN

SARDAR MOHAMED MAHERALLY SHROFF Appellant

– and –

THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX Respondent

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Solicitors for the Respondent.