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Desastre Barker

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Deputy Bailiff: The position that Barclays Bank found itself in despite what we said in our last judgement as regards verification of a person's assets, was that on the 3rd August there was a judgement which, if no action had been taken, would take precedence over anything else in case of further action being taken against Mr. Barker. The Bank therefore had only seven days within which to decide what it was to do and we cannot think that in making the application it was acting precipitously. It is clear to us that for the first time Mr. Barker's affairs appear to have been put in reasonable order, or understandable order, but that is due to the work of the Viscount and the pressure put upon Mr. Barker to put his affairs into some understandable order. That being so, we cannot think that the Bank was wrong in the action it took and we think it right that the Bank and the Viscount should have their taxed costs paid for by Mr. Barker and we order accordingly.