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ROYAL COURT (Samedi Division)

25th August, 1989

Before: The Bailiff and Jurats Coutanche and Orchard

Report on failure to elect two Centeniers in the Parish of St. Helier.

JUDG MENT

THE BAILIFF: Very well, Mr. Solicitor, the Court will place on record the disobedience of the electors in failing to produce the complete number of Centeniers. It will annul its Act of the 14th of July and the whole of the subsequent proceedings. It will fix a new election for the 4th October and the candidates to be sworn in on the 6th October. Jurat Coutanche will act as the Autorisé and we issue a peremptory order to the Parish of St. Helier to obey this court order on pain of contempt. I have to add that unless people are prepared to serve in an honorary capacity the honorary police of the island, the system will collapse and other arrangements might have to be made. I hope it never comes to that but unless we get sufficient people to serve and I know St. Helier is a difficult case because it has the bulk of the work, but unless people are prepared to come forward the system as I say will disappear which would be a pity, but I hope that you will be successful this time.