



CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA



JUDICIAL BRANCH
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

IN THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
OCTOBER TERM, A.D. 2025

PRESENT: HIS HONOR: YAMIE QUIQUI GBEISAY, SRCHIEF JUSTICE
" HER HONOR: JAMESSETTA H. WOLOKOLIE.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
" HIS HONOR: YUSSIF D. KABA.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
" HER HONOR CEANEH D. CLINTON JOHNSON.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
" HIS HONOR BOAKAI N. KANNEH.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

His Honour James W. Zotta, Jr., Assigned Circuit)
Criminal Court "A", and Mr. Amadu Diallo, also of)
the City of Monrovia, Liberia.....Movants)

Versus)

) MOTION TO STRIKE

Messrs David Cooper, Clifford Cooper, et al. all)
of The City of Monrovia, Liberia)
.....Respondents)

GROWING OUT OF THE CASE:)

Messrs David Cooper, Clifford Cooper, et al. all)
of The City of Monrovia, Liberia.....Petitioner)

Versus)

) PETITION FOR THE WRIT
) OF PROHIBITION

James Zotaa, Jr. Assigned Circuit Judge Criminal)
Assizes "A" and Mr. Amadou Diallo also of the)
City of Monrovia, Liberia.....Respondents)

JUDGMENT WITHOUT OPINION

When this case was called for hearing, Counsellor Milton D. Taylor of the Law Offices of Taylor and Associates appeared for the movants/respondents. Counsellors Emmanuel B James and Rosemarie B. James appeared for the respondents/petitioners.

That following the notation of representations, the Court proceeded to rule as follows:

That "a crime may be prosecuted in conformity with the provisions of this chapter by a complaint or an indictment." *Civil Procedure Law, Rev. Code:2.14.1.*

That "petit-larceny and all petty offenses shall be prosecuted by complaint. All other crimes shall be prosecuted by indictment." *Civil Procedure Law, Rev. Code:2.14.2.*

That the trial judge having unlawfully exercised jurisdiction over the parties from a letter of complaint and made a ruling from a conference therefrom, he acted contrary to the law extant.

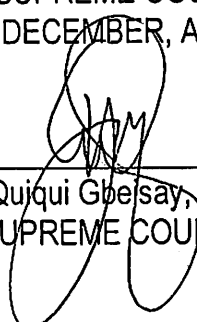
That "a final decision by a Supreme Court Justice in a proceeding in certiorari, mandamus, or prohibition may be appealed to the Supreme Court *en banc*. The appeal shall be heard and determined immediately, in or out of term time." *Civil Procedure Law, Rev. Code.1.16.26.*

That in the petition for the writ of prohibition, the respondents having failed to note exception and announced an appeal from the ruling of the Justice in Chambers to this Court *en banc*, this Court is estopped from hearing such matter.

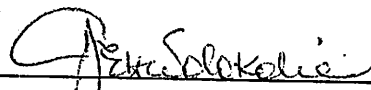
ADJUDGED:

That the matter not having been properly before this Court, due to the failure of the respondent to note exception and announced appeal from the ruling of the Justice in Chambers, this Court cannot exercise appellate jurisdiction in the instant case. The Clerk of this Court is ordered to send a Mandate to the trial court commanding the judge presiding therein to resume jurisdiction over the case and give effect to its final ruling of January 25, 2013. AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

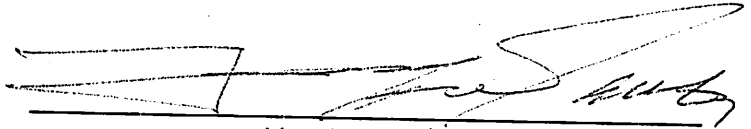
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF
THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA
THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2025



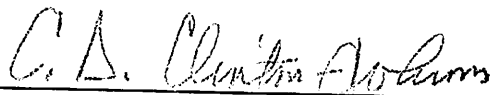
Yamie Quiqui Gbelsay, Sr.
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA



Jamesetta Howard Wolokolie
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA



Yussif D. Kaba
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA



Ceaineh D. Clinton-Johnson.
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

Note: Mr. Justice Boakai N. Kanneh, having not been an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, did not participate in the hearing and determination of this case; hence, he did not sign this Judgment.