

1894 attendance of the accused and permit him to appear by his  
 BASUMOTI pleader. The application of this section is not limited to summons  
 ADHIKARINI cases, but to any case in which a Magistrate may issue a summons.  
 v. Section 205 consequently applies to a case of this description.  
 BUDRAM With the expression of this opinion as to the law, we leave it  
 KALITA. to the Magistrate to exercise such discretion as he thinks fit and  
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[On appeal from the Court of the Judicial Commissioner, Central  
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*Arbitration—Submission to arbitration—Award not disposing of all the mat-  
 ters referred—Finality of award—Validity of award—Consent of parties.*

The ground for holding an award to be invalid on account of its not disposing of all the matters referred appears to be that there is an implied condition in the submission of the parties to the arbitration that the award shall dispose of all. This condition may be waived by the consent of the parties before the arbitrators.

The partition of joint estate, consisting of different properties, having been submitted to arbitration, and the parties agreeing to a division being made by steps, and that each division should be final, without any condition that the award should not be final while part remained undivided: *Held*, in a suit brought by one of the parties for partition of the whole estate, after such a division of part, that, although cases cited as to the invalidity\* of an incomplete award might have been applicable had the arbitrators awarded as to only part of the property of their own authority, and without that of the parties, it was competent to the latter to agree before the arbitrators to the division being made as it had been; and that here the partition, as to the property divided, was final. Only a decree for the partition of the undivided residue could be made.

APPEAL from a decree (16th July 1888) of the Judicial Commissioner, in part affirming and in part modifying a decree (28th August 1887) of the Commissioner, Nerbudda, which decree affirmed, with modifications, after two remands and intermediate

\* *Present*: LORDS WATSON, HOBHOUSE, and SHAND, and SIR R. COUCH.

proceedings, a decree (18th September 1878) of the Deputy Commissioner, Nimar.

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The question here raised was as to the effect of an award of the 3rd September 1874, made by arbitrators appointed by two brothers to make partition between them of all the ancestral and other estate held by them jointly, that award not having divided all the joint property. The award of 1874 was not filed under section 327, Act VIII of 1859, then in force. The Deputy Commissioner, Nimar, refused, on the ground of the award having been incomplete, to order this award to be filed, on an application made in January 1875 by one of the two brothers, Tulsi Ram, father of Saliq Ram, now respondent. Division of part of the joint family property belonging to the two brothers was made; but Makund Ram, the other brother, declining to abide by the award, brought this suit against his brother Tulsi Ram for partition of the whole joint estate, valuing it at more than thirteen lakhs. Tulsi Ram died in 1885, his son Saliq, thenceforth, representing him. The plaint alleged that the dispute was about the undivided property remaining "in their respective wrongful possessions," and that the award being incomplete was inoperative. The defence of Tulsi Ram was that partition could only be claimed of that part of the joint estate which had not been already divided by the award, and he set forth in separate schedules the divided and the undivided property. The only issues, material to this report, were whether the award was valid, and to what extent; and whether the property in the defendant's possession under the award belonged to him. On the 18th September 1878 the Deputy Commissioner, Nimar, found these issues in favour of the defendant, and he decreed division of the property not yet divided, dismissing the claim as to the other." On the 2nd September 1879 the Appellate Court, the Commissioner, Jabalpur, remanded the suit. Intermediate proceedings, which need not be specified, lasted till the 15th October 1883, when the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshangabad, issued a commission to Narain Seth, one of the original arbitrators, who filed lists setting forth a division of the property still undivided. On return after remand, on the 1st May 1884, the decree of the first Court was upheld by the Court above, the Commissioner, Nerbudda. On appeal to the Judicial

1893-94 Commissioner the suit was again, on the 17th August 1885, remanded. Upon this a decision was given by the same Commissioner on the 22nd April 1886 dealing with all the questions of fact as to Makund's freedom of action, and as to the conduct of the arbitrators, and directing the lower Court to appoint fresh Commissioners, who should take up the report of the 15th October 1883 as the basis of their enquiry, and themselves report upon it. This report was made on the 25th June 1887, supporting the conclusions of the former in most particulars. On the 19th August 1887, the ultimate decree of the Nerbudda Court upheld the award of the 3rd September 1874, and decreed that the residue of the property should be divided in accordance with the report of the 25th June 1887, except as regarded three villages. These three were to be allotted to Makund, and the defendant Saliq Ram, in lieu of his share thereof, was to receive Rs. 24,000, each party to pay their own costs. On the 16th July 1888, the Judicial Commissioner gave judgment as follows, on the point to which this appeal mainly related, *viz.*, whether the award of 1874, though incomplete, was valid, or was invalid, for want of finality :—

“The arbitrators are to make an equal partition, that is really what the direction is, and there is no special provision as to how the partition is to be made, whether by actual metes and bounds, or in what way. In the case of *Gajapathi Radhika v. Gajapathi Nilamani* (1) it was said: “A document of this character between natives should not be construed “narrowly by a strict interpretation of the literal meaning of the words. “Its object and general spirit are the best keys to the interpretation of “language probably not very carefully studied.” This principle should, I think, be applied in the present case. What the parties wanted was to have a partition made in the manner most suitable under the circumstances. I do not think they intended that, unless the arbitrators divided by actual metes and bounds every plot of ground, or divided in specie all the miscellaneous property, the award should be invalid. The award is, no doubt, incomplete; but, except as regards the bonds and securities which the arbitrators were not allowed to divide, and the property which was not submitted to them for division, it was just such a partition as the parties probably would have made for themselves. Moreover, according to Russell (p. 267), the rule originally was, that unless there was an express condition that the award be made of and concerning the premises, an award respecting one matter submitted was good, provided that it was not necessary, to make the award just, that the other matters should also have

(1) 13 Moo. I. A., 509 : 6 B. L. R., 202.

been decided. The modern rule is, he says, that "an express condition is not required; but the question in all cases to be decided is, whether the terms of the submission show that the parties mean every point in dispute to be decided by the arbitrators. . . . As it is not ordinarily the intent of the parties that some matters only should be determined, and that they should be at liberty to go to law for the rest, it follows that the arbitrator is generally bound to make a final decision upon all the matters referred to him, in order that his award as to any should be effectual." This principle was followed in a Bombay case, *Dandekar v. Dandekars* (1) referred to by the learned Counsel. But I think the rule should be applied liberally in a case like the present, regard being had to the way in which Hindu families themselves partition property, absolutely dividing some of it, and leaving a part undivided to suit their convenience. . . . Russell goes on to say that if there be a clause empowering the arbitrator to make one or more awards at his discretion, the Courts, unless there be something repugnant to such a view, will hold that the arbitrator may make a valid and final award on one matter only, for the parties do not make it a condition to the validity of his decision on one subject that all matters should be disposed of by him (see also *Lewis v. Rossiter* (2), *per* Bramwell, B. If, then, in the present case there had been a clause empowering the arbitrator to make one or more awards at his discretion, the award would have been undoubtedly valid. As I understand the rule as to want of finality rendering an award invalid, it is based on the wording of the submission especially, and on what may reasonably be taken to be the intention of the parties, because the submission alone invests the arbitrator with authority, defines his duties, and is the foundation of his proceedings. Therefore I do not think it would be right to apply the English rule strictly in an Indian case, where the submission to arbitration is not written by one who is conversant with the law; but I would rather look to what was the probable intention of the parties, and what the justice of the case requires. I can see no injustice to either party in upholding the award in so far as it actually effects a partition. The cash and ornaments, the Bhonas house, the 26 villages in the Harda *tahsil*, and the houses in Harda, properly formed subjects for a separate partition. The parties had quarrelled and wished to separate, and they appointed a *panchayat* to divide their family property. If the *panchayat* succeeded in dividing the whole of the property, that would of course be most satisfactory; but, considering the nature of the property, I think that the parties could hardly have expected this, and that they must have contemplated that the award of the arbitrators would be valid as regards the property divided, even though the whole was not divided. As regards the property which was not brought to the notice of the arbitrators, the failure to divide it cannot be held to vitiate the award. If a question is not brought before an arbitrator for decision, the fact that he does not decide the question does not detract from the finality of his award. Then the bonds and securities could not be

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(1) I. L. R., 6 Bom., 663.

(2) 44 L. J. Exch., 136 at p. 139.

1893-94 divided because Makund Ram locked them up, and it is not for him to object to the award because it does not divide these bonds. Of the rest of the property, what was left undivided without satisfactory reasons is, I have shown, property of little importance. I would notice also that as a great part of the property consisted of revenue-paying estates, complete partition of which could only be effected by the Collector, the parties could not have contemplated that the arbitrators would necessarily be able to make an absolute complete partition.

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“For these reasons I am of opinion that the award cannot be set aside on the ground that it was not final.”

On an appeal from the Judicial Commissioner's judgment, Mr. *R. B. Finlay, Q.C.*, and Mr. *C. W. Arrathoon*, for the appellant, argued that the award of 1874, having been indefinite and incomplete, was not final; and that the fact of its having been made was no answer to the claim. It was a general rule that an award must be made *ita quod fiat de præmissis*. Makund Ram had consented to partition by award, but that award was to have been complete and final. Wherefore, the award was ineffective to preclude a decree from being made for the partition of the whole of the family estate. It was not a correct conclusion to infer, from Makund's acts, his consent to there being an award made of part, the real submission and agreement of the parties having been that the award should be accepted, or rejected, in its entirety. There were also acts done, in connection with the making of the award, under official pressure, which had prevented the exercise by the arbitrators of their free and independent judgment. There had been official interference, and repeatedly during the proceedings the consent, said to have been given by the plaintiff, had not been freely given. He had objected to going on, and pressure had been exercised by Government officers.

The cases of *Randal v. Randal* (1); *Stone v. Phillips* (2); *Wakefield v. Lanelly Railway Co.* (3) were referred to.

Mr. *J. D. Mayne* and Mr. *N. D. Allbless*, for the respondent, contended that the arbitrators' award was an effectual partition of all the property which it purported to divide. It was not affected

(1) 7 East., 81.

(2) 4 Bing., N.C., 37.

(3) 11 Jur., N. S., 456.

by the partition of the whole estate not having been completed, and was an answer to so much of this claim as related to the properties already partitioned by that award. Omission to consider a point on which the conclusion depended might have affected the validity of the award. But here no principle on which the award proceeded could be affected by the partition having been left unfinished. Thus, there was no real want of finality in the award. The divided property was separable from what had been left undivided, and the parties had accepted what had been apportioned to them. The conduct of the parties showed submission on their part to the arbitrators' action, and there was no condition, express or implied, that there should be no partition unless it should be a partition of the whole family estate. It had been the result of the plaintiff's own obstructiveness that part of the joint property had been left undivided, and to proceed by dividing part at a time was in no way inconsistent with the original reference. Upon all material questions of fact, the final decision of the first Appellate Court, the Commissioner of the Nerbulda division, was conclusive, and regarding all questions of law the judgment of the last Appellate Court, the Judicial Commissioner, was correct, and should be maintained.

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Mr. C. W. Arathoon replied.

Afterwards, on the 27th January 1894, their Lordships' judgment was delivered by

SIR R. COUCH.—Makund Ram, the appellant, and Tulsi Ram, the father of the respondent, were brothers, and the suit from which this appeal arises was brought by Makund Ram against Tulsi Ram for partition of moveable and immoveable property in their joint possession, full details of which were given in lists annexed to the plaint. Tulsi Ram, in his written statement, admitted that he and Makund Ram were brothers and were entitled to the property in equal shares, but he submitted that the greater part of it had been partitioned, and that Makund Ram, the plaintiff, was only entitled to claim partition as regards such of the property as remained unpartitioned, the particulars of which were given in Schedules F. and G. to the written statement. He alleged that by an agreement dated the 14th of May 1874 it was

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referred to arbitrators appointed by the parties to make partition of all the property ; that the arbitrators met and proceeded step by step, at the request and with the consent of the parties, to divide the great bulk of the property, and the plaintiff and defendant each took possession of what came to his share ; and he prayed that the property which had not been partitioned or divided might be partitioned and divided by the Court. —

The agreement to refer is in these terms :—

“ We Makund Ram and Tulsi Ram Sukals are zemindars of *mousa* Bhonas, *talsi* Harda in the Hoshangabad district. Whereas we, both brothers, are not on good terms with each other, it is evident that it is not proper now to live jointly. Within British dominions each of us two brothers is entitled to half and half share of moveable and immoveable property, whether ancestral or self-acquired or standing in the names of sons nominally ; and we wish that the aforesaid property may be divided into two equal shares by arbitration. We therefore on our behalf nominate Narain Bhai Seth resident of Timurni, Sukhdeo Seth resident of Harda, and Manikchand Seth agent of Bhajju Shah Deochand Seth and residing at Hoshangabad, as arbitrators ; and we hereby agree and bind ourselves in writing that none of us two will object to the taking and accepting of a thing allotted to his share by the arbitrators abovenamed having equally divided the property into two shares of the two brothers.”

On the 3rd September 1874 the arbitrators made their award, the first part of which is as follows :—

“ 1. On the 15th May we held a meeting at village Bhonas and we allowed both the parties to divide cash, gold, silver, jewels, and precious stones, &c., between them. We adopted this measure with a view that strangers may not obtain a knowledge of such property. Both the brothers accepted and agreed to this arrangement and divided the property mutually. They admitted having done so before Mr. Nedham, Assistant Commissioner, and all the arbitrators. Further they took possession of their respective shares.

“ 2. On the 16th May the arbitrators proposed as follows regarding the division of the dwelling-house at *mousa* Bhonas. We the arbitrators arranged to divide the dwelling-house into two equal parts and to draw the share of each brother by lots. They would have then taken the share falling to their respective lots, but Makund Ram Sukal refused to draw lots, and stated that if Tulsi Ram paid him half price of the house to be fixed by him he can take the house. And if he does not like to do so he Makund Ram would take the same and pay Tulsi Ram half the price. On this the meeting of the arbitrators closed (for that day). On the 17th day of the same month before Manikchand and Sukhdeo Seth, Makund Ram valued the house at thirty thousand rupees, and stated that if Tulsi Ram pays him Rs. 15,000, *viz.* half of that amount (Rs. 30,000), he can possess the house with its limits. Tulsi Ram accepted.

the above arrangement and expressed his willingness to pay up Rs. 15,000 and to take possession of the house. On this, Makund Ram Sukal backed out of his agreement and the meeting of the arbitrators closed that day in consequence. Again, on the 31st May, we the arbitrators, except Manikchand, went to *mouza* Bhonas to divide the house in question. At this time the property of the description of clothes, utensils, &c., was divided. Regarding the partition of the house both the brothers at our advice agreed to divide the house according to the plan drawn up by us on the same day. This plan shows the boundaries of the house. Both the brothers signed this plan and accepted partition according to it. They attested this partition before Mr. Nedham and us the arbitrators in whose presence it took place. They also took possession of their respective shares. Further, Makund Ram agreed to receive Rs. 1,000 as damages and cost of building walls, &c., and Tulsi Ram Sukal agreed to pay up the sum, and therefore Makund Ram is entitled to get this amount. The above partition took place with our unanimous opinion and full consent of both parties. Northern part of the house came into the share of Tulsi Ram, while the southern came into the share of Makund Ram."

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The award then proceeds to divide the Harda villages. states that two lists were prepared by Makund Ram, one of Bhonas circle and the other of Pokharnee, the properties in them being found by the arbitrators to be of equal value. Tulsi Ram agreed to take Bhonas circle and Makund Ram, the award says, accepted Pokharnee of his own free will; that the arbitrators signed the lists, and both the brothers took possession of their shares. The list of the villages in each circle is given in the award. It then states that all the houses situate in Harda were divided on the 29th and 30th June with the unanimous consent of the arbitrators, and a plan drawn in English and Hindi was filed which showed what houses were allotted to Tulsi Ram and what to Makund Ram. One named house was to remain in the possession of Tulsi Ram, he paying Rs. 600 to Makund Ram. The award then states that the houses were divided by two lists being made and lots drawn. It then states that on the 2nd of August the arbitrators assembled to divide the remaining undivided property, and that they divided all the property according to the lists filed by Tulsi Ram in the manner after stated, but with the exception of grain the remainder of the award does not make a partition of the property, and it has been seen that Tulsi Ram in his written statement admitted this. An application to file the



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award, under the provisions of section 327 of the Civil Procedure Code, was made by Tulsi Ram on the 21st January 1875 and was refused on the 29th March 1875 on the ground that the award was incomplete and incapable of execution.

In 1877 Makund Ram brought his suit for partition. It was first tried by the Deputy Commissioner of Nimar, who gave his judgment on the 18th September 1878. In it he found that soon after the arbitration commenced Makund Ram showed by his general behaviour and various overt acts his dissent from nearly all the decisions of the arbitrators as they were given from time to time, and that it was mainly due to his persistent obstructiveness that a full and complete award was not given, but that whether under protest or no he took possession of the share of the landed property that was awarded to him. The decree was that the plaintiff's claim for partition for such of the family property as was described in the award of the arbitrators should be dismissed, that the debts due to the family before the partition should be divided under the orders of the Court into two equal shares, and that the property described in the Schedules F. and G. should also be divided into two equal shares.

Makund Ram appealed to the Court of the Additional Commissioner, and the suit was on the 2nd April 1879 remanded by that Court in order that the value of the undivided property might be ascertained in such a manner as might enable the lower Court to divide it equally between the plaintiff and defendant. The proceedings on this remand were returned to the Additional Commissioner's Court of the Nerbudda Division to which the suit had been transferred, and it appearing that there was a technical objection which invalidated them the suit was on the 3rd January 1880 again remanded. After this there appears to have been great delay on the part of the Deputy Commissioner of Nimar, and the suit was, by an order of the 19th April 1883, transferred to the Court of the Deputy Commissioner of Hoshangabad. The record and proceedings, with a report of Commissioners of the 16th October 1883, having been returned by the Deputy Commissioner to the Commissioner's Court, Nerbudda Division, judgment was given on the 1st May 1884. In it the Commissioner

held that so much of the plaintiff's pleas in appeal as related to the arbitrators and their award had been disposed of by the Additional Commissioner's judgment of the 2nd April 1879, and made a decree upholding so much of the decree of the lower Court of the 18th September 1878 as dismissed the plaintiff's claim for partition of property divided by the award, and modified the rest of that decree by adopting the Commissioner's report of the 16th October 1883, and the lists marked 1, 2.

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From this decree the plaintiff appealed to the Judicial Commissioner, and Tulsi Ram having died, Saliq Ram, his son and heir, was made respondent. On the 17th August 1885, on an objection by the plaintiff that the judgment of the Additional Commissioner of the 2nd April 1879 did not dispose of his objections to the decision of the Deputy Commissioner of Nimar of the 18th September 1878 in respect of the validity of the partition of property made by the arbitrators, and that the plaintiff was entitled to have those objections in appeal adjudicated on, the Judicial Commissioner held that the plaintiff was so entitled, and that it was not sufficient simply to ignore them; and the suit was remanded to the lower Appellate Court to decide the pleas in appeal against the decision of the first Court declaring that the partitions of property made in 1874 by the arbitrators or otherwise were valid and not liable to be disturbed. The judgment of the Commissioner on this remand was given on the 22nd April 1886, and being a judgment of a first Appellate Court it is, as regards the facts found, final.

It will be convenient here to notice that the objections taken in this appeal by Mr. Finlay on behalf of the plaintiff were that the award was bad, as it did not deal with all the matters submitted, and was uncertain, and that Makund Ram objected to go on and only did so under pressure. The judgment says: "I hold that the appellant has altogether failed to show that the reference to arbitration was made under misapprehension, and still less under compulsion. . . . As to compulsion it is absurd on the face of it, having regard to the plaintiff's age and position at the time, and to the fact that no one of the local authorities had any conceivable interest in bringing compulsion to bear on either party. . . . The point for determination seems to be what weight is to be

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attached to the appellant's own signature of the document whereby he elected the Pokharnee *chuck*. On this point the document itself is the best evidence, and I entirely agree in the view urged by respondent's Counsel that this document represents an amicable division, voluntarily and deliberately made by both parties. Some inequality in the net profits of the *chucks* was apparent on the face of the lists when they were signed, but I must hold that the plaintiff knew quite well what he was about when he signed them, and that he signed deliberately . . . . As to the cash gold and ornaments I agree with the lower Court that they were amicably divided between the parties at the arbitrators' suggestion and instance. . . . As regards the house at Bhonas there is every reason to believe that the division was amicable and complete. As regards the Harda houses there is no evidence of inequality or unfairness in the award."

This judgment is a complete answer to the objection that Makund Ram was under pressure and was compelled to agree to the arbitration and to proceed with it. Also it is found as a fact that the parties agreed to and made a division of parts of the property without any condition that this was not to be final and was to be dependent upon the whole of the property being divided.

If the arbitrators had done this by their own authority only, the cases referred to by Mr. Finlay might have been applicable, but it was competent to the parties, when they were before the arbitrators, to agree to the division being made by steps, and that each division should be final. It was a convenient plan and it was for their interest to adopt it. They might waive the condition that a complete partition must be made of the whole of the property. The ground upon which an award which does not dispose of all the matters referred has been held to be invalid appears to be that there is an implied condition that it shall do so. Upon the facts which have been found by the first Appellate Court their Lordships think that the award, so far as it makes a division of the property, is valid.

A report of Commissioners as to the division of the property not divided by the award having been submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, he, on the 6th July 1887, submitted the papers to

the Court of the Commissioner of the Nerbudda Division, the Judge of which made a decree in these terms : "It is ordered that—(1) The arbitration award, dated 3rd September 1874, is upheld with respect to all property said in that award to have been divided ; (2) that the undivided property will now be divided in accordance with the list appended to the Commissioner's report, dated 25th June 1887, which has been fully accepted except as regards the three villages of Sonkheri, Lakhanpur, and Samara. Those three villages will now be allotted to plaintiff Makund Ram, and defendant Saliq Ram will receive in lieu thereof Rs. 24,000."

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Saliq Ram appealed to the Judicial Commissioner, one of his grounds being that the lower Appellate Court ought to have awarded to him a half share of the villages and the rents and profits thereof, inasmuch as they were acquired by the use of joint family funds : and Makund Ram filed objections under section 561 of the Civil Procedure Code. The facts as to these villages are that one Khushal Patel owed a debt of Rs. 48,000 to the joint family of Makund Ram and Tulsī Ram, and that shortly after the award was delivered in 1874 Makund Ram, by means of a *benami* transaction, took Rs. 10,000 in cash and a conveyance in his son's name of the three villages in lieu of the joint debt. It was not disputed before the Judicial Commissioner that this was the result of the finding of facts in the Commissioner's report. The Judicial Commissioner modified the decree of the lower Appellate Court so far as it affected the three villages, and some land situate in the town of Harda, about which there is no question now, and decreed that the three villages should be divided equally between the parties, and that Makund Ram should pay to Saliq Ram Rs. 5,000, being half of the Rs. 10,000. Whether this is right is the only remaining question in this appeal. It seems to have been contended that the taking a conveyance in his son's name shows that Makund Ram intended to buy the villages for himself and not for the family, but the agreement to refer shows that family property might be in a son's name. Makund Ram might, as manager of the family property, and honestly, agree to this way of settling the debt of Khushal. He would have no authority, and it would be contrary to his duty as manager, or as

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*Appeal dismissed.*

Solicitors for the appellant : Messrs. T. L. Wilson & Co.

Solicitors for the respondent : Messrs. Burrow & Rogers.

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## APPELLATE CIVIL.

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Feb. 28.

*Before Mr. Justice O'Kinealy and Mr. Justice Ameer Ali.*

GOLAP CHAND NOWLAKHA AND OTHERS (DEFENDANTS) v. ASHUTOSH CHATTERJEE (PLAINTIFF).<sup>\*</sup>

*Bengal Tenancy Act (VIII of 1885), section 158—Tenure, Incidents of—Tenants, Applications against several—Form of Petition—Practice.*

Section 158 of the Bengal Tenancy Act does not authorize one application being made against a number of tenure-holders having separate and distinct tenures. The proper procedure is by separate applications against each.

The petitioner having, on the 25th June 1890, become the purchaser of *mehal* Huda Burnagar at a revenue sale under Act XI of 1859, and having taken delivery of possession through the Collectorate, applied in the Court of the Subordinate Judge of Murshedabad under section 158 of the Bengal Tenancy Act :

- (a) to determine the names, places of abode and other particulars of the parties holding possession of *mouza* Girdgury appertaining to the purchased *mehal*, and also to determine what are the rights of such parties ;

<sup>\*</sup> Appeal from Order No 114 of 1893 against the order of R. H. Anderson, Esq., Officiating District Judge of Murshedabad, dated the 10th of March 1893, reversing the order of Bahoo Kali Churn Ghosal, Subordinate Judge of that district, dated the 18th of December 1892.