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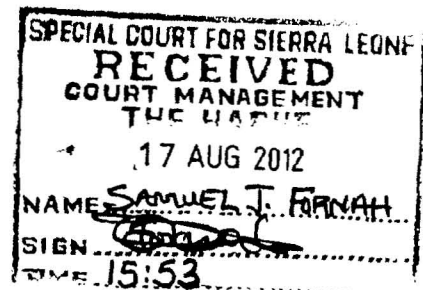
TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Justice Teresa Doherty, Single Judge

Binta Mansaray

Case No.: SCSL-12-01-T

Date: 17 August 2012



In the Matter of Contempt Proceedings Arising from the Case of  
The Prosecutor v. Charles Ghankay Taylor

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DIRECTION TO DEFENDANT COUNSEL

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I, Justice Teresa Doherty, Single Judge of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“Special Court”);

RECALLING that on 6 July 2012 I ordered, by consent, that submissions in this matter be filed by the Prosecutor by 12 July 2012 and by the Defendant Counsel by 26 July 2012;<sup>1</sup>

COGNISANT of the provisions of Article 17 of the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Rules 29, 72, 73 and 77 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (“the Rules”);

NOTING that the Prosecutor has filed her submissions in accordance with the order;<sup>2</sup>

NOTING that by an email dated 9 July 2012 addressed to the legal officer of the Trial Chamber, the Defendant Counsel asked for “the formal document” assigning the case to the Single Judge and stating that he had been “advised to halt any further processes until this matter is clarified” which *ex parte* email could not be brought to the attention of the Single Judge in a timely manner;

CONSIDERING that emails to legal officers are not a proper legal procedure provided in the Rules to raise issues of jurisdiction or other judicial process;

CONSIDERING FURTHER that a party cannot unilaterally decide to refuse to conform with a Court order but in the exceptional circumstances arising in this case;

DIRECTS Defence Counsel to conform to the consent order of 6 July 2012 by the 22 August 2012.

Done at The Hague, The Netherlands this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.



[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]

<sup>1</sup> Transcript 6 July 2012 p. 49790.

<sup>2</sup> SCSL-12-01-T-001.