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Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

His Excellency the Governor feels his duty to record on the Minutes of Council the strong sense he entertains of the benefit derived to this Government from every part of the conduct of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Alexander Johnston, during the period he administered the high office of Chief Justice in this Island.

His Excellency the Governor has no right to give any opinion on the subject of his mere Judicial Conduct in that high situation, but the general arrangements he has made in the whole of the Judicial Department of the Island, the general system he has introduced and the Police Regulations he has been the principal means of establishing with a view to the great and wise political end of preventing the perpetration of offences, call for the most unequivocal testimony of His Excellency's approbation and gratitude.

His Excellency will therefore feel it a most necessary and pleasing part of his duty to lay out his Majesty's Feet the strong sense he entertains of the merits of Mr. Johnston.

Johnston: both for the General line of Conduct he has invariably  
pursued and for that Steady and uniform Support Which must  
ever tend to maintain the Character and increase the respectability of  
His Majesty's Government in this Island —

By His Excellency's Command —  
(Signed) John Rodney —  
Chief Secy to Govt.

Colombo April  
14<sup>th</sup> 1807 —