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Petition of P. B. Messman

asking for retrial in Civil case Messman v. Verdi.
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~~Prof. Messman~~ ~~Verdi~~ Mr. G. Fuller

It is a pity that this miserable little business ever came into Court.

① From the range of the Petition I gather that the Petitioner, Messman, brought an action against Verdi ¹⁹¹³ for defamation, Verdi having alleged that Messman had kissed the wife of a certain Kharas with whom he was a paying guest. Both sides appear to have lit vigorously and the Magistrate found it more reasonable to believe Verdi's story, i.e. that the defamatory statement was true. But as the statement was not made in good faith, in the public interest or in for the good of some person, Verdi had no right to make the statement and he was found guilty under sec. 500 of the I.P.C. (Rs 15 or seven days) - see pages 12, 13 of enclosure

② Mr. Kharas also brought an action against Verdi 19 Feb 1913 (No 42 of 1912)

Judge Bank (page 21) made no decision as to the truth or ~~with~~ ~~truth~~ of the statement

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to him.

2. I have however
to add that if and
when Mr Rodrigues ceases
~~to draw the allowance~~
to be responsible for the
loan accounts, the
allowance, even if it
is continued ^{to his successor,} will cease
to be pensionable.

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28 April 1914

Sir,

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No. 295

Sr H. Belfield

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I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch, No.
272, of the 25 of March, and
to inform you that I
approve of your
proposal that the
allowance of £60 granted
to Mr Rodrigues for
keeping the loan accounts
of the Port. should be
included in the sum of
his personal emoluments,
and shown in the Ests.
for 1915-16 with a footnote
to the effect that the
salary is personal

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