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## JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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THE HONOURABLE SIR GEORGE JOHN ROBERT MURRAY,  
K.C.M.G., CHIEF JUSTICE.

THE HONOURABLE HERBERT ANGAS PARSONS.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN MELLIS NAPIER.

THE HONOURABLE FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDS.

THE HONOURABLE ARTHUR WILLIAM PIPER.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

THE HONOURABLE SHIRLEY WILLIAM JEFFRIES, M.P.

## MEMORANDUM.

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On 26th April 1935 the Honourable Mr. Justice Angas Parsons was appointed Acting Chief Justice during the absence of the Honourable Sir George John Robert Murray, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice, on a visit to England, and G. S. Reed, Esq., a Practitioner of the Supreme Court, was appointed an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court.

On 2nd May 1935 the Honourable Acting Chief Justice and the Honourable Mr. Acting Justice Reed presented their commissions appointing them Acting Chief Justice and Acting Judge respectively.

After the commissions were read Mr. E. E. Cleland K.C., on behalf of members of the Bar offered congratulations to the Honourable the Acting Chief Justice and the Honourable Acting Judge.

The Honourable Acting Chief Justice and the Honourable Mr. Acting Justice Reed then addressed the members of the Bar and others present as follows:—

*Angas Parsons A.C.J.* Mr. Cleland and members of the Bar. It has given me great pleasure indeed to hear what has been said by you, Mr. Cleland, on behalf of the Bar as regards myself and as regards my brother Reed. The occasion of the gathering is, of course, the fact that at long last, and with great hesitation, the learned Chief Justice of this Court has been persuaded to take a holiday; and I am sure that all his colleagues and all the members of the Bar will feel that that holiday has been justly earned, and hope that it will be happily enjoyed. This is not the occasion to attempt to express what the Bench and Bar agree is the measure of the worth of the Chief Justice.

The gathering this morning reminds my colleagues and myself and many members of the Bar present of a corresponding occasion which occurred on the 10th March 1925—a little more than ten years ago—when, on that occasion, our late brother Poole was appointed to the office of Acting Chief Justice and was welcomed by his colleagues and by the Bar. It is a matter of infinite regret to us all that two years later death called him from amongst us and from his work. His death was a loss, not only to his colleagues, not only to the profession, but to the whole State of South Australia. Our only consolation is that he has left a record of his learning and power of discernment in his reported decisions, and he abides in our memories as one who was a great Judge.

What you have said about me, Mr. Cleland, particularly the words assuring me of respect and of affection by my fellow-members of the Bar towards me, make me wish that I could deserve all that has been said to the full. It is over fourteen years since I was assured by the Bar on my appointment as a Judge of this Court of their loyal co-operation and assistance at all times, and that promise has been more than fulfilled. I should like to say how much I owe as a debt to my colleagues for their unfailing courtesy to me and their willingness out of their learning and experience to help me in times of difficulty. While the Bench is entitled to expect the support and assistance of the Bar, believe me, the Bench is always grateful for the generous manner in which that support and assistance is given. And may I conclude by saying on behalf of my colleagues and myself that we join in your welcome to our brother Reed.

*Reed A.J.* First of all, may I thank the Acting Chief Justice and the other members of the Bench for their cordial welcome, and to you, Mr. Cleland, I extend my thanks for your kind congratulations on the high honour bestowed upon me. I am very deeply sensible of the obligations which my appointment involves and, with the assistance of the members of the Bench and the co-operation of the Bar, I will do all in my power to discharge them; and I will do my utmost to serve the community as far as lies within my power. I hope when the time comes for me to lay down my appointment that I will have earned the esteem of the members of the Bar.