



Administration of Justice Act 1977

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PART II

ENGLAND AND WALES

Land Registration

25 Inspection and copying of registers and documents in custody of Land Registry in connection with criminal proceedings etc.

- (1) The following section shall be inserted after section 112 of the Land Registration Act 1925:—

“112A Inspection in connection with criminal proceedings etc.

- (1) If—

- (a) the Director of Public Prosecutions, a chief officer of police or an official receiver applies to the registrar for permission to make an inspection under this section in relation to a person specified in the application or to property so specified, and
- (b) gives the registrar an appropriate certificate,

the registrar shall permit him to inspect and make copies of and extracts from any register or document kept in the custody of the registrar so far as it relates to the person or property so specified.

- (2) In subsection (1) above " appropriate certificate " means a certificate—

- (a) that—

- (i) a criminal offence specified in the certificate has been or is reasonably suspected to have been committed, and
- (ii) there is reason to believe that the register may contain information relevant to the investigation of the offence or to the institution of proceedings for it, or

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- (b) that—
 - (i) a person specified in the certificate has been convicted of a criminal offence so specified, and
 - (ii) there is reason to believe that the register may contain information relevant to the institution of proceedings for making available for distribution or otherwise for recovering the proceeds of the commission of that offence or any other offence taken into consideration by the court dealing with him for it.
 - (3) The powers conferred on a chief officer of police by this section may be exercised on behalf of a chief officer of police by any police officer not below the rank of superintendent.
 - (4) In this section " official receiver " means an official receiver appointed under section 70 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 or section 233 of the Companies Act 1948.”.
- (2) Accordingly, in section 112 of that Act (general provision as to inspection of register and other documents at Land Registry) after the word " Subject" there shall be inserted the words " to section 112A below and ".