

7th March, 1986.

A.G. -v- Stephen Le Feuvre Hotton

Infractions of Island Planning (Jersey) Law, 1964.

DEPUTY BAILIFF: The Court is convinced that 'sinking ship' was the right description, that the defendant has tried to delay his compliance to the very end. He was prosecuted, as we have heard, in July, 1985. He gave definite assurances to the Court which led them to say that there would be no further summons until December, 1985. He did not order the doors in question in November and we are told that he did not apply for the electricity supply until mid December and that the company is still waiting for information about power loading and payment in advance. We think that the defendant has taken every opportunity to delay to the bitter end, and we think the conclusions under the circumstances are perfectly reasonable. Mr. Hotton you are fined £680; you will pay costs of £100 and we note the warning given by the Attorney General that you will bring the matter back in 4 weeks time if non-compliance continues and we entirely agree with that warning.

Yes, we agree. In default of payment, 3 months' imprisonment - yes, 1 week to pay.