

It is argued that the Crown intended to exclude the inlet by the description which they adopted in the patent. If the Crown had intended to do that there was a simple way of doing it; it could have granted part of lot 18 mentioning the whole lot and stating that there was excepted out of it the inlet with the proper description of it by describing it by metes and bounds, but it appears that it was a grant of the whole lot without exception.

This seems to be an end of the matter and the appeal is dismissed with costs.

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## Bench and Bar.

### THE NEW LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND.

From a purely personal standpoint, the appointment of Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence to be Lord Chief Justice of England will be distinctly popular with the whole profession. During the seventeen years he has sat as a Judge of the King's Bench Division he has shewn himself a good lawyer and a model of what a Judge should be. But no one can pretend that it is for these excellent qualities he has been chosen at the age of seventy-eight to succeed Lord Reading. His selection bears out our suspicions that political exigency is responsible for the way in which the office of Lord Chief Justice has been treated since January last, and the sooner considerations of this kind are removed from the field of judicial selection the better it will be for this country. In the future we hope that no law officer of the Crown will be a member of the Cabinet, but that both Attorney-General and Solicitor-General will revert to their former status of legal advisers.—*Law Times.*

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### DEATH OF LORD MOULTON.

Lord Moulton died suddenly on Tuesday night in London, aged seventy-seven. John Fletcher Moulton was the son of the Rev. James Egan Moulton, and was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, and became Senior Wrangler and Smith's Prizeman and a Fellow of Christ's. He was called to the Inner Temple in 1874 and took silk in 1885. He was made Lord Justice in 1906 and a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 1912. During the war he rendered valuable service to the country as Director-General of Explosive Supplies to the Ministry of Munitions.