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Having cleared away this confusion in the report, let us now come down to the general principle and the limit of its applicability. I quite agree with the Commissioner in thinking that two degrees of jurisdiction are as likely to secure an approximation to truth as a greater number ; and if I had to organize a system for a country so limited in extent that one Court of Appeal could despatch all the business, I would not have more. But when one comes to deal with large countries an obstacle presents itself in the multiplicity of affairs. The approach to the Court of Appeal, having jurisdiction over the whole country, must be interrupted to some extent by local appeals. This very evident difficulty is increased in countries where there are localities governed by laws differing from those of the majority, as is the case here and in Scotland, and where necessarily the last Court of Appeal is largely composed of persons ignorant of the details of the