



In the High Court of Justice
Queen's Bench Division
Administrative Court

CO Ref:
CO/569/2018

In the matter of an application for Judicial Review

The Queen on the application of Robert Lewis Manson

versus

HM Attorney-General and Others

**Application for permission to apply for Judicial Review
NOTIFICATION of the Judge's decision (CPR Part 54.11, 54.12)**

Following consideration of the documents lodged by the Claimant and the Acknowledgement of service filed by the Defendant
Order by the Honourable Mr Justice Dove

Permission is hereby refused.

Reasons:

I am satisfied that it is not arguable that there was any error of law in the decision of the defendant, exercising his independent power in relation to private prosecutions, to refuse to authorise the prosecution in this case. As is pointed out by the defendant in his acknowledgement of service it is not possible to contend that the possession of a nuclear deterrent is prohibited under international law or amounts to a breach of the international criminal law. That contention has not been made out in the papers which are before me, even on an arguable basis. Permission therefore must be refused and the claimant must pay the defendant's costs of acknowledging service in this matter which I summarily assess in the sum of £4,635.

- The costs of preparing the Acknowledgment of Service are to be paid by the claimant to the defendant, in the sum of £4,635 unless within 14 days the claimant notifies the court and the defendant, in writing, that he objects to paying costs, or as to the amount to be paid, in either case giving reasons. If he does so, the defendant has a further 14 days to respond to both the court and the claimant, and the claimant the right to reply within a further 7 days, after which the claim for costs is to put before a judge to be determined on the papers.

Signed

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The date of service of this order is calculated from the date in the section below

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