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In this tutorial we will show you how to:

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SIR ROBERT P. COLLIER.
SIR BICHAKD COUCH.
SIR ARTHUR HOBHOUSE.

COMMENTARY: If needed, you can also download a PDF of the case. If you prefer an ICLR report instead, you can use our public access computers and download a copy. Alternatively, you can also call or email us or submit an order using our [document delivery](#) service.

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COMMENTARY: As shown in the example above, we were able to use Find by Case Title to find Letterstedt v. Broers.

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COMMENTARY: In summary, using either Find by Case Citation or Find by Case Title is an efficient way of locating a specific case in BAILII. In our next scenario, we will show you how to search for a specific case when you are missing information about it.

SEARCHING SPECIFIC DATABASES

SCENARIO

I am looking for a Privy Council decision from 1884. I think one of the party names was Letterstedt, but I do not have a citation. Is there a way I can still find it?

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Privy Council

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COMMENTARY: The fastest way to find a specific court or tribunal is to use Ctrl + F. In our example we used Ctrl + F to find the Privy Council, which is highlighted in orange.

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COMMENTARY: Clicking on 1884 will allow us to see a list of Privy Council decisions from that year.

Use Ctrl + F to Search for One of the Party Names

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Letterstedt

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February

- [Alimuddi Howladar and others v Babu Kali Krishna Thakoor \(Fort William \(Bengal\)\)](#) [1884] UKPC 9 (22 February 1884)
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- [Kali Krishna Tagore v Golam Ali Chowdhry \(Fort William \(Bengal\)\)](#) [1884] UKPC 7 (20 February 1884)
- [Krishna Nand v Kunwar Partab Narain Singh \(Oudh\)](#) [1884] UKPC 10 (23 February 1884)
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- [The Union Steamship Company of New Zealand Limited v The Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners \(Victoria\)](#) [1884] UKPC 2 (6 February 1884)

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- [Gokuldoss Gopaldoss v Rambux Seochand and another \(Hyderabad Deccan\)](#) [1884] UKPC 17 (22 March 1884)
- [Harji Abdul Razzak v Munshi Amir Haidar \(Oudh\)](#) [1884] UKPC 14 (14 March 1884)
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- [Kishore v Maharajah Jotindro Mohun Tagore and others \(Fort William \(Bengal\)\)](#) [1884] UKPC 13 (13 March 1884)
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- [Rai Bishen Chand v Mussumat Asmaida Koer \(Bengal\)](#) [1884] UKPC 11 (1 March 1884)
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- [The Trustees of St. Leonard Shoreditch v The Charity Commissioners \(The Chamber at Whitehall Court Chamber\)](#) [1884] UKPC 19 (25 March 1884)

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COMMENTARY: In summary, if you are missing both a style of cause and a citation, one way of finding the case is to browse BAILII's databases. In our final scenario, we will show you a second method of finding a specific case when you are missing information about it.

SEARCHING WITH THE CASE LAW SEARCH TOOL

SCENARIO

I am trying to find a Privy Council decision about removal of trustees that I found previously. Unfortunately, I forgot to download a copy. I think the year of the decision was 1884 or 1885. I can't remember the party names and I don't have a citation, but I know it was about removal of trustees. Is there a way I can find it?

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COMMENTARY: In the example above, we will try searching by keywords: remove and trustee. Furthermore, we will try searching for decisions between 1884 to 1885. Finally, we will check off Privy Council so that our list of search results will be limited to Privy Council decisions only.

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This is an appeal against part of a judgement of the Supreme Court of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, dated the 11th July 1879, an order dated the 14th September 1880. and a judgement of the 2nd day of July 1881.

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