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**Court :** Chennai

**Decided On :** Aug-15-1922

**Reported in :** 71Ind.Cas.608

**Judge :** Oldfield and ;Ramesam, JJ.

**Appellant :** In Re: Ramanathan Chettiar

**Judgement :**

ORDER

1. The question before us is in effect whether Section 350(a). Criminal Procedure Code, can be applied to proceedings in a warrant case before charge has been framed, that is, in effect, whether at that stage the proceeding is not a trial, but merely an enquiry. The authorities, in Narayanaswamy Naidu v. Emperor 5 M.L.T. 233 : 19 M.L.J. 157 : 9 Cr.L.J. 192 Tanguturi Sriramulu v. Nalam Krishna Row 38 M. 585 : (1914) M.W.N. 646 : 15 Cr.L.J. 673 and Telluchuri Venkatachennaya v. Emperor 56 Ind. Cas. 50 : (1920) M.W.K. 280 : 38 M.L.J. 370 : 21 Cr.L.J. 402 : 27 M.L.T. 178, are in favour of the view that such a proceeding is merely an enquiry; and we see no reason for departure from this series of considered decisions, two of them given by a Full Bench. There is, therefore, no legal objection to the Magistrate's order and the revision petition must be dismissed.