

His case has now been referred
to Committee of Naturalization (Revocation)
at King, Lord Hanbury & Judge —

P. A. LASZLO DE LOMBOS.

It is hoped ~~that~~ at last Mr
Laszlo may thus find the means
of vindicating ^{BRIEF} his character
which has been so foully assailed

TO COUNSEL is sent, herewith:-

- (1) Printed statement of Mr. de Laszlo's case.
- (2) Copy correspondence.

4 It has been thought well, by the Solicitors advising
Mr. de Laszlo, that this Brief should be delivered to
Counsel at this stage, with a view to his advising Mr. de
Laszlo whether any preliminary application would be
necessary.

3 The Treasury Solicitor, as will be seen from the
correspondence, has been applied to for particulars of
the charges against Mr. de Laszlo but these have not yet
been delivered.

5 The position of affairs is, that owing to Mr. de
Laszlo's eminence, the fact that he has been interned has,
naturally, given rise to countless rumours of a highly
detrimental character, many people thinking that he has
been guilty of treason of the worst description. It
is, therefore, imperative, if Mr. de Laszlo himself, his

He has been called the "traitor Laszlo"
in John Bull & has been vilified
assailed by -1- Sir Henry Dalziel
in the House of Commons

(C) Mr de Laszlo is the well known
portrait painter.

He ~~was~~ applied for naturalization
before the war and entirely
independently of the war
but his bill of naturalization
was only granted after
the war viz on the 24 Aug 1914
~~the interesting~~ P

On the 21 Sep 1917 he was
arrested & has been
informed ever since as
"a potential danger to
the public safety &
reference of the Realm"

Mr Laszlo's life history
& the facts which led
up to his arrest are
set out in the accompanying
statement of case

Business or an artist destroyed
by the fore suspicion that
they gave who comes out
poor creature of public
and turned on his name
of the story a
in perfect fear
of injury & without any
anatomy

civilized
in any country in the
world

five English Sons and his English wife are to live in
England, or ever hold up their heads that his name
should be cleared. *But*

6 ~~It is hard to say~~ how an enquiry behind closed doors
could clear Mr. de Laszlo and one of the questions which
Counsel is asked to consider is whether an application
should be made asking that this case should be tried in
open Court so that the cloud of black suspicions hanging
around his name may be dispelled.

6 Mr. de Laszlo has acted foolishly, no doubt, but
there ~~seem to be~~ ^{are} no grounds whatever for the suggestion
that he has acted treasonably.

6 Another question which presses for previous con-
sideration is how far the statements made by Madame van
Riemsdyk and forwarded through the Treasury to Messrs.
Charles Russell and Co. can be given in evidence on Mr.
de Laszlo's behalf.

and of his story is true
we have not the
least doubt that it is
that Laszlo has been cruelly
& harshly treated and
in a manner reflecting on
credit on the country
He has been prevented
earning a penny since
-2- Sep 1917 - His X

1919.

P. A. LASZLO DE LOMBOS.

Draft.

BRIEF.

Sir John Simon, K.C.V.O.

500 Guas.

6.3.19
J.
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