

In the Banks AND TORRES Island Court, sitting
at Sola Vanua Tawa Banks,

Date: 1st December 1998.

Before The Justices: MR. Baldwin Dick
MR. Manasseh Wouuel
MR. Michael Dini

The Court Clerk: MRS Evelyn Hopkins

CIVIL JURISDICTION

Between: MR. HUKU MOH, Plaintiff

AND: MR. ALBAN MOFFET, Defendant

Claim: Five Coconut Grew damaged: A\$50,000
Plus Court fee - - - A\$2,000

Plaintiff: statem Case strong hem "Case strong me
i stap long pepa we Clerk i readimant. MR. ALBAN
i cuttem 5 grew strong coconut we me takem; Ham
long period strong Plantem -

Defendants' Plea: "Me no guilty - i no me
i cuttem ol coconuts strong hem."

Case i go long Trial -

Plaintiff i preclusion of witnesses strong
hem:

1. Mrs Augusta Wona, being Seremba Vanuata, i swear long Bible mo talem: "Hemia i true Alban nao i cuttem ol coconuts ia - from hem nomo i stap nao long girl long me mo husband long hem from graon ia - Long clay we oli andap ia nao hemi mekem fasin - me save se hem - narafala man i no save mekem."

Defendant i questionem witness: "Did tu lookim me wetem eyes long tu?"

Answer "No me no look long eyes long me but me save se tu tu cuttem."

Justice i questionem witness "Tu save olsem ubrom se Alban nao i cuttem? - From hem mo ol family long hemi i disputim graon ia -

Plaintiff i questionem witness: "Long wanem taem we tu pass long area ia mo findem se oli cuttem grew long coconuts ia?"

A - Long clay we Alban mo ol family long hem i mekem spea line long graon ia -

2. Mrs Rose Mal - being Soka Vanuata - swear long Bible mo talem: "Des sam long ol coconuts ia mutufala i plantem mo oli start grow - olgeta oli rere long go long graon nao, Alban i cuttem long taem we oli mekem spea line -

Plaintiff i questionem witness 2 = "Did i kat sam man mo oli disputim graw ia?"

"No, Alban nomo mo ol family blong hem, He sawe Ae hem nomo i mekem damage ia."

Defendant to witness :

"How tu Ae me, me culthem, tu luk long eyes blong tu?"

"No me no luk but me Ae tu only man we iagenstem mifala from graw ia."

Defendant i prodeusum ol witness blong hem =

1st Witness : MR. STEVE MOFFET OF Mosina Vanuakava
i swear mo talem :

"Mifala nao i bin mekem spear line long taem ia but me no luk who i cutthem ol coconuts ia."

Plaintiff i questionem witness -

How tu Ae tu no luk but fefelanao i go together?

"Me go blong mekem spear line - me no luk Ae who i cutthem coconut."

2nd Witness : MR. Sam Patuntun i swear mo talem

"Mifala nao i go wetem Alban blong mekem spear line but mi no luk Ae who i cutthem ol coconuts ia -"

Plaintiff i questionem Witness -

Taem Mufala i pass did see luk ol coconut or
nawara ia we me puttem long Plantem?

"Sorry me no takem notice long anythink we i stap
long road we mufala i pass long hem from we mufala
i stap go long mekem spear line."

Through long ol toktok we i Ramcot, Court
i findem se i no hat any proof se Albin nao
i cuttem ol coconuts ia -

- Decision of Court -

Court i dismissed Case -

The Court Clerk
Mrs. W. Hopkins

