

In The Banks and Torres Island Court sitting on 20th  
May, 1999 - at Aola Vanualawa Banks -

Before The Justices : MR. Manasseh Wowuil  
MR. David Melsiktetok  
MR. Michael Dini

The Court Clerk : MRS Evelyn HOPKINS

CIVIL JURISDICTION - Case No 22/99

Between : MRS Mervyn Betty Bereman, Plaintiff

AND : MRS Hamelton Baras, Defendant

Claim : Compensation for body injuries = Vt. 35,000  
Plus Court fee Vt 2,000

Plaintiff : statem Case blong hem "jes me reportem Hamelton  
from hemi assaultem me wetem iwe pis wood mo mekem  
me kill long head blong me - Me puttem Case long ol Chiefs  
but Hem i wantem se mitufala i pass long Court."

Defendants Plea : "jes i true me been assaultem hem" but  
reason we i pushum me blong mekem action i'e from hemi  
swear noget long mifala ol sisters mo brother blong mifala -  
Me askem hem from fine we hemi should payem i Ram long  
mifala but hemi no responel long me so i mekem me cross  
mao me weapim hem"

Justice i questionem hem mo hemi answer =

- Ol coconut blong me i stap kam andap fet - Me stap depend long  
ol coconut blong parents blong me

Long wear nam me sawe mekem five bags -

### Decision of Court

The Court orders The Defendant to pay to The Plaintiff The sum of vt. 20,000 - Plus vt 2000 Court fee - Total to pay vt. 22,000 - To be paid within 4 months - Start from 20/6/1999 -

The appeal rights explained to Them -

The Court Clerk,



E. Hopkins