

In The Banks AND TORRES Island Court Sitting
AT VEVEVAU MOTA Banks-

Date 23rd February 2000

Before The Justices : MR. PHILIP MORRES TABE
MR. FRED SAGLER
MR. James PATUN TUN

AND THE COURT Clerk : MRS EVELYNE HOPKINS

CIVIL JURISDICTION

Between : MR. Abel Patteson, Plaintiff
AND : MRS ELISABETH MACKENZIE, TESSIE REMAN
and Evelynne Simon.

Claim : Compensation of clothes and things
damaged and burnt by fire in the sum
of Vt 46,260. Plus Vt 2000 Court fee -

Plaintiff: statem Case blong hem " Me reportem
olgeta ia from oli bornem ol things blong bikinini
blong me varisa mo Mummy blong hem. olgeta things
we i stap inside long basket i born wetem wan
hanel watch mo basket - Coua i kat copy blong
ol details blong claim.

The Defendants Plea:

1) Mrs Elisabeth Mackenzie " Yes, i true me bornem
olgeta samting we plaintiff i talemaot. but
Council blong ol chiefs long Mota we James Edward
i President long ^{hem} mo i allow me blong mekem.

2) Mrs Tessie Reman : " Yes i true me bin helpem
Elisabeth blong bornem ol thing ia from Elisabeth
i kat right blong mekem dsem from husband blong
hem."

3) Mrs Simon Evelynne " No me no guilty from
me no mekem anything, me just stapdap mo
Elisabeth i girim me wan piece soap.

Case i go long trial blong harem toktok blong
ol witness blong Plaintiff -

Mrs Cendrella blong Marie-Mota, i swear long Bible
mo talem " Long side blong Elisabeth me lek
se hemi takem wan piece Soap -

Mrs Awendolin - blong Veverau, Mota, i swear
long Bible mo talem " Yes me too me lek
se hemi harem Soap nomo -

MR James Kluward blong Marie, Mota i swear
long Bible mo talem " Yes i true mi fala
i allow olgeta blong mekem anything agenstem
Maekenzie mo Cendrella long fasin blong Kastom,
but me no authorisem olgeta blong bornem
basket mo ol clothes -"

Justice to all - " olgeta sumting, ol actions we fufala
i mekem i agenstem law blong nation - fufala i
holdem law long hand blong fufala - Criminal side
bee Police i just death wetem - Today fume lek
nomo long Civil side -"

Justice i questionem Elisabeth Maekenzie mo hem i
ansa "

" Me married - me kat ol bikinini we i school
me payem A 3000 long one term - me kat
Small Coconut blong mekem Coprah - mo mekat kaka -

Justice i questionem Tessie Reman mo hem i
ansa -

" Me married, me kat one bikinini we i
school long kindy - me payem A 200 long
wan term - me kat coconut blong sawe
cuttem one bag - copra -

Court i sekemaot case blong Evelyn e Simon
mo i findem Elisabeth Maekenzie mo Tessie
Reman i guilty -

Decision of Court

(3)

1) Elisabeth Mackenzie:

The Court orders her to pay to the Plaintiff.
The sum of \$15,420 Plus Court fee \$670 -
Total to pay \$16,090 - To be paid within
Six months


2) Tressie Reman:

The Court orders her to pay to the Plaintiff
the sum of 15,420 Plus Court fee \$670 -
Total to pay \$16,090

To be paid within 6 months -

The Appeal rights explained to them -

The Court Clerk


W. Hopkins