

Criminal session of December 13th, 1912

Public Prosecutor versus Alcide Anger, assistant trader, Port Vila,
accused of a breach of Article 59 of the Convention of October 20th, 1906

This thirteenth day of December one thousand nine hundred and twelve, at 3 o'clock P.M., the Joint Court, consisting of The President, Count Buona Esperanza; the French Judge, Jean Colonna; the British Judge, T.E. Roseby; in the presence of the Public Prosecutor, Count Andino; M. Blagel, Registrar of the Court, recording; sitting in public session, as a Court of first and last instance, in summary jurisdiction, after deliberation, delivered the following judgment:

The Joint Court,

having heard the reading of the documents of the case; nothing for the accused; having heard the Public Prosecutor in his charge;

Formally.

Whereas, although duly summoned, the accused is not present either in person or by proxy; and whereas the Public Prosecutor asks for judgment by default, and whereas there is cause to grant the request;

The Case.

Whereas from the avowal made by the accused and recorded by the Commandant of French Police in his report of September 30th 1912 attached to the documents of the case, it appears proved that Alcide Anger did, on November 21st 1912 at Port Vila (New Hebrides) sell a bottle of spirit to the New-Hebridean native Harry; an act provided for and punishable by articles 59 and 61 of the Convention of October 20th, 1906, in these terms: "59... it shall be prohibited in the Groups of the New Hebrides to sell or to give, in any manner whatsoever and under any pretext whatsoever, alcoholic drinks to natives... 2... 3...". 61. "6. Besides of articles... 59... above committed by non-natives shall be punishable by a fine of from 5 francs to 500 francs and... or one only of these penalties."

For these reasons

Gives judgment by default against Anger for non-appearance. Orders as him to pay a fine of 25 francs and to pay all the costs of the proceedings.

Done, judged and delivered the day, month & year aforesaid. By the Joint Court, The President, the French & British Judges who signed with the Registrar.

The President:

The Britishified ~~French~~ interpreter-translator:
of the Original

The French Judge:

Alcide Anger.

Vila Dec 13th 1912: Official Interpreter-Translator
New Hebrides to the Joint Court of the Condominium

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