Judgment No.661.

IN THE JOINT COURT OF THE NEW HEBRIDES.

Before:-

Manuel Bosch Barrett, President, British Judge, W.D. Carew, C.A. Doley, French Judge, assisted by Monsieur Steinmetz, Acting Registrar.

> v. Benoit, (Native). Police

The native Benoit is charged by Monsieur Cassagne, Public Prosecutor, ad hoc, for that he did on the 6th August, 1939, behave in an indecent manner, to wit, by exposing his private parts in a public street in Vila.

After interrogating the accused and hearing the defence put forward by himself and his counsel, Monsieur Arnauld, and after hearing Monsieur Cassagne, Public Prosecutor, ad hoc, the Court is satisfied that the accused is not guilty of the offence charged: he was drunk at the time and his action was involuntary. He has already been punished administratively for having been drunk, and should not be punished again for that offence.

The Charge is dismissed; costs to be paid by the Condominium Government.

Dated this fifth day of October, 1939.

President of the Joint Court. Judge.

Holey French Judge.

Acting Registrar.