

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC

CIVIL JURISDICTION

(IN DIVORCE)

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr Justice J. Bodilly,  
exercising jurisdiction under the  
provisions of the Western Pacific  
(Courts) Order in Council, 1961.

HOLDEN: At Gizo in the British Solomon Islands  
Protectorate on Wednesday the 28th  
day of August 1968 at ~~six~~ two  
o'clock in the afternoon.

<u>BETWEEN</u>	<u>MARY RIGE</u>	Petitioner
<u>AND</u>	<u>ALEC VAGI</u>	Respondent
<u>AND</u>	<u>MARGARET KAMA</u>	Co-respondent

CORAM: J. Bodilly, C.J.

~~PRESENT:~~ <sup>PRESENT:</sup> Petitioner in person (~~Roviana~~)  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Co-Respondent in person.

Respondent having been summoned fails to appear.

INTERPRETER: John Lae Joeia (Roviana language).  
Sworn on Bible.

Petitioner: Mary Rige,  
Buni village, Nounouma. *Western District.*  
Sworn on Bible.

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I was married to the Respondent, Alec Vagi, at Gôzo on the second March, 1965.

After the marriage we went to live together at Nusa Balgna. There we lived and cohabited together. We did not have any children of the marriage. We only lived together for about a month. We then stopped having sexual intercourse. The reason was because the Respondent committed adultery with the Co-Respondent, Mrs Margaret Kama. She was a married woman too. I did not see ~~them~~ in adultery but the people of the village told me so. The Co-Respondent and her husband lived in the same village. I asked my husband if he had committed the adultery I heard about and he admitted to me that he had. That was why I then refused to have intercourse with him any more. I then left the house and went back to live with my father. My father lives in Buni Village. Since then I have had no intercourse with the Co-Respondent at all. The Co-Respondent then went to Honiara and he is still there.

I am now asking for a decree of divorce because of the adultery and I want the costs I have had to pay for this action. I am not asking for damages or maintenance.

No XX by Co-Respondent.

Co-Respondent: I admit the adultery. I have nothing to say.

Judgement: Adultery is admitted. Decree nisi to issue.  
Costs against Respondent.

*Isabel Bodilly.*

Chief Justice.  
28th August, 1968.

Judgement announced. Effect explained.

*J.B.*



DECREE NISI FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

WIFE'S UNDEFENDED PETITION

IN THE HIGH COURT  
OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC }

1968 No. 5

(DIVORCE JURISDICTION)

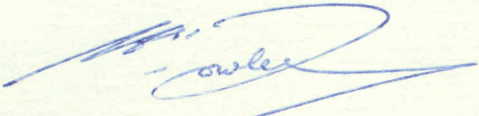
BEFORE: The Honourable Mr Justice  
J. Bodilly, Chief Justice  
of the Western Pacific,  
sitting at Gizo in the  
Western District of the  
British Solomon Islands  
Protectorate on Wednesday  
the twenty-eighth day of  
August, 1968.

BETWEEN: MARY RIGE                   Petitioner  
ALEC VAGI                               Respondent  
MARGARET KAMA                   Co-respondent

THE JUDGE having taken the oral evidence of the Petitioner in support of the Petition filed in this cause, and the oral evidence of the Co-respondent, the Respondent not defending the suit at the hearing, PRONOUNCED that the Petitioner had sufficiently proved the contents of the said Petition, and DECREED that the marriage, had and solemnized the second day of March, 1965, at the District Registry Office, Gizo, in the Western District of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate between MARY RIGE the Petitioner, and ALEC VAGI the Respondent, be dissolved by reason that since the celebration thereof the Respondent has been guilty of adultery with MARGARET KAMA the Co-respondent unless sufficient cause be shown to the Court why this Decree should not be made absolute within three months from the making thereof, and condemned the Respondent in the costs incurred and to be incurred on behalf of the Petitioner in this cause.

DATED at HONIARA in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate this thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.



  
Registrar of the High Court  
of the Western Pacific.