

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC
(CIVIL JURISDICTION)

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

HOLDEN: At Auki in the British Solomon Islands
Protectorate on ^{Tuesday}
the ~~Nineteenth~~ ^{Eleventh} day of March
1969 at Nine o'clock in
the fore noon.

BETWEEN: ALICK KONAI Petitioner - Appears

AND: ESTER TOBUNA Respondent - Fails to
appear having been summoned.

CORAM: J. Bodilly, Chief Justice

PRESENT: Petitioner in person
Respondent fails to appear having been summoned.

INTERPRETER: John Leslie- Sworn. (Koio/ English).

Peteitioner: Sworn on Bible.

I am pe^etioning for divorce against my wife Ester
Tonuna. We were married on 6th Feb. 1966 . We were married
in Malu'u, Malaita. We lived together in the Malu'u village
in the same house. We st^yed in the same house for about a
month. That was in Sinerango village, not Malu'u.
We did have sexual intercourse during that month.
Afte^r about a month my wife refused to have intercourse any
more. She left me and went back to her father's house.
She is still there. I have asked her several times to come
back to me but she has always refused. We have lived
separated for just three years now.

I ask for decree on grounds of desertion.

Judgement: Decree nisi to issue.
No order as to costs $\frac{1}{2}$

Frederick B. Sney
Chief Justice
11th March, 1969.



DECREE NISI FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

HUSBAND'S UNDEFENDED PETITION

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC)

1969 No. 1

(DIVORCE JURISDICTION)

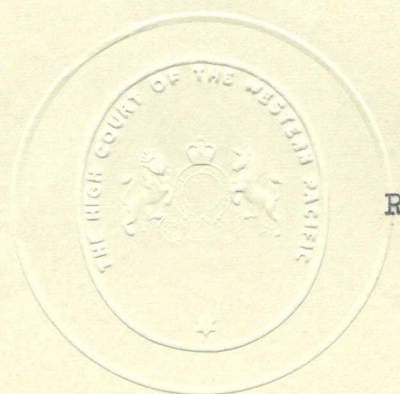
BEFORE: The Honourable Mr Justice J. Bodilly Chief Justice of the Western Pacific, sitting at Auki in the Malaita District of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate on Tuesday the eleventh day of March 1969

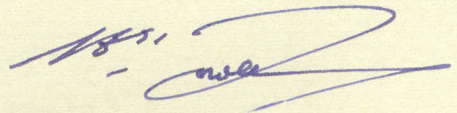
BETWEEN: ALICK KONAI
Petitioner

AND: ESTER TOBUNA
Respondent

THE JUDGE having taken the oral evidence of the Petitioner in support of the Petition filed in this cause 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 sixth day of February 1966 at Malou Village in the Malaita District of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate between ALICK KONAI the Petitioner and ESTER KONAI then ESTER TOBUNA spinster, the Respondent be dissolved by reason that since the celebration thereof the said Respondent has deserted the Petitioner without cause for a period of at least three years immediately preceding the presentation of the Petition unless sufficient cause be shown to the Court why this Decree should not be made absolute within three months from the making thereof.

DATED at Honiara in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate this eleventh day of March one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.




Registrar of the High Court
of the Western Pacific.