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Public Prosecution against Hippolyte Seclere

Proceedings of Article XXXIII

The year 1912, 16<sup>th</sup> August, at 9 am, the judges and composed of Messieurs the Juge de Peace Duperray, President; Jean Bolonne, French Judge; Schmidt Alexander, British Judge. In the presence of the Public Prosecution (acting) Buegel; Dr. de Courcier, Registrar (acting) recording; sitting in public hearing, in first and last resort, delivered the following definite judgment

The Court

Considering that Hippolyte Seclere did not appear at his hearing, nor appeared on his behalf; it is therefore in consequence pronounced default against Seclere for failure to appear pronounced default against Seclere.

Public action

The case having heard the documents in the case read the witnesses; the witnesses in their depositions heard the evidence of the Public Prosecution, in the accused. Considering that from the depositions of the witnesses named Larrere (or Lared) and Germain, both late sailors on board the ship Josephine, which Seclere comm. sailed, it is established that the latter did receive, against their will, Albert and his wife names Seclere, and that in September 1911 at Street New Bay, Malakka, provided a passport and furnished to the Anglo-French Consulate of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1906, and that in its articles XXXIII and LXI as follows:

words corrected Feb. 14

33: 1. Women shall not be engaged: - If they are married, with the consent of their husbands

56: " 1. Any infringement by non-natives of the terms of the present Convention regarding the recruiting and employment of native laborers shall be punishable by a fine of five pounds to £20 and by imprisonment of from one day to one month or by either of the above penalties.

" 2. Damages may also be awarded to laborers for any injury suffered by them.

" 3. The District Court shall inflict the penalties and assess the damages.

### 2. Civil actions.

Considering that Mr. Jacoub, counsel for the two natives above named, asked for £10 damages to be paid by Declere to each of his clients, that the demand is founded upon and provided for in Article 16 above mentioned

It is there decided:

Judging by default and in public hearing

The District Court condemns by default Declere to fifteen days imprisonment and a fine of £10; further condemns him to pay Aitip and Lomasing respectively £10 damages; condemns him to all costs

homage, judged and pronounced in public hearing the day month and year as at head and signed by the President Comte de Buisson, the Bench Judge, Jean Bolous, the Bench Judge, Gilbert Alexander, the Registrar, Daniel Curson



The Judges

J. Aitip  
G. G. Alexander

The President

Comte de Buisson  
Thereafter