

IN THE JOINT COURT OF THE NEW HEBRIDES

This twenty third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and forty one :

Before :

J.L. TROGNON, French Judge,

A.H. EGAN, British Judge,

L. DESMOULIERES, Assessor

H. DAVID, Public Prosecutor ad hoc

assisted by M. BUTERI, Acting Registrar.

J U D G M E N T

Considering the charge made against Bouteiller, French citizen, plantation manager, residing at Santo (New Hebrides), for breach of Article 31, paragraphe 5 of the Protocol (trying to recruit a native by offer alcoholic liquor).

The accused not appearing or represented. ✓

The Court having heard the arguments of M. DAVID, Public Prosecutor "ad-hoc".

And after deliberation.

Considering that Bouteiller duly summonsed by the Bailiff on the sixth March, one thousand nine hundred and forty one, does not appear and is not represented.

Considering that sufficient proof is given by the documents and the hearing against the accused, for having at Santo, on the eleventh of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty, tried to recruit a native (Louque) by offer of alcoholic liquor.

Considering that that act is provided for and punishable in accordance with Article 31, paragraph 5 of the Protocol of the 6th August 1914, as follow :

"Any recruitment of natives by means of fraud or personation or false assertion of official authority, or by means of immoral inducements, or by the abuse of the needs,

"weakness, or passions of the natives, or by the offer of
"alcoholic liquors or of prohibited arms or ammunition,
"shall be punishable by imprisonment from one day to three
"months, and by a fine of from 10d. (tenpence) to 40 \$., or
"by either of these penalties..."

On these grounds the Court finds Bouteiller in
default and in punishment of the charge brought against him,
imposes on him a fine of five hundred francs, for each of
the offences.

And in application of Article 14, paragraph 5 of the
Protocol, the Court prescribes a period of fifteen days
confinement in default of payment of the above sums.

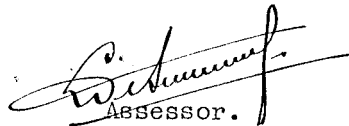
Orders him moreover to pay the costs taxed at seventy
six francs twelve centimes.

Orders that this Judgment in default be served by
request of the Public Prosecutor.

Pronounced in open Court on the date above mentioned

A. H. Egan
British Judge

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French Judge.


Assessor.


Acting Registrar.