

Mr Hindhaugh states facts:

The Complainant in this case committed adultery with the niece of the Accused. Acc: was angry and threatened him. Court officials in his village decided that this matter should be settled through the Native court. There was no suit raised but the Court members thought they would get the two men together and settle the matter up. The Accused lives in Takari Village. The Accused and Court president were inside a little rest house and other members were outside. The Complainant went into the house and offered to shake hands with the Accused and expressed the hope that there were no hard feelings about the matter. The accused took Comp's hand and then ordered him out of the house. As they went out of the house the Accused struck the Comp on the back of the head with his fist. The Comp retaliated and a struggle took place in the doorway. The Acc: picked up a knife which was lying on the floor by chance, and struck the Comp with it. He hit him on the forehead. It reached the bone. The members of the court stopped the fight and Comp was removed. He received treatment. He suffered no permanent injury. The knife was an ordinary "bush knife" about two feet long.

(Accused states: Facts are correct)

Hindhough cont:

The accused has no p.c.s. He is in his sixty's. He has a very good reputation in his district for being a respectable man. He is a vegetable grower for the Honiara market. He is the head of his family and his wife is dead so he lives with his two daughters. His eyesight is failing rapidly

Mitigation:

Accused states: The reason why I got so angry was because Comp committed adultery with my niece and made her pregnant.

I have no Ws to Character.

ORDER
Sentence: Bound over for twelve months. Section 36 Penal Code.

J. B. Jolly
Chief Justice.
5.10.66.

Order: Return exhibited bush knife to owner.

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