

Civil hearing, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1912

No. 103

Between the native Aleck Makelkon, of Ambrym, assisted by J. S. Bourgeois, official  
advocate for the natives, plaintiff,

and Mr. Paul Mattei, captain of the "Clotilde", living at Vila, defendant.

The year 1912, 8<sup>th</sup> October, at 9 a.m., the joint Court, composed of, first: the President,  
Comte Pierre Sereau; the French judge, Jean Colonna; the British judge, Gilewski Alexander;  
In the presence of the Public Prosecutor, Comte d'Andino; Mr. Reuyl, Registrar, recording;  
Sitting in public hearing, civil jurisdiction, first and last resort, delivered the following judgment:

The Joint Court:

as follows:

Considering that when the case was called, the defendant did not appear, nor anyone  
on his behalf, notwithstanding that the case, to be finally judged, was adjourned to this day,  
and by exceptional judgment delivered contradictorily on 17 September 1912; that it is  
therefore necessary to pronounce default against Paul Mattei for non-appearance;  
pronounces default for failure to appear, against the defendant;

The case:

Considering that it appears to be established - in presence of the silence  
kept by the defendant by not appearing - that the person named Makelkon was  
taken from his tribe by Paul Mattei and brought to Vila against his will; that  
the damage caused to the plaintiff, appears made out;

For these reasons:

Condemns by default, Mr. Paul Mattei, to pay Makelkon a sum of two hundred  
francs (₣ 200) as damages; condemns him also to costs of the action; commits the clerk  
of the Court to serve the present judgment on the defaulter.

Done, judged and pronounced, the day, month and year  
as above; by the joint Court, the President, the French and  
British judges who have signed with the Registrar.

Melton Jones

Official translator to the Court  
Vila, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1912.

