

Criminal Session of December 13th 1912

The Public Prosecutor versus Eugene Carion, Ambrym,
accused of a breach of Article 59 of the Convention of 1906

This thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve at 3 o'clock P.M., the Joint Court consisting of The President, Count Buena Esperanza; the French Judge, Jean Colonna; the British Judge, T.E. Roseby;

in the presence of the Public Prosecutor, Count Andino;

M. Bengel being Registrar & recording;

sitting in public session, as a Court of Summary jurisdiction, of first and last instance delivered the following judgment:

The Joint Court:

Having heard the reading of the documents of the case;
the accused in his plea; the sworn witnesses in their testimonies;

Having heard the Public Prosecutor in his charge; M. Couris, on behalf of Carion, in his defence;

whereas from the testimony of the sworn witnesses it appears that Carion did, in May 1912, at Craig's Cove, Ambrym, New Hebrides, sell a bottle of rum to a New-Hebridean native named Bambo; an act provided for and punishable by Articles 59 and 61 of the Convention of October 1906, in these terms: Art. 59: "... it shall be forbidden in the Group of the New Hebrides ... to sell or to give to natives, in any manner whatsoever or under any pretext whatsoever, alcoholic drinks... 2 ... 3"

Art. 61: "1. Breaches of Articles... 59 committed by non-natives shall be punishable by a fine of from 5 francs to 500 francs..."

For these reasons:

Condemns Carion to pay a fine of ten francs and all costs of the case.

Done, judged and delivered, the day year month and year as at head. By the Joint Court, the President, the French and British Judges who have agreed with the Registrar.

The President: