

Civil session of March 25<sup>th</sup> 1913

Tack (Pentecost) employed by Mathieu at Mélé, appearing by M<sup>r</sup> Jacob, plaintiff versus Louis Mathieu, settler, of Mélé, appearing by M<sup>r</sup> J. Courin, defendant.

At 9 A.M. on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1913 the Joint Court composed of the President, the Count of Borne Esperance; the French Judge, Jean Colonna; the British Judge, T. E. Roebly;

in presence of the Public Prosecutor, Count Andino; M<sup>r</sup> Bengel, Registrar, Re reading; sitting in a civil case, as a Court of first & last instance, after deliberation, delivered the following judgment:

The Joint Court:

Having heard the plaintiff in his claim; the defendant in his defence; the Public Prosecutor in his charge; whereas by writ dated March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1913 the native Tack summoned before this Court his former master Mathieu & has himself condemned to pay:

1. Total of wages for his engagement of 1 year ... 100 francs
2. As expenses of repatriation from Mélé to Pentecost ... 25 francs
3. Embarkation permit ... 1fr 25
4. Indemnity for lodging from Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1913 until the date of Tack's embarkation ... 50 francs

Total 176 francs 76 centimes.

Whereas from the engagement ticket No. 2127 handed into Court it appears that Tack was engaged by the Defendant on December 18<sup>th</sup> 1911 for 1 year at the rate of 100 francs for the duration of the said engagement;

whereas from the sworn evidence & notably that of M<sup>r</sup> Seagoe Labour Inspector at the British Residency it appears that Tack ran away from his master's plantation & was away for 5 weeks during the months of February & March 1912; whereas then he had to work 35 days beyond the date of December 18<sup>th</sup> 1912 to make up this time; but whereas

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there is no evidence to show that he spent these 35 days after December 18th 1912 outside his master's plantations; whereas, however, it appears from the aforesaid ticket that the defendant had disbursed 25 francs as the cost of the escape & recapture; whereas, from this, the sum due to Jack must be reduced to seventy-five francs;

And whereas in respect to the other parts of the claim they are neither founded nor justified;

For these reasons:

Condemns Mathieux to pay to Jack the sum of seventy-five francs; rejects the remainder of the plaintiff's claim & orders him to pay the costs of the case.

Done, judged & pronounced the day, month & year as at head. By the Joint Court, the President, the French & British Judges who have signed with the Registrar.

The President:

The British Judge: The Registrar: The French Judge:

