

Correspondence re W. V. R. Bowden's
land in the New Hebrides

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re
Mr V. R. Bowden's
Land in the New Hebrides.
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Correspondence

with

B. I. & Co. Ltd. Kila.

C O P Y.

S Y D N E Y, 1st October 1909.

Walter Tanner Esq.,

Messrs. B. P. & Co.Ltd.,

V I L A. N.H.

Dear Sir,

Mr. V. R. Bowden, of Messrs. Bowden Bros., Yokohama, who you will remember as Manager of Island Department years ago, has sent us copies of some documents in connection with land in the New Hebrides transferred to him by Mat Evans, who you will recollect as a trader at Lorne, Aoba. Mr. Bowden having heard of the impending Land Court has posted these documents down to us, asking us to advise him as to whether the deeds are any good, what the value of the land is likely to be, and what steps are necessary to perfect his title.

We do not quite know how to go to work, as, perhaps, somebody else may be in possession, and any enquiries from such individuals would, naturally, bring an unfavorable reply. We therefore send the papers to you, leaving it to your discretion what enquiries to make, but please understand we are not authorised to expend any money without consulting Mr. Bowden.

Yours faithfully,

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Per (Sgd.) WALTER H. LUCAS.



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NEW HEBRIDES.

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1909.

*Copied to Mr  
Richard Bowden*

Messrs Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd

*Sydney.*

*Island Dep.*

Dear Sirs,

Your favor of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., with copies of land deeds for land purchased by Messrs Evans from Abba natives and subsequently sold to Mr. V. R. Bowden, duly to hand.

Messrs Evans was trading at Bongamua on Abba, and would no doubt have bought the land at that time, as the date of purchase tallies correctly.

Cannot say what the value of the land is, or whether the title is good. At present it would not be of much value, as buyers could hardly be found.

As Messrs Evans was set adrift by the natives of Bongamua in a dinghy, and asked not to return, it is just possible that the natives would be

a bit wild if anybody were to squat there just now. Kongama natives are still a bit on the savage side yet. Corlette trades there, and in a conversation with him during last week, he referred to land owned by Mac Crans on Nita, so that it is possible the natives may recognize Mac Crans' claim.

Until the land court sits, there will be nothing done in the way of proving Titles.

The correct proceedings for Mr. Proctor to take are as follows: -

Send the Deeds to an Agent here, (Nita Branch for choice) to be held until the Land Court be installed, and have the Deeds registered directly the Court opens.

In the event of there not being any protest during one year after registration, the Deeds would be good.

But if there happens to be anyone else in occupation of the land, there would be a court case to prove ownership. "Occupation" would have the best chance.

Yours faithfully

per P. BURNS, PHILIP & COMPANY, LTD.

Halter Law

MANAGER AT VILA.

H. 13 The Company's records do not call at Kongama.  
H. P.

C O P Y.

S Y D N E Y, 8th November, 1909.

Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.,

V I L A. N.H.

Dear Sirs,

Further to our letter of 1st October last, enclosing copies of deeds for land purchased by Mr. Mat Evans from Aoba natives and subsequently sold to Mr. V. R. Bowden, and your reply of 12th ulto., for which we thank you, we now have pleasure in advising that Mr. H. Bowden has decided to entrust you with the task of proving the title of his brother to these lands, and, for that purpose, we enclose herewith the following documents:-

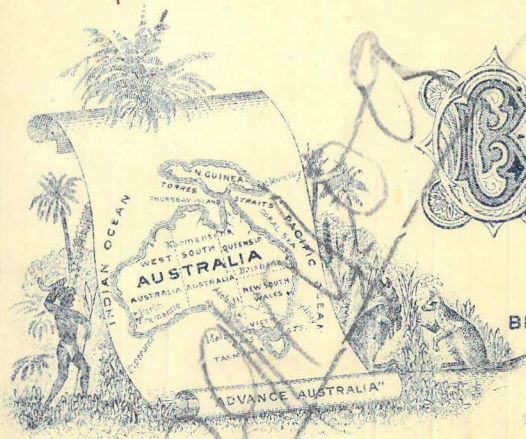
1. Original Deed of Sale from Avenmola, dated 20th August 1890 to Matthew Evans and Capt. Breio.
2. Sale Note dated 15th August 1900 from Matthew Evans to V. R. Bowden.

Thanking you in anticipation for your best efforts on Mr. Bowden's behalf,

We are, yours faithfully,

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*Vila*

NEW HEBRIDES.

November 19th. 1909.

Messrs Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.,

Sydney.

Island Department.

Dear Sirs,

Yours of the 8th inst., with enclosures, "Deeds of land owned by Mr V.R.Bowden", duly to hand.

There will be considerable delay before there is a chance of proving the ownership, as from present indications, the Land Court is not likely to be in operation for a year or 18 months.

We will hold the Deeds and put them before the Court directly it opens.

Yours faithfully.

per pro BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LTD.

*Walter Lauer*

MANAGER AT VILA.

N.B./

We would point out that it will be necessary to have some kind of a plan to register with the Deeds. There would however be some difficulty in obtaining a plan of the <sup>to PHD</sup> ~~Deeds~~ above mentioned, *in Deeds*

*W. L.*

C O P Y.

S Y D N E Y, 29th December, 1909.

Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.,

V I L A. N.H.

Dear Sirs,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th ulto., with reference to the land owned by Mr. V. R. Bowden.

We have written to Mr. Herbert Bowden, and asked if it were possible to furnish us with a plan of the land in question, and he has promised to communicate with his brother, who is in Yokohama, at the earliest opportunity. The moment we hear further from him we will write you again.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per (Sgd.) JAMES BURNS JUNR.

Correspondence

with

Bowden Bros.





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ISLAND DEPARTMENT.

(REPLY TO BE SO ADDRESSED.)

Sydney.

3rd January, 1911.

Miss Molly Coats,

"Ferndean",

Castlehead,

PAISLEY. SCOTLAND.

Dear Madam,

Replying to your letter of 6th November, relative to certain blocks of land on Aoba, in the New Hebrides, purchased by your Uncle, Matthew Evans, in 1891, we would advise that, without an inspection of the Deeds and enquiry of our New Hebrides Manager, we cannot express an opinion as to whether or not the titles are incontestible.

For your information we would advise that, about March next, there will be opened in Vila, New Hebrides, a Joint Court for the hearing of claims to land in the Group, and, for the purpose of fortifying British interests, a Staff of Surveyors are at present engaged in surveying operations of land held by British Settlers, whilst a Solicitor is at work collecting evidence to

support the claims put forward by British Settlers.

The present cost of Survey is £8 per mile for Scrub Country, with a minimum of £6; and £5 per mile for grass country, with a minimum of £4. We would mention that this would cover a thorough survey, but we are now taking up the question of a cheaper method of triangular survey by flags, which will, probably, reduce the costs to a mere fraction of those quoted.

If you consider it worth your while to enter a claim for the lands bequeathed to you by your uncle, we would endeavour, upon receipt of copies of the deeds, to obtain fullest information possible concerning the different blocks.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per.



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10th February 1911.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Messrs Burns, Philp & Coy. Ltd.,

S Y D N E Y.

Island Dept.

Dear Sirs,

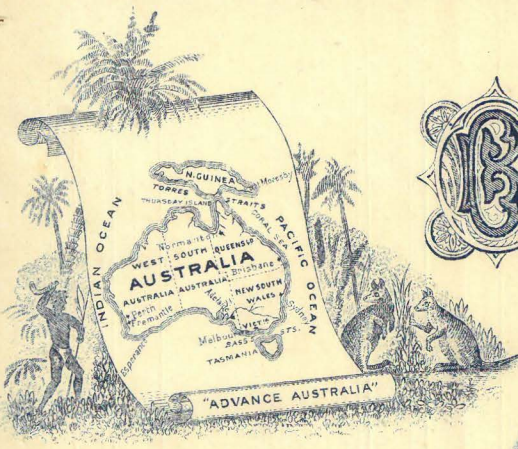
Mr. Etheridge asked us to make enquiries in regard to the Cameron lease, and we have now to inform you that the Government here sent the papers on to the High Commissioner's Court, and that it is believed that they have since been forwarded to Mr. MacKellar at No. 14, Post Office Chambers, 114 A, Pitt Street, Sydney.

Yours faithfully,

per pro BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LTD.

*Robert James*

MANAGER AT VILA.



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**Vila,**

11th February 1911

NEW HEBRIDES.

Messrs Burns, Philp & Coy. Ltd.,

S Y D N E Y.

Island Dept.

Dear Sirs,

We have your favour of 1st inst. with copy of letter signed "Molly Coats" both in reference to land alleged to have been owned by Matthew Evans at Aoba. We hold no deeds of any kind here for property owned by Mr. Evans.

About one year to one year and a half ago, correspondence was carried on between Messrs Bowden Bros. of Yokohama, and yourselves and was referred by you to us, so that if you turn up copies of correspondence you will get the whole of the information required. As the "Malaita" only arrived about an hour ago, and the "Makambo" is leaving in a couple of hours, we have not time to turn up the correspondence. Our Mr. Tanner will be able to give you fuller particulars, if required.

Yours faithfully,

per pro BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LTD.

*Matthew Tanner*

MANAGER AT VILA.

Messrs Burns Philip & Co. Ltd.

Sydney  
Dear Sirs

BURNS PHILIP & CO LTD  
ISLAND DEPT  
13-DEC-1910

I have received from Mr. Virvian Bowden of Messrs Bowden Brothers & Co. Ltd. Yokohama Japan, several documents left in his care by my Uncle Matthew Evans, referring to land purchased by him in the Island at Longanna Aoba New Hebrides on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1891 which was registered in the office of the High Commissioner for the Pacific Book No. 104. Folio 216. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1892, also a piece of ground called Songbunge or Wash Wash dated Longanna Aoba dated April 10<sup>th</sup> 1890, Registered in the office of the High Commissioner for Western Pacific Book A no. 106 Folio 217. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1892, also a letter from Rev. Arthur Brittain <sup>dated Nov. 24 1891</sup> certifying to Mr. Evans title to land at Sonana, Registered in the office of the High Commissioner for Western Pacific Book 107 Folio 218.

When my Uncle was at home about 15 yrs. ago he told us that he possessed this land & that in the event of his death it was to belong to me, & as neither Mr. Bowden or ourselves have heard anything about him

for nine yrs. we think he must be dead,  
hence the reason for Mr. Bowden sending  
documents on to me, he also advised me to  
write to you, as being interested in the  
New Hebrides Islands, should you think I  
have any claim to said ground & that it is  
likely to be of any value to me, I shall be  
glad to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely  
Wally Coale

Gerrard

Castlehead

Paisley

Scotland

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1910.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1891  
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*Sydney* Sept. 9th 1909 *190*

W. H. Lucas Esq.,

Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd.,

SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

LAND, NEW HEBRIDES.

As arranged, I have

pleasure in handing you copies in duplicate of the Documents in connection with the Land in New Hebrides transferred to Mr. V. R. Bowden.

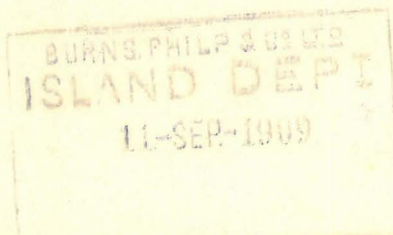
I shall be glad if you will kindly send these to Mr. Tanna at Vila, as suggested by you.

Thanking you for interest in this matter,

Yours truly,

*Robert Bowden*

HB/EB.



COPY.

(This Document is registered in the Office of H.B.M's Commissioner  
for the Western Pacific, Book A, No. 105, Folio 217

(Signed) Wilfred Collet,  
Secretary, 30th Janry. 1892.)

LONGANNA, AOBA, 20th August, 1890

NEW HEBRIDES

We the undersigned Cheif and Subjects, Certify that we have  
sold to Matthew Evans and Captain Breio The undermentioned Track  
of land Situated on the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ S E. Coast of Aoba the  
boundries which are as follows -

1st Commencing from a little beach, called Tolarra or Alamara  
back to top of hill called Ben Ben

And from there down to beach. To the mouth of the small River  
Mumbie. And from there along the Coast line to Lolarra. dist  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile on this line.

For the value 10 pounds stirling which we have received in  
trade, according to our wish, and we certify the land belongs  
to no other person, nor has it been previously sold to anyone.

Signed by me Abemar, Cheif (X) his mark

Wittness. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Merana. His mark (X)

Wittness. Hechie, His mark (X) Arenmola. His mark

Wittness. Longie, His mark (X)

own. Matthew Evans and Coy. (Signed)

COPY.

YOKOHAMA

15th August 1900

I have this day sold to Vivian Rothwell Bowden of Yokohama Japan for value received all my right title and interest in a piece or parcel of land, situated on the North East Point of Aoba Island, New Hebrides Group and known as ALIMIMAIR, and in which I hold a half interest with Captain Breow of the New Hebrides.

This land has a frontage of about three miles to the sea, and a depth of one mile or more from the shore. The Deeds were left in the care of the Manager of The Australasian New Hebrides Company at Port Vila.

(Signed) Matthew Evans

(Signed) Wm. Campbell

Witness

C O P Y.

S Y D N E Y, 5th October, 1909.

Mr. Herbert Bowden,  
Messrs. Bowden Bros.,  
18 Bridge Street,  
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 9th September last, handing us copies of documents in connection with land in the New Hebrides transferred to Mr. V. R. Bowden, we would advise having written to Mr. Tanner, Manager of our Branch at Vila, asking him to make all the enquiries he can, and, upon receipt of his reply, we will promptly communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per. (Sgd.) WALTER H. LUCAS.

C O P Y

S Y D N E Y, 28th October, 1909

Mr. Herbert Bowden,  
Messrs. Bowden Bros.,  
18 Bridge Street,  
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sir,

Following our letter of 5th instant, we have pleasure in advising having received from our Vila Branch Manager a reply to our letter concerning certain land at Aoba, New Hebrides, transferred to Mr. V. R. Bowden, copy of which we enclose.

If you care to follow his suggestion for the proving of the Title etc., we will be very happy to pass your instructions on to him.

Yours faithfully,  
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Messrs Burns Philp & Co. Ltd.,  
SYDNEY.

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Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 28th inst.,  
enclosing copy of letter from the manager of your Vila Branch, for  
which kindly accept my thanks.

On the lines of Mr. Tanner's suggestions, I now  
have pleasure in handing you -

A. Original deed of sale from Avenmola, dated 20th August  
1890 to Matthew Evans and Capt. Breio.

B. sale note dated 15th August 1900 from Matthew Evans to  
V. R. Bowden.

I shall be glad if you will kindly ask your  
vila Manager to deposit the deeds with the Land Court for regis-  
tration as early as possible.

Yours truly,

HB/EB.

*Kabat Bowden*

C O P Y.

S Y D N E Y, 2nd November, 1909.

S Y D N E Y, 22nd December, 1909.

Herbert Bowden Esq.,

Messrs. Bowden Bros.

18 Bridge Street,

S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of 29th October  
handing us:-

- A. Original Deed of Sale from Avenmola, dated 20th August 1890 to Matthew Evans and Capt. Breio.
- B. Sale Note dated 15th August 1900 from Matthew Evans to V. R. Bowden.

As requested, we will have much pleasure in forwarding these documents to our Vila Manager for the purpose of lodging them with the Land Court, and will ask him to act in your interests in the proving of Mr. V. R. Bowden's title to the land in question.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per. (Sgd.) WALTER H. LUCAS.

C O P Y.

S Y D N E Y, 22nd December, 1909.

Mr. Herbert Bowden,

Messrs. Bowden Bros.,

18 Bridge Street, SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the land held by Mr. V. R. Bowden in the New Hebrides, we have pleasure in handing you herewith copy of a letter received from our Vila Branch, which speaks for itself.

Is it possible to let them have a plan of the land in question, which, as you will note from their postscript, it will be necessary to lodge with the Deeds when proving the Title?

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per (Sgd.) JAMES BURNS JUNR.

**HERBERT BOWDEN**

QUEENSLAND CHAMBERS

18 BRIDGE STREET

SYDNEY, 23rd Dec. '09 190

Messrs. Burns Philp & Company, Ltd.,

Island Department,

SYDNEY.



Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 22nd inst., with enclosure of letter from your Vila Office. This I am sending on to Mr. V. R. Bowden, Yokohama, and immediately upon receipt of his advice, I shall be pleased to communicate same to you.

Thanking you for your kindly interest in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herbert Bowden", with a horizontal line underneath.

H.B./E.S.

Enclo.

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*18 Bridge St*  
*Sydney* 11th March 19 10

Messrs Burns Philp & Co.

Island Department,

SYDNEY.

Dear Sirs,

By this inward mail per "Nikko Maru" we have received a letter from  
Mr. V. R. Bowden reading as follows. -

"Many thanks for enclosures which I return herewith. I am sorry  
to say I have no plan or documents regarding this land, other than  
those already sent forward.

"Kindly thank Messrs Burns Philp & Co's Island Department for all  
the interest and trouble they are taking in the matter."

we beg to return the letters herewith.

faithfully yours,

TB.

BOWDEN BROTHERS & COY. LTD.

Per.....

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ISLAND DEPARTMENT

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Sydney.

22nd December, 1909.

Mr. Herbert Bowden,

Messrs. Bowden Bros.,

18 Bridge Street, SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the land held by Mr. V. R. Bowden in the New Hebrides, we have pleasure in handing you herewith copy of a letter received from our Vila Branch, which speaks for itself.

Is it possible to let them have a plan of the land in question, which, as you will note from their postscript, it will be necessary to lodge with the Deeds when proving the Title?

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY LIMITED

Per.

C O P Y.

V I L A November 19th 1909

Messrs Burns Philp & Co. Ltd.,

S Y D N E Y. Island Department.

Dear Sirs,

Yours of the 8th inst., with enclosures, "Deeds of land owned by Mr V.R.Bowden", duly to hand.

There will be considerable delay before there is a chance of proving the ownership, as from present indications, the land court is not likely to be in operation for a year or 18 months.

We will hold deeds and put them before the Court directly it opens.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED,

Per. Walter Tanner.

N.B. We would point out that it will be necessary to have some kind of a plan to register with the deeds. There would however be some difficulty in obtaining a plan of the Land above mentioned, in deeds.

W.T.

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18 Bridge St  
Sydney 19th March 1910

Messrs Burns Philp & Co.Ltd,  
Island Department,  
SYDNEY.

BURNS, PHILP & CO LTD  
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21-MAR-1910

Dear Sirs,

Re Mr. V.R.Bowden's Land in the New Hebrides.

Your letter of 16th inst. is before us and we have repeated your advices on to Mr. V.R.Bowden, asking for the necessary authority.

We shall be glad to know within what time you would require the receive Mr. Bowden's authority.

Faithfully yours,

TB.

BOWDEN BROTHERS & COY. LTD

Per LAURENCE WALKER

22nd March, 1910.

Messrs. Bowden Bros.,  
Bridge Street,  
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sirs,

RE MR. V. R. BOWDEN'S LAND IN THE  
NEW HEBRIDES.

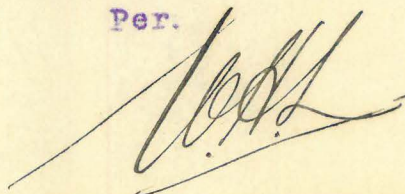
We note from your favor of 19th inst., you have communicated with your Mr. V. R. Bowden re his authority for the necessary survey, preparatory to establishing his Title before the Land Court.

To your further enquiry, we do not think there is any time limit as to when this survey should take place, but, of course, the sooner we know the easier it would be for us to make the survey fit in with the other arrangements of the Surveyor.

Yours faithfully,

BUENS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED?

Per.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'V. R. Bowden', written over a horizontal line.

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Messrs Burns Philp & Co.

Island Department,

SYDNEY.

Dear sirs,

RE MR. V.R.BOWDEN'S LAND IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

Your letter of 22nd inst is before us, and advices are noted.

We have written Mr. V.R.Bowden by outgoing mail this day, asking for a prompt reply by mail; we note you do not consider a cable necessary.

Faithfully yours,

TB.

BOWDEN BROTHERS & COY. LTD.

Per *[Signature]*

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13/6/10  
18 Bridge St  
Sydney 30th May 1910

Messrs Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd,  
Island Department,  
SYDNEY.

Dear Sirs,

MR. V. R. BOWDEN'S LAND IN NEW HEBRIDES.

Following upon previous

advices, we have this day received a letter from Mr. V. R. Bowden with reference to proposed Survey of his Land in the New Hebrides.

As the matter is left in our hands, we would be pleased to hear from you as to what would be the approximate cost of the said Survey.

Looking forward to your news,

Faithfully yours,

TB.

BOWDEN BROTHERS & COY. LTD.

Per.....

13th June, 1910.

Messrs. Bowden Bros., & Co. Ltd.,  
Bridge Street,  
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sirs,

MR. V. R. BOWDEN'S NEW HEBRIDES LAND.

Replying to your enquiry of 30th May, re cost of survey of the above land, we beg to advise that the rate is £8 per mile for Scrub country, with a minimum of £6, and £5 per mile for grass country with a minimum of £4.

On receipt of your instructions we will advise our Vila Manager to have the work put in hand when the Surveyor reaches that part of the New Hebrides, and will also ask him to obtain from the Solicitor engaged for our own work an idea of the probable cost of establishing the title before the Joint Land Court.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per. 

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MR. V. R. BOWDEN'S NEW HEBRIDES LAND.

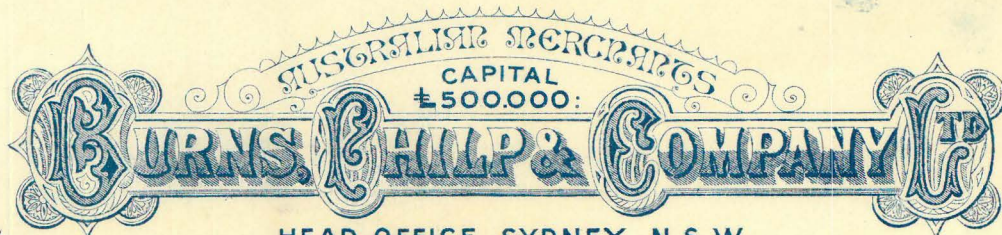
We now acknowledge with thanks your letter of 13th inst, and following upon our call this morning, we have to ask you to kindly obtain for us information as to the area of the above Land, and the estimated total cost of proposed Survey.

Faithfully yours,

TB.

BOWDEN BROTHERS & CO. LTD

Per. *Emmeline*



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*Sydney.*  
*Copy*

28th June, 1910.

Messrs Bowden Bros. & Co., Ltd.,

18 Bridge Street,

SYDNEY.

Dear Sirs,

MR. V.R.BOWDEN'S NEW HEBRIDES LAND.

We duly received your letter of the 23rd inst., asking us to obtain for you the estimated total cost of the proposed survey of Mr. V.R.Bowden's land at Aoba.

As the boundaries defined in the copies of Conveyances handed to us by your Mr. Herbert Bowden in September last are somewhat vague, we cannot ourselves advise you of the cost, but we are by the mail leaving on Friday next, communicating with Mr. Vance, the British Surveyor at present in the Group, asking him if he can, on the particulars contained in the documents referred to, inform us of the approximate charges that would be incurred. The moment we receive his reply, we will write you.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per

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*18 Bridge St*  
*Sydney* 29th June 1910

Messrs Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd.,  
Island Department,  
SYDNEY.

Dear Sirs,

MR. V.R. BOWDEN'S NEW HEBRIDES LAND.

Your letter of 28th inst is to hand, and your advices are noted with thanks.

We now await to hear from you after receipt of news from Mr. Vance.

Faithfully yours,

TB.

BOWDEN BROTHERS & COY. LTD.

*Memphis*

8th September, 1910.

Messrs. Bowden Bros.,  
Bridge Street,  
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Dear Sirs,

MR. V. R. BOWDEN'S LAND AT AOBA, N.H.

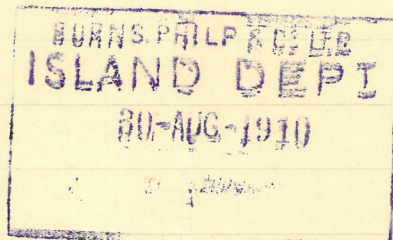
Attached please find copy of letter from our Surveyor in the New Hebrides in reply to our enquiries concerning Mr. Vivian Bowden's land on Aoba.

The answer is not very satisfying, but, as it will be a long time before the Surveyors reach Aoba, or the Land Court tackles any cases in that vicinity, we purpose holding the matter over for the present.

We may add that Mr. Vance's estimates are based upon the making of a thorough survey, but we are now taking up the question of a cheaper method of triangular survey by flags, which will, probably, reduce the costs to a mere fraction of those quoted.

Yours faithfully,  
BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.  
Per. *W. H. H.*

W. H. Lucas Esq.  
Messrs Burns Philp & Co Ltd  
Sydney



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Dear Sir

In reply to enquiry re. land  
belonging to Mr Bowden at Gba.

First piece situated on P.E. coast. From information supplied  
it is impossible to tell the extent of this land, one side is  
given as  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile if it is anything like square the cost  
of survey would be about £6.

Second piece situated on N.E. coast. If the distances supplied  
are correct the cost would be from £50 to £60.

If Mr Bowden were to enquire from somebody on Gba  
they would probably be able to find out the approximate  
extent of the ground. The cost is £8 per mile for scrub  
& £5 per mile for cleared country.

yours faithfully

T. A. Vance

Surveyor



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Sydney.

28th June, 1910.

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T. A. Vance Esq.,

Surveyor,

NEW HEBRIDES.

Dear Sir,

We have received an enquiry from Messrs Bowden Bros. of this city, concerning the cost of survey of land situate at Aoba belonging to Mr. V. R. Bowden as per copies of conveyances attached.

We must admit that the boundaries shown are very indefinite, but you may possibly be able, from the particulars given, to gauge the probable cost of such survey, and we would be glad if you could let us have the information by return post. Mr. Bowden is anxious, before putting the work in hand, to know the approximate charges that would be incurred.

Yours faithfully,

BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per