

S. S. Mambare  
20/9/00.

Capt. Thos Williams  
Dear Sir.

In compliance with your request, on behalf of Burns, Philp & Co, to find out if Mr Worthington's claim to land on West-Tanna encroached on property purchased previously from <sup>the</sup> natives by Ross & Lewin & others, I have pleasure in reporting that the land claimed by Mr Worthington does not in any way interfere with the properties mentioned.

I made enquiries among the natives living near Soenakel, three of them were acquainted with the late Mr Lewin & were present when he ~~was~~ measured the land, & all agreed that Mr Worthington had not purchased any

land sold previously; in fact-  
he made careful enquiries before  
taking up any land as to whether  
it had been owned by traders in  
years gone by.

The title deed, signed "Malaconi" (1)  
lies nearest to land bought by Mr  
Worthington (on which the Mission House  
now stands) so I made careful enquiry  
in regard to it.

It does not come down to the coast  
at all, being situated up on the  
hills about one mile & a half from  
the Mission premises. None of the  
natives remember a Capt. Reid having  
taken up land to the north of it.

The natives do not dispute the purchase  
of this land, but, on the face of it, it  
is a very poor title indeed.

In regard to the land at Wappy  
Manhook, I find that the late

Mr Lewin measured the land & got the deed signed by Cookrice (since dead) but did not pay the price agreed upon so the natives dispute the right of any one to claim it.

In regard to the late Mr Lewin's property at Loanipe (3) the natives say that the marks given on the title deed are not correct: that the land on the beach was not sold. I was shown the boundary which I should think is, at least,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from the beach.

I regret owing to break down in health that I was unable to interview the natives at Epul (4), but I understand that land was bought there & that the purchase is not disputed.

I understand Capt. Greeman of Anceityum has stated that Mr Lewin's

land extended to the gully at  
Rawaruaupou, which includes  
the mission property & ~~the~~ part of  
Mr Worthington's coffee plantation;  
also that - Mr Lewin's house was  
situated on the high ground almost  
immediately behind the mission house.  
In this he is mistaken. The walls  
of house are still standing on the  
land running up from Loanipe, &  
I was shown all the marks by a  
nephew of Lewin's murderer, a very  
intelligent & truthful man.

In conclusion I will be glad  
to give any information personally  
whilst I remain in Sydney.

I am Yours faithfully  
J. Royall Hume.

T A N N A, 2nd May, 1890

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*Port Resolution*

Signed

*Cascar*

A. H. W.

T A N N A. May 16th, 1896

All Right and Title to the following Passage and land  
described:-

Known as Loacamo and containing 3 acres of land situated  
immediately fronting passage tracked by blazed trees.

Signed. Yosmer.

A. H. W.

NEW HEBRIDES May 28th, 94

All that piece of land hereinafter described:-

Between North side of Creek at Wanamlapau Bay N.E. 300 yards  
to marked Banyan tree thence N.W. by road leading to Sangalee  
and back by coast line to Wanamlapau Bay. In all 40 acres.

Signed Yasso.

Tobos.

*A H. 10.*

N E W H E B R I D E S June 15th 1896

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Signed Cato.

*A. H. W.*

NEW HEBRIDES Oct. 14th, 96

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Cocoanut tree on North side of passage and running 100 yards  
East to marked cocoanut tree, thence by straight line South to  
road leading to beach

Signed. Yatta.

*A New.*

T A N N A, January 3rd, 1896

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Signed.

Yobsell  
Tiru  
Naco.

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it is bounded by Henry Ross Lewin & Co's Plantation on the  
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Signed.

Narco,

Nartonga

Cobbie (native name Jimmy)

(4)

4th October, 1867

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Signed. Manni

Yamahoo

Yewer

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S A N G A L E E , T A N N A, 14th Nov., 1870

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Signed. Cockrice.

(2)

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.  
GERALDTON  
ESPERANCE.  
FREMANTLE

AGENCIES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA & THE EAST.

ISLAND DEPARTMENT  
(REPLY TO BE SO ADDRESSED).

*Sydney.*  
*This is being too busy to attend to Mr. Hume's letter.*

29th May, 1900

Capt. Williams,

S. S. "Mambare"

Dear Sir,

We have had some little difficulty in tracing out the particulars of land held by the Company and also be Mr. Worthington at Tanna and we now enclose herewith a rough outline of the particulars thereof. You will observe that we have marked the papers of the land claimed by Mr Worthington "A.H.W." in order that you may distinguish one from the other.

We shall be glad if you will arrange with some reliable resident to ascertain if any of the descriptions refer to land claimed by both B.P. & Co. and Worthington

Kindly note that we desire that this inquiry shall be conducted as quietly as possible

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Signed. Manni

Yamahoo

Yewer

H A V A N A H   H A R B O U R

December 2nd, 1892

Piece of land enclosed by the following boundaries:-

On the Island known as Deception. Commencing at a gully named by the natives Cowvatoo on the sea beach, thence by the said gully in about a.N.W. direction until opposite a high rock or cliff known as Vatuleeka, thence in an E by N direction to the said high cliff thence continuing in about the same direction to a gully known as Natowreekee, thence in about an S. S. E. direction to three iron wood trees on the beach on to a spot named by natives Nangasulga Napoaka

Signed      Maringinlass

Shangoon

Marikitacarooa

H A V A N A H   H A R B O U R

August 4th, 1873.

That piece of land situated on Deception Island contained between the following boundaries.

Commencing on the sea beach on the Southern side of the Island to a gully named Cowvatoo thence in a Northerly direction up the same gully until opposite a marked tree named Namarra. Thence in a direction about W by S to the said tree named Namarra thence in the same direction to another marked tree named Namarchoo thence in same line to a tree named Mulukarrakaroo, thence in a more Southerly direction to a clump of bushes called Nemelass thence to a tree named Namarchoo from thence to a rock in the face of which, facing the harbour, is a small cave named Valeha, thence by marked trees in a Southerly direction to a tree on the beach named Nata/wata, thence by beach in an E by N direction 273 yds. to the point of commencement.

Signed.   Maraki Si Si,

Cullow

HAVANAH HARBOUR,

V A T E, 2nd September, 1873

That piece of land within the following boundaries:-

Commencing at a rock named Atharree, thence about N.W. to some Sandalwood trees and on to a clump of trees named Nackalaga thence over the hill in a Northerly direction to a point of timber named Malavchat, then in a S.E. direction to a Nemerchall tree in a gully and on to another Nemerchall tree standing alone on the plain thence about S by W. to another clump of Nemerchall trees. thence about W.S.W. along the bottom of the hill to the point of commencement.

Signed. Marcese

The land in the Island of Moso or Deception as hereinafter described:-

Commencing at a tree marked R.L. at the S.W. end or point of  
1  
land purchased by Strickland and running along the beach about  
20 chains in a Westerly direction to a large rock near which is a  
tree marked R.L. from thence running in a Northerly direction  
2  
to a tree marked with an arrow (↑) being the East boundary tree of  
Hebblewhite Bros., hence by Hebblewhite Bros' Boundary still  
Northerly to the sea coast on the North side of Moso, from thence  
along the sea coast in an Easterly direction to a gully or water-  
course and by that gully in a Southerly direction to the point of  
Commencement. The said land being bounded on the South by Havanah  
Harbour, on the West by Hebblewhite Bros' land, on the North by  
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Signed Matho Kyray

Menoweah

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