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THE AUSTRALASIAN W HEBRIDES COY. LTD

BURNS PHILP COMPANY LIMITED

Santo

C O N V E Y A N C E
OF LAND at

CHANONE-ARU

EPIRITU SANTO

NEW HEBRIDES.

ROLIN AND GILDER,

Solicitors,

92 Pitt Street,

S y d n e y.

T H I S I N D E N T U R E (annexed or intended to be read as if annexed to an Indenture of Conveyance bearing date the Twentieth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety one Registered Book A No. 118 Folio 229 in the Office of H.B.M.'s High Commissioner for the Western Pacific on the twentieth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety two) made the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven BETWEEN the within-named THE AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY LIMITED (hereinafter called the Vendor) of the one part and BURNS PHILIP & COMPANY LIMITED of Sydney (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the other part WHEREAS the said Vendor has contracted and agreed with the said Purchaser to enter into and execute these presents for the purpose of releasing and assuring the land and premises hereinafter described in consideration of the said Purchaser having undertaken and agreed to pay and indemnify the said Vendor in respect of certain debts and liabilities owing by the said Vendor NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the premises and of ten shillings paid by the said Purchaser to the said Vendor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged The said Vendor doth hereby grant bargain sell alien release convey and confirm unto the said Purchaser and its assigns ALL THAT and those the lands hereditaments and premises described in the within written Indenture TOGETHER with all houses buildings trees plantations minerals riparian rights easements and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining AND all the estate right title and interest of the said Vendor therein and thereto both at law and in equity TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lands hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances unto and to the use of the said Purchaser and its assigns for ever AND the said Vendor doth hereby for itself and its assigns covenant with the said Purchaser and its assigns that it the said Vendor now has good right and absolute authority by these presents to

grant release and assure the said lands hereditaments and premises and every of them and every part of the same respectively to the use and in manner aforesaid and free from incumbrances AND also that the said Purchaser shall at all times hereafter peacefully and quietly enter into and upon and hold and enjoy the same and every part thereof and take the rents and profits thereof without any interruption or denial by the said Vendor or any person or persons claiming under or in trust for the said Vendor AND also that the said Vendor and its assigns and all persons claiming as aforesaid will at all times hereafter execute and do every such further act and assurance as the said Purchaser may at any time hereafter require but at the cost and expense of the said Purchaser.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Common Seal of the said AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY LIMITED was hereunto affixed the day and year first before written.

THE COMMON SEAL of the AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY LIMITED was hereunto affixed	}	Dugald Thomson	}	Directors.
this first day of October in		John Macpherson		
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety		Jas. Inglis		
seven by us and we certify that	}			
we are the proper persons to				
affix the Company's seal.	)	Joseph Mitchen		Secretary

Registered in the office of H.B.M.'s High Commissioner for the Western Pacific No.280 Folio 340 Book B

H. Smallwood

Acting Secretary,

29th Dec 1897.

C O P Y.

DATED 20th May, 1891.

F. WHITFORD

TO

THE AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COY. LTD.

C O N V E Y A N C E
OF LAND AT

CHANG-NE-ARU

ESPIRITU SANTO

NEW HEBRIDES.

H. PEDEN STEEL

Solicitor,

Phillip Street,

S y d n e y.

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High Commissioner for the Western Pacific Book A. No. 118
Folio 229

Wilfred Collet,

Secretary,

20th February, 1892.

T H I S I N D E N T U R E made the twentieth day of
May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
ninety one BETWEEN FRANK WHITFORD of Wala, Mallicolo in the
New Hebrides Group of Islands hereinafter called Vendors of
the one part and THE AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY
LIMITED of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales herein-
after called the said Company of the other part WHEREAS the
said Vendor who hath previously purchased from Toko, Brago
and Tabute natives of Santo doth hereby agree to sell unto
the said Company all that piece or parcel of land called
Chang-ne-arua on the South east of Espiritu Santo but more
particularly described in the schedule hereto.

AND WHEREAS the Vendors are the persons well and sufficient-
ly entitled to and in lawful seisen occupation and possess-
ion of the lands and hereditaments hereinafter described and
intended to be hereby conveyed and assured and are the
proper persons having the lawful right to sell alien and
sonvey the same AND WHEREAS the said Vendors have contract-
ed and agreed with the said Company for the absolute sale
to them of the lands and hereditaments hereinafter des-
cribed and intended to be hereby assured at or for the price
or sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling NOW THIS INDENTURE
WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said agreement and in
consideration of the said sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Vendors
DO HEREBY STANT BARGAIN sell alien release enfeoff and
convey unto the said Company their successors and assigns
ALL THAT the land and hereditaments more particularly

described and set out in the schedule to these presents
WITH liberty and license for the said Company their successors
and assigns and their servants and workmen and for all
other persons authorized by them with or without labourers
carts and carriages horses or other animals by night and by
day to drive ride operate or labour up down to fro and upon
all or any roads or ways adjoining or near to the said land
TOGETHER with all houses ways rights of way paths passages
buildings lights fences waters watercourses privileges
easements and appurtenances to the said lands and hereditaments
or any part thereof belonging or appertaining or therewith
usually held used or enjoyed AND THE reversions remainders
rents and profits thereof AND ALL the estate right title
interest property possession claim and demand whatsoever
both at law and in equity of them the said Vendors
or any or either of them in to and out of the same premises
and every part thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land
and hereditaments and all and singular other the premises
hereby assured or intended so to be with the appurtenances
UNTO AND TO THE USE of the said Company their successors
and assigns for ever AND each of them the said Vendors
doth hereby for himself and his respective heirs executors
and administrators covenant and agree with the said
Company their successors and assigns in manner following
that is to say THAT notwithstanding any act manner or thing
by any of them the said Vendors or any person claiming under
them of any of them made or done to the contrary they the
said Vendors now have in themselves good right and absolute
authority by these presents to grant release enfeoff and
convey the said hereditaments and premises and every part
thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Company their
successors and assigns to the uses and in manner aforesaid
And that it shall be lawful for the said Company their
successors and assigns at all times hereafter peaceably and
quietly to enter upon hold occupy possess and enjoy the
said hereditaments and premises and to receive and take the

rents and profits thereof for their own use without any eviction interruption or denial by the said Vendors or any of them or any person or persons claiming or to claim from under or in trust for them And that the said hereditaments and premises are free and clear from all charges and incumbrances whatsoever made or occasioned by the said Vendors or any of them or any person claiming as aforesaid And also that each of them the said Vendors and their respective heirs and every person whomsoever legally claiming any estate or interest in the said hereditaments and premises through under or in trust for them or any of them will from time to time and at all times hereafter at the request and cost of the said Company their successors or assigns execute and perfect every such lawful act deed or assurance in the law for more satisfactorily assuring the said hereditaments and premises and every part thereof to the uses and in manner aforesaid as by the said Company their successors or assigns shall be devised or required IN WITNESS whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written

THE SCHEDULE.

Describing that piece or parcel of Land called Chang-ne-arua before referred to situated on the South Coast of Espiritu Santo and bounded by a piece of Land called Benue on the West Commencing on the Beach at a place called Sarara and running thence North three and a half miles ($3\frac{1}{2}$) to Calituplah thence East by North three and a half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) miles to Nanbaru at a large tree on Belsick Mountain near Belsick Village thence South four and a half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) miles to the coast opposite a boundary mark of the New Caledonia New Hebrides Company and thence along the coast in a Westerly direction about three and a half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) miles to the point of commencement and estimated to contain an area of twelve and a half ($12\frac{1}{2}$) square miles.

Signed Sealed and Delivered by
the said Frank Whitford in the
presence of the undersigned and

hereby certify that the
contents of the within deed
were read over and translated
to them and fully explained to
them and they appeared fully to
understand the nature and effect
thereof.

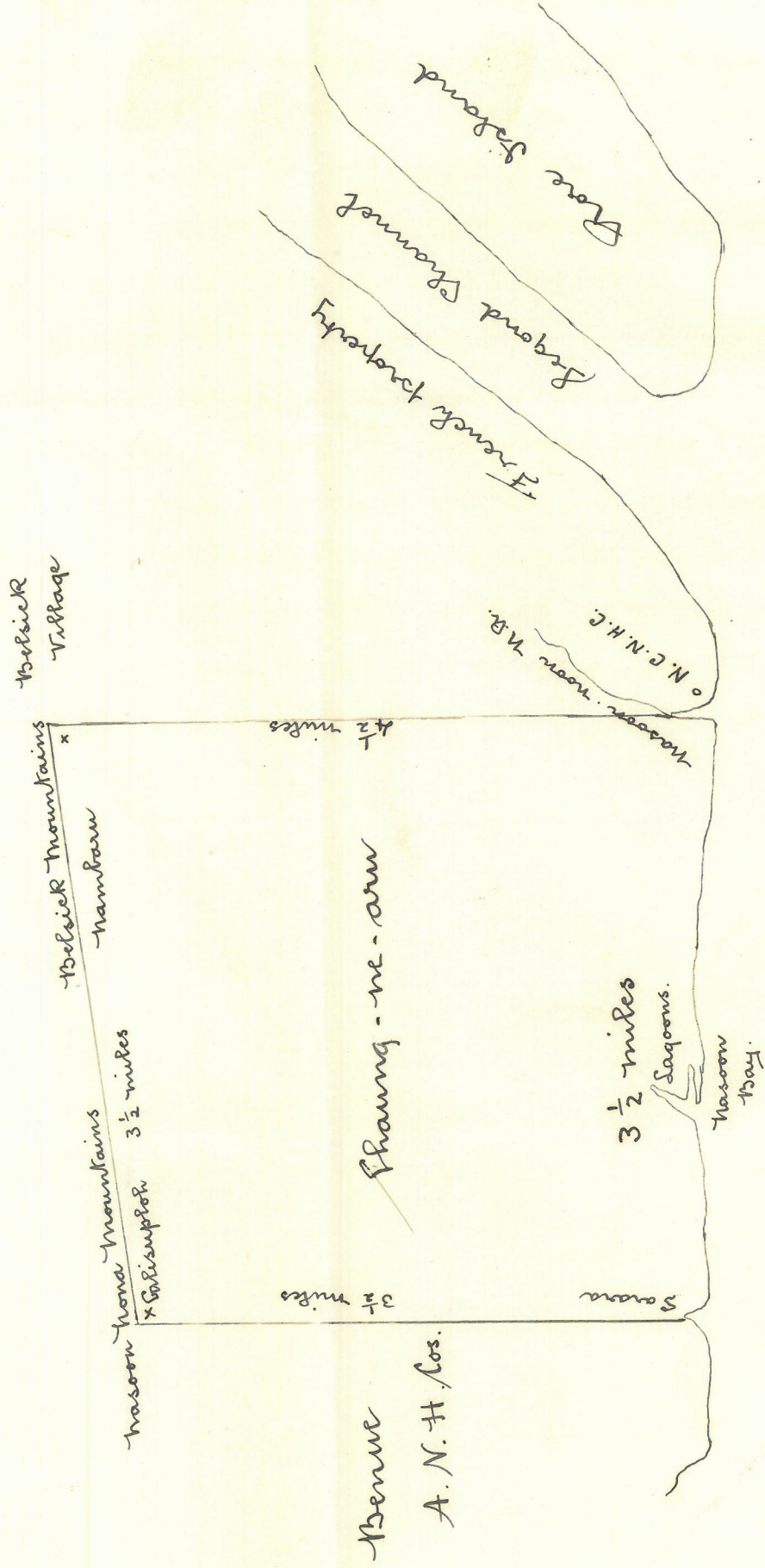
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Frank Whitford

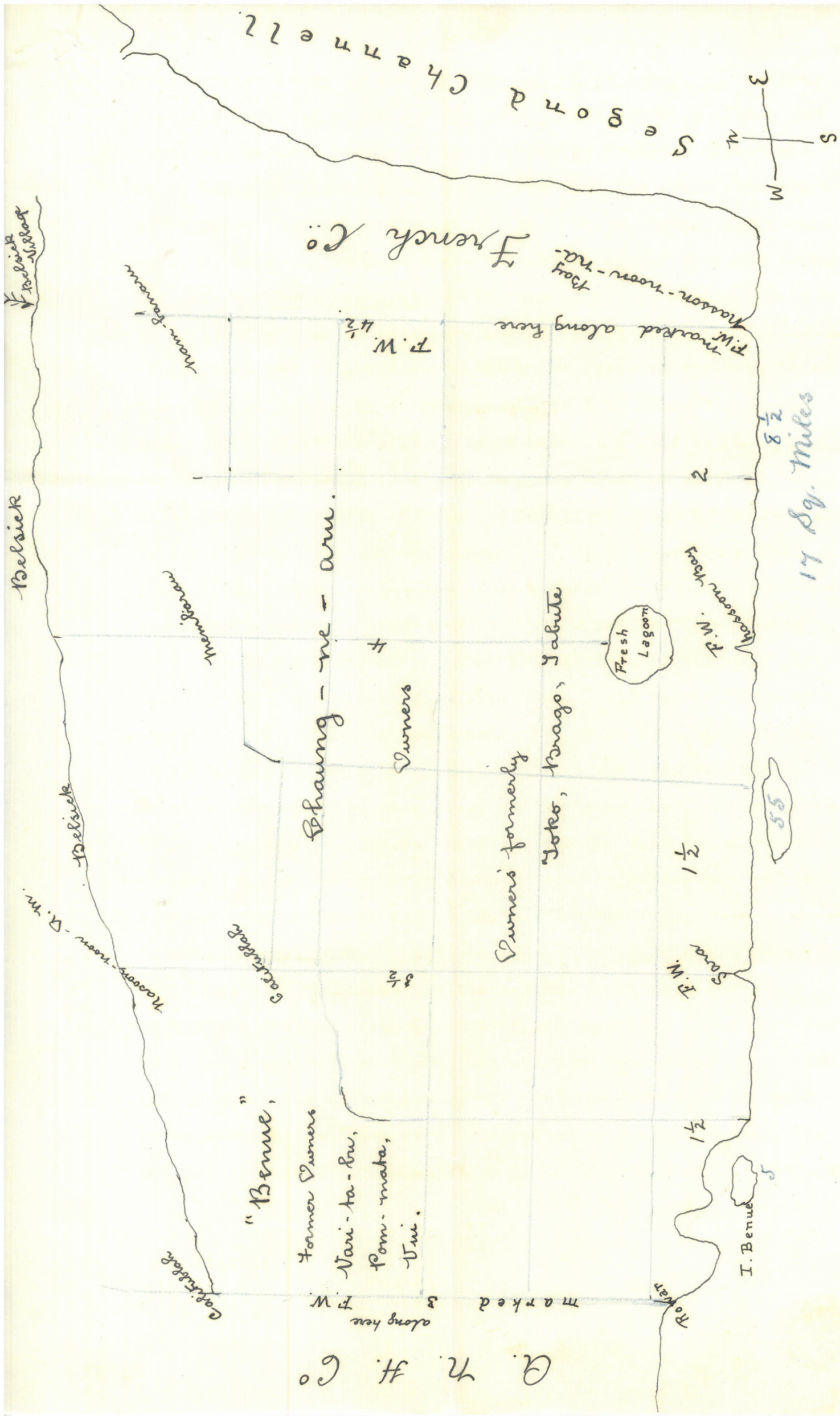
Witness

John Strasburg

Espiritu. Santo Island.



This is only a very rough sketch I made the other day, when first I bought Chang-ne aru, they only sold me Half. But in January last I completed the whole, and when you were with me I explained that as the natives, Toko, Brago, and Tabute, had then sold me up to their limit, It was better to have one deed for the whole, as the names and Boundary's are the same, and names of sellers the same. It was confusing, attached to this you will find the deed for the Chaung-ne-arua Block as when first bought, it was only Half and consisted of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ square miles, but you will see in the Transfer that I have signed for $12\frac{1}{2}$ square miles which is the whole of the land, you will see that the deeds are for $17\frac{1}{2}$ square Miles, the reason is I found a large lake covering from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 square Miles on Chaung-ne-arua, if the cane called Rattan is off any Marketable value it abounds there and a fine sort, I know Mcleod used to buy a good lot in Sandwich.



Registered as above

M. King

Secy. to H.Cr.

This compact drawn up this the 7th day of December, in the year One thousand, Eight Hundred and ninety, between Toko, Brago and Tabute three land owners on the Island of "Espritu Santo" one of the, New Hebrides Group, on the one part and Frank Whitford of Woolwich England on the other part. Toko, Brago, and Tabute agree to sell to the said Frank Whitford a piece of ground known and called "Chaung-ne-ar" for the sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling to be paid to them in "Merchandise" on or after this date.-----

"Chaung-ne-ar" is situated on the South Coast of "Espritu Santo" The piece of land called "Chaung-ne-ar" runs along the shore from East to West for a distance of One and a half miles, and runs back in a Northerly direction for a distance of about Three Miles until it reaches the foot of the First range of Mountains, called Belsick Mountain and consists of about Four and a Half square Miles in all.-----

Its Western boundary commences at a place called "Sarara" and runs at a Right Angle to the Foot of Nasoon-noona Mountain terminating at a place called Cali-tu-blah. Its Eastern boundary commences at a place called Nassoon Bay which is a small salt Water Creek, and runs at a Right-Angle to the Foot of Belsick Mountain, terminating at a place called "Nam-baru". -----

The sea forms its Southern Boundary, and the Foot of Belsick Mountain forms its Northern Boundary from Cali-tu-blah, on its Western side to Nam-ba-rue on its Eastern side-----

"Toko", "Brago", and "Tabute" do solemnly declare and affirm, that they have full power in themselves, to Bargain sell, and convey the above described piece of ground called "Chaung-ne-ar" unto the said Frank Whitford, his heirs or assigns for ever with all woods waters and minerals, thereon free from the let, suit or disturbance on the part of themselves or heirs for ever, for the sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling to be paid to them in Merchandise

Toko	X	his mark
Brago	X	his mark
Tabute	X	his mark

Witness.

Henry Hutton
Samuel Samson

Received this the seventh day of december, Eighteen Hundred and
Ninety 30 Thirty Pounds Sterling worth of Merchandise, well and
truly Paid, by Frank Whitford for the above described piece of
ground, called Chaung-ne-arua together with all woods, waters,
minerals, or ores, thereon.

Toko	X his mark
Brago	X his mark
Tabute	X his mark

Witness. Henry Hotton
 Sammel Samson.

16 Decr. 1898

Registered as above

M. King
Secy. to H. Cr.

T H I S C O M P A C T drawn up this the seventh day of September, in the year, One thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety BETWEEN TOKO BRAGO and TABUTE three land-owners of the Island of "Espritu Santo" one of the New Hebrides Group on the one part and FRANK WHITFORD of Woolwich England on the other part. Toko, Brago and Tabute agree to sell to the said Frank Whitford a piece of ground known and called "Chaung-ne-arua" for the sum of £45 Forty Five Pounds Sterling to be paid to then in Merchandise on or after this date. "Chaung-ne-arua" situated on the South Coast of "Espritu Santo". The piece of land called "Chaung-ne-arua" runs along the shore from East to West for a distance of about 3 Miles, and runs back in a Northerly direction on its Western Boundary for a distance of about 4 miles, and on its Eastern Boundary for about Four and a Half Miles, until it reaches the foot of the First Range of Mountains called Belsick Mountain F.W. and consists of about 12½ Square Miles in all. Its Western Boundary commences at a place called "Sarara", and runs at a Right angle, to the Foot of Na-soon-noona Mountain terminating at a place called Cali-tu-plah----- Its Eastern boundary commences at at a place called "Nassoon Bay", which is a salt water Creek, and runs at a Right angle to the foot of Belsick Mountain, terminating at a place called Nambaru----- The sea forms its Southern Boundary, and the foot of "Belsick Mountain" forms its Northern Boundary from Cali-tu-blah on its Western side to Nambaru on its Eastern side----- "Toko", "Brago", and "Tabute" do solemnly declare and affirm that they have full power in themselves to Bargain sell and convey, the above described Piece of land, called "Chaung-ne-arua" unto the said Frank Whitford, hiw heirs or assigns for ever, with all woods waters and minerals thereon, free from the let, suit or disturbance, on the part of themselves

or heirs, for ever for the sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling
to be paid to them in merchandise.-----

Toko X his mark
Erago X his mark
Tabute X his mark

Witness

Wola X his mark
Sare X his mark
Benabru X his mark
Natu X his mark

Received this, the Twenty Eight day of January, Eighteen
Hundred and ninety one £45 Forty Five Pounds Sterling worth
of Merchandise, well and truly paid by Frank Whitford for
the above described piece of ground called Chaung-ne-ar
together with all woods waters minerals or ores thereon

Toko X his mark
Tabute X his mark
Erago X his mark

Witness

Sare X his mark
Wola X his mark
Ben-a-bru X his mark
Natu X his mark

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Witness.

Toko	X	his mark
Brago	X	his mark
Tabute	X	his mark
Wola	X	his mark
Sare	X	his mark
Benabru	X	his mark
Natu	X	his mark

Received this the twenty eight day of January eighteen hundred and ninety one £45 forty five pounds sterling worth of merchandise well and truly paid by Frank Whirford for the above described piece of ground called "Chaung-ne-arua" together with all woods, waters, minerals or ores thereon.

Witness.

Toko	X	his mark
Tabute	X	his mark
Brago	X	his mark
Sare	X	his mark
Wola	X	his mark
Ben-a-bru	X	his mark
Natu	X	his mark

This compact drawn up this the 7th day of December, in the year, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, between, Toko, Brago and Tabute, three land owners on the island of "Espritu Santo" one of the New Hebrides Group, on the one part, and Frank Whitford, of Woolwich, England on the other part. Toko, Brago and Tabute, agree to sell to the said Frank Whitford a piece of ground known and called "Chaung-ne-arua" for the sum of thirty pounds sterling, to be paid to them in Merchandise, on or after this date. "Chaung-ne-arua" is situated on the South Coast of "Espritu Santo". The piece of land called "Chaung-ne-arua" runs along the shore from East to West, for a distance of one and a half miles, and runs back in a Northerly direction for a distance of about three miles until it reaches the foot of the first range of mountains, called Belsick Mountains, and consisted of about four and a half miles in all. Its Western Boundary commences at a place called "Sarara" and runs at a right angle, to the foot of Nasoon-noona Mountain terminating at a place called Cali-tu-blah. Its eastern boundary commences at a place called Nassoon Bay, which is a small salt water creek, and runs at a right angle to the foot of Belsick Mountain, terminating at a place called "Nam-karu". The sea forms its southern boundary and the foot of Belsick Mountain forms its Northern Boundary, from Cali-tu-blah, on its western side to Nam-ka-nie on its eastern side. Toko, Brago and Tabute do solemnly declare and affirm that they have full power in themselves, to Bargain, sell and convey, the above described piece of land cal-

led "Chaung-ne-arua" unto the said Frank Whitford, his heirs or assigns for ever, with all woods, waters and minerals thereon, free from the let ~~Suit~~ or disturbance on the part of themselves or heirs, for ever, for the sum of thirty pounds sterling to be paid to them, in Merchandise.

Toko X his mark

Brago X his mark

Tabute X his mark

Witness. Henry Hutton.

Samuel Samson.

Received this the seventh day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety ~~£30~~ thirty pounds sterling, worth of Merchandise, well and truly paid, by Frank Whitford for the above described piece of ground, called "Chaung-ne-arua" together with all woods, waters, minerals or ores, thereon.

Toko X his mark

Brago X his mark

Tabute X his mark

Witness. Henry Hutton.

Samuel Samson.

WM. SCOTT & CO.,

Solicitors,

SUVA, FIJI.

HERBERT SHAW.

Eldon Chambers,

SUVA, FIJI,

11 January, 1898.

Capt Calder,

S U V A.

Dear Sir,

Herewith we beg to return you the documents duly registered in the High Commission forwarded to us through you for that purpose.

We have made the searches you directed in which we have been assisted by the Secretary a copy of whose letter we enclose. The indices at the High Commission have been kept in such a manner that the searches were very laborious and involved two long attendances.

We enclose a copy of the only document that seems of interest to you registered in the name of Blanche Powell and have to report that we can find no document by which Mr. Whitford purposed to alienate the Benue Island or Chaung-ne-aru properties. The new Secretary of the High Commission has required us to pay fees for the registrations a new departure in the procedure. We enclose receipt for the fees we have paid and a memo of our own charges and are

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Scott & Co.

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