

Vunivulu (Governor General) the Mata Ki Bau that is ambassador

will be informed by the government officials. If it is the

- If the chief comes to the village through the government then

- Is there anyone who will bring the news of the chief's visit?

ing chief.

This are the important things done and are presented to the visit

Vakamasa consists of mats, kumi, mast, bottles of oil and tabua

Vakaturaga. When this is been presented the Vakamasa follows.

he will be presented with a feast known as the Wase ni Yagona

is in progression. When the visiting chief had drank the yagona

for the visiting chief. No villager is to make a noise when this

When the Sevusevu had been done than a Bowl of Yagona is mixed

this follows the Matakawa that is something like SEVUSEVU.

done to him is the presentation of a Tabua as a Galovi. After

arrival of the chief. When the chief arrives the first thing

after the chief himself. Villagers will all stand ready for the

who are to look after the love and also those who will be looking

for his arrival. The guards will be ready for his arrival, those

full traditional welcome. Everything will be prepared and ready

- When a chief visits a village or place he will be accorded

SUBJECT: THINGS DONE ON THE VISIT OF A CHIEF.

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that is the maintenance will come to tell us of his visit.

- When the chief arrives who is responsible for presenting the

jalagovi

- We the villagers here will stand ready for everything. The

Vunvalu will be visiting with his katali, and we villagers are

responsible for presenting this and that. Those from Rewa will

be escorting the Vunvalu as his katali.

- Why didn't the Vunvalu come straight?

- The Vunvalu don't leave his home and come straight here. First

his got to go to Rewa from there some people from there will

escort him up here to Dratabu. This is because in the olden days

when the Christian light was first brought to Viti Levu it was

first introduced in Bau and then from Bau it was then taken to

Katu Navula and so those from Navula brought Christian light up

here to us at Dratabu. That is why we have this link between

Bau, Rewa and Dratabu. The Vunvalu is got come through the

right channel to us here through Rewa. This tie between the

three places is very important for us here. No man can untie the

cord that is been tied. To us up here in Dratabu we don't perfo-

rm or present the VUNVALU.

When a chief arrives we only blow con shell to show, as a sign

that the chief has arrived.

- Usually those from Va perform this particular act. Those who

are very good in presenting the jalagovi are usually chosen

for this.

- Could we talk more on the presentation of the Yagona Vakatura-

gat?

- To us up here when a chief visits only 5 men are to sit

- The string that is called the magimagi which attach the
- How is the magimagi placed from the tanoa in this occasion?
- present .
- another bowl is ready to be mixed for other chiefs who are also
- clap their hands to show that the chiefly drink is closed and
- ceremony will go up and bring the magimagi down before everyone
- the next cup. One of the performers in this particular yagonsa
- village. Usually after the chief drinks his matavivava drinks
- Usually it depends on how many escorts the chief to the
- How many more will drink after the visiting chief?
- yagonsa.
- splilling the water in, when ordered. Van is used to sieve the
- the mixer is responsible for carrying the water container and
- Bamboo leaves are used as the bamboo lid and a man stands behind
- In this place we call it the CUBU.
- Long bamboos are used to carry water for the yagonsa mixing .
- ga brought?
- In what container is the water for mixing the Yagonsa Vakatara-
- is also a special chant for the cup bearer.
- two lines of men sit on both sides of the Yagonsa Bowl. There
- ready the cup bearer will dance up slowly from the one of the
- that will be sang by those around the bowl and when the mixing is
- mix of the yagonsa . There will be a piece of make(chant, song)
- and behind him is the man who will be shouting orders on the
- of the man who is responsible for mixing the yagonsa is the mixer
- each side of the Bowl of Yagonsa are to sit six men. Infront
- around the bowl of grass to perform the Yagonsa Vakatara . On

visiting chief sits. This is to show that he is welcome to the

village.

- What time is given to the visiting chief to say the reason or

the purpose of his visit?

- After the presentation of the case at Yagona the visiting

chief is able to say what he wants to say.

- What is the last thing done to the visiting chief before he

leaves or returns to his home.

- The last thing presented to the chief before he leaves is the

WAKWAKI. This is a tabua presented to the chief before he

leaves.

I believe that is all the various things I know that is done to a

chief when he visits somewhere.

I believe that is all. Thank you.