

look on the face of it like an attempt to evade the payment of dues but that I know that all those named for permits for building, do intend either the building of new houses or repairs to homes already existing. The intention in all these cases is I believe to take out the logs and have them sawn at a local saw mill, a portion of the resulting product to be retained by the mill to pay the saw bill. This would be alright in all these cases with the exception of that of Alfred Tabobandung Jr. who asks for 400 pieces, which is an excessive amount. I believe that 200 pieces in this instance would be sufficient for his purposes. With this one change, I would recommend that the permits be granted subject, of course, to the proviso that should the timber not be used for building it will be subject to payment of regular dues.

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