

**1077 RAVIRAVI SANGAM SCHOOL**

**YEAR 6**

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**WORKSHEET – 2**

<b><i>Strand :2</i></b>	<b>Time, Continuity And Change</b>
<b><i>Sub-strand- m.3.1</i></b>	<b>Understanding The Past</b>
<b><i>Content learning outcome - 6.3.1.1</i></b>	<b>Explain the reason behind the ceding of Fiji to Great Britain and highlight the Important events that has happened and their significance to Fiji's history and to the present</b>

**LESSON NOTES**

**Reasons That Led to the Deed of Cession**

- ✓ A United States Council John Brown Williams had his trading store looted by Fijian natives following an accidental fire which burnt his house in Nukulau Island.
- ✓ The Commander of the United States naval frigate USS John Adams demanded Cakobau to pay compensation for the damage caused with the total amount of US \$5000.00 for Williams, not only that; the governments overspending had led to an unmanageable debt totalling US\$38,531.00.
- ✓ Unable to pay his debt, Cakobau approached the British consul with an offer to cede Fiji to the United Kingdom.
- ✓ In 1872, John Bates Thurston approached the British government, with Cakobau's request with another offer to cede Fiji.
- ✓ The formal cession took place in 1874, when Cakobau, Ma'afu and a group of senior Chiefs signed the Deed of Cession signifying Fiji's annexation to the British government.

**ACTIVITIES**

- a) **When was Fiji ceded to Great Britain?**
- b) **Who ceded Fiji to Great Britain?**
- c) **In two complete sentences, explain why Fiji was ceded to Great Britain.**
- d) **Where in Fiji did the deed of cession take place?**