

Taku whakaaro mo runga i nga korero mo tenei tono.

He pono kaore he moni i riro ki te Kaitono whakawa otiia nana ano te mahi kuare ki te nama nui i te taonga.

He hiahia ano no te Kaikaro whakawa kia riro i a ia te whenua i tuku nui ai ia i te nama ki te Kaitono whakawa.

Ko te Paremata Nui o Nui Tireni e mohio ki te tikanga mo te waipiro e uru ana ki roto i nga tatauanga o nga taonga e whakataua ki nga hokonga whenua moketetanga ranei.

Kihai i marama te ki a te Kaitono whakawa i whakatoea ano tetahi waahi o tenei whenua ki a ratou i roto i te tukunga ki te Kaikaro whakawa.

Tareha Te Moananui, Kaitono.

I tuku tono mai hoki a Tareha Te Moananui kia tirohia te moketetanga o tenei whenua. I whakaaturia mai e ia i tona korerotanga mai ki te Kouti ko taua tono ana na ratou katoa na te tokomaha o nga tangata nona taua whenua i runga i te tikanga maori.

Heoi ko te Kaitono whakawa kaore tona ingoa i tuhia ki te Karaati mo taua whenua otiia e whakahe ana ki nga tangata i tuhia ra o ratou ingoa ki te Karaati.

Taku whakaaro mo runga i tenei me i tuhia tona ingoa ki te Karaati o tenei whenua kua pena tahi ia kaore e whakaaro ki te hunga kaore nei e tuhia ana ki roto i te Karauna Karaati.

Hoera Paretutu, Kaitono.

I tuku tono mai hoki a Hoera Paretutu, he whakaatu mai i te wa o te moketetanga o tenei whenua ko tetahi waahi o te paanga o Paraone Kuare i toe ano kaore i riro katoa ki roto i taua mokete.

Heoi kaore te Kaitono i tae mai ki te Kouti whakapuaki korero ai mo runga i tana tono, a whakakorea ana.

Hamahona Taingahe, Kaitono.

Ko te Kaitono tetahi o te hunga i tuhia ki te Karaati o taua whenua. I tuku tono mai ia ki te Kouti i moketetia taua whenua e Hemi Taka ki nga karani waipiro e 28, me nga peeke paraoa 12 me etahi taonga. Ko taua Hemi Taka kaore tana ingoa i tuhia ki te Karauna Kaarati o te whenua.

Na i te wai i tu ai taua Kaitono ki te whakaatu korero mo runga i taua tono ka kitea kaore rawa tetahi waahi o tona paanga ki taua whenua i ahatia e puta tonu ana hoki ki a ia nga moni utu reti mo taua whenua.

Nirai, Kaitono.

Kaore tenei i tae mai ki te Kouti whakapuaki korero ai.

Ahere Te Koari, Kaitono.

I tuku tono mai a Ahere ki te Kouti. He whakaatu mai i moketetia e ia tona paanga ki tenei whenua mo nga moni e rua rau (£200) otiia heoi nga mea i riro mai ki a ia e rua tekau ma ono (£26) anake me etahi taonga hoki.

I tona whakaaturanga mai ki te Kouti i ana korero mo tenei tono ana ka kitea ko tetahi o ana take whakahe he kore no nga tangata katoa o te Karaati i hui ki te wahi kotahi i te wa i korero ai raua ko Miini (Maney) kai hoko ki te hoko.

I te tunga o te Kaikaro whakawa kaore ana kupu mo runga i nga korero a te Kaitono.

Ko taku whakaaro mo tenei kaore au i marama ki te whakapaunga o te £200 i whakaritea mo te paanga o te Kaitono whakawa.

He tika he mea korero takitahi noa iho te Kaitono whakawa raua ko te Kaikaro i te wa i korerotia ai e raua te hoko o tenei whenua kaore i huihuria nga tangata katoa o te Karaati kia hui ki te wahi kotahi hei reira ka whakaatu ai ki te katoa nga tikanga mo te hoko mokete ranei.

Kaore i pai taua tikanga i te mea kaore ano i wawahia te whenua kia ia tangata ia kia tangata.

Paraone Kuare, Kaitono.

I tu a Paraone ki te whakaatu korero ki te Kouti mo runga i tenei whenua otiia no runga i ana korero ka kitea, nana ano tona waahi o taua whenua i hoko ki a Miini a kaore he take i korero ai ia.

WIREMU HIKAIRO, Komihana.

REPORT ON CASE No. XIII.

HERETAUNGA.

Karaitiana Takamoana and others applied to the Commissioners to have the purchase of this land investigated, and their application was granted.

A great deal of evidence was given both by the complainants and the purchasers before the Commissioners in support of the complaint. That evidence will show all the dealings with this land between the Maoris and the Europeans from the time when it was first leased up to the time of the sale.

I will now give my opinion upon all that evidence.

1. There are many hapus and individuals interested in this land, according to Maori custom, who suffer through a provision in the 23rd section of "The Native Lands Act, 1865," which states that "no certificate shall be issued to more than ten persons." If it had been there provided "It shall be lawful that a certificate shall be issued in favour of all the persons found to be interested," some would not have suffered for no fault of their own.

2. The ten persons whose names appear in the Crown grant were chosen by the majority of those interested in this land, as trustees for them; they were not to sell.