

forget, I did not see till after the deed was executed. When I did see it, I found that its provisions almost amounted to a gift to Wirihana of the purchase money which might be realized by the sale of the land. [I produce the original power of attorney. Marked, and copy appended to the proceedings.]

MERE AWATEA deposed on oath :

311. *Mr. Booth.*] Did you have an award of 400 acres of land by Compensation Court between Whenuakura and Patea Rivers?—Yes.

312. Did you sell that land?—I did not sell that land.

313. Who sold the land, or is it sold?—It is sold.

314. By whom?—It was sold by Wirihana.

315. Do you know to whom the land was sold?—It was sold to a European. I do not know to whom.

316. Do you know what sum of money the 400 acres of land was sold for?—I refer to the land of my brothers as well as myself; it was sold for £1,000.

317. Did you sign the deed when the land was sold?—I did.

318. Was the £1,000 paid to yourself and brother when the deed was signed?—It was paid into my hands.

319. In what sum was the money paid; notes or gold?—As far as I can remember, it was paid in notes.

320. How much did you receive as your portion?—Wirihana took from the town £200. I received a further instalment of £200 in a public-house from Wirihana, Major Kemp being present.

321. Was this money all for yourself?—This money was for both of us.

322. Have you received any more than the £400?—I do not remember when I received any more money; but I received £400 more since.

323. Does that altogether make £800 that you have accounted for?—I think that is correct; but I do not count I received £200 from Wirihana at Aramoho and £200 in a public-house in town, and £400 also in the same public-house. All the money was paid me by Wirihana.

324. When did you receive the last instalment of £400?—About three months ago.

325. *Mr. Worgan.*] What is the relationship between Wirihana and yourself?—Wirihana is my nephew.

326. Was it your wish that Wirihana should have the disposal of your money?—Yes.

327. *The Court.*] Are you aware the land sold for £200 more than you received?—I do not know

328. What do you suppose the land was sold for?—I thought it was sold for £1,500.

329. Where do you think the remainder of the money is?—In Wirihana's hands, for me.

ERUETI TE PEWHA deposed on oath :

330. *Mr. Booth.*] How much money have you received for land sold by Wirihana?—£1,000.

331. How much land did you sell for that money?—860 acres.

332. Are you sure there was 860 acres?—Yes.

333. When did you receive the first instalment, and how much did you get?—I received £200 at Aramoho.

334. Did you receive a second £200 in a public-house in town?—Yes.

335. Have you since received £400—when and where?—I received £400 in town, at an hotel, from Wirihana.

336. Do you know how many Sundays have since passed?—About two weeks ago; about four Sundays ago.

337. Have you received any more money than what you have accounted for?—The sums I have mentioned are the only sums I have received.

338. Do you know where the balance is?—In Wirihana's hands.

CHARLES H. BORLASE, on his former oath, deposed and said :

About the end of last March, while in Wellington, I was instructed by Mr. Bunny, Provincial Secretary, to transact any legal matters in connection with Native lands which the Provincial Government was endeavouring to acquire upon the Coast, by lease or purchase, through Mr. Worgan, whom I understood was acting for the Provincial Government, by direction of the General Government. In pursuance of these instructions, I had an interview with Mr. Worgan relative to the 8,000 acres of Hata Rio's and others, when I found there was a difficulty, as Mr. H. S. Taylor claimed as assignee under a lease or agreement for a lease to Major Turner. I then telegraphed to Mr. Bunny stating this fact, and that, in my opinion, nothing could be done except by arrangement. [Copy telegram produced, marked 3, dated 9th April, 1872. Copy answer received produced, marked 4, dated 10th April, 1872.] I apprehend the Proclamation therein alluded to by Mr. Bunny was the Proclamation issued under section 42 of Public Works Act, preventing private individuals dealing with Native lands. On the 11th April I replied by telegraph. [Copy telegram produced, marked 5, dated 11th April, 1872.] At the same time I saw a letter from Mr. Taylor to Mr. Worgan, which is referred to in the last telegram, as I believe to the effect stated in the telegram. On the following day Mr. Worgan left for Wellington, I understood for the purpose of giving an explanation of the matter. I had nothing further to do in the matter after Mr. Worgan's return, as I understood the matter had gone off or been disposed of in some other way. I have prepared various other agreements or leases on behalf of the Provincial Government.

339. *The Court.*] I know nothing of the second allegation.

340. I know nothing of the third allegation.

341. I know nothing of the fourth allegation.

342. I know nothing of the fifth allegation.

343. I know nothing of the sixth allegation.