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and pay the £435 a year, without respect to the acreage, his clients would be responsible to Government for the difference of the rate.

Nehanera Te Kahu said that he wished to have the whole of the land surveyed, and the titles individualised; he did not wish to have any one interfere with his property.

It was agreed that surveyors should be sent without delay to survey the several blocks as shown on

Te Aropeta said he was not prepared to accept the £10 per 1,000 acres rent over the block of 46,000 acres.

No additional offer was made.

Mr. Moorhouse suggested that the first year's rent, now overdue from his clients to the Natives, should now be paid by Government; or, at any rate, that a sum of £500 be now paid to them on account of rent for past year, on receipt of which he would suggest that the Natives should sign an agreement to lease the land on the terms now agreed to.

JAMES BOOTH.

Wellington, 2nd September, 1874.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to the correctness of the statements herein made, NEHANERA TE KAHU, WINIATA TE PUHAKI,

MEIHA KEEPA, and others. Witness—W. S. Moorhouse.