

On the 22nd day of February, 1876, we sold this land to the Government and to the Queen. The price of this land is to be two shillings per acre. The boundaries of this land have been surveyed by Government.

Now, we said on that 22nd day of February, 1875, that we would pass this land satisfactorily through the Land Court, and hand it over without restrictions to the Government; and whereas this land has been fully awarded to us, therefore we, myself and my tribe, make it over to the Government absolutely, in accordance with the laws made and provided, whenever Mr. John Wilson, on behalf of the Queen, will give us a proper and legal document wherein to sign our names.

HEPETA MAITAI.

Witness to signature—W. K. NESBITT, R.M.—21st July, 1876.

No. 28.

Mr. H. T. CLARKE to Mr. J. A. WILSON.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 27th July, 1875.

No. 139. *Re* your telegram, granting of land to Cooper, upon which Government have paid deposit and proclaimed under 42nd clause Immigration and Public Works Act, I fail to see how it can be done, inasmuch as all the power the Judge has is to recommend the Government to issue grant. I have, however, referred your telegram to Judge Rogan, in Napier.

J. A. Wilson, Esq., Gisborne.

H. T. CLARKE.

No. 29.

Mr. GILL to Mr. J. A. WILSON.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 15th August, 1876.

No. 482. *Re* your minutes on payment-vouchers purchase of Puremungaahua and Matatuotonga Blocks, the Hon. Native Minister requests you will furnish as early as possible a concise report of these purchases from your first entering into negotiation for them up to present time, including judgments of Court, in order that the opinion of the Law Officer may be taken thereon. In the meantime it would be better not to make any further payments on them until an opinion has been given.

RICHARD JOHN GILL,

(for Under Secretary).

J. A. Wilson, Esq., Gisborne.

No. 30.

Mr. J. A. WILSON to Mr. S. LOCKE.

SIR,—

Land Purchase Office, Gisborne, 10th March, 1876.

I have the honor, in accordance with your request made yesterday, to furnish the enclosed schedule containing the names of several blocks I have purchased, the same being surveyed, and the hearing of which has long been applied for. Also, to each block is appended the list of names you asked for, being that of principal Natives who have dealt with the Government.

I have, &c.,

S. Locke, Esq., District Office, Gisborne.

J. A. WILSON.

Parariki.—Henare Ruru, Rutene Kuhukuhu, Hepeta Maitai, Henare Potae.

Arakihi.—Henare Ruru, Hepeta Maitai, Katerina Mana.

Ngatawakawaka.—Hera Rangiua.

Matatuotonga.—Henare Ruru, Hepeta Maitai.

Waimata West.—Paora Parau, Karepa Kautuku, Atareta Ruru.

Tauwhareparae.—Henare Potae, Peka Marotiri, Pita Houao.

Waihora.—Nepia Tokitahi, Wi Mahuika, Paora Parau.

No. 31.

Mr. J. A. WILSON to Mr. S. LOCKE.

SIR,—

Land Purchase Office, Gisborne, 14th March, 1876.

I have the honor to forward enclosed, for your information, a schedule of the names of all the blocks in this district, applications for the hearing of which have been made by the Natives to the Native Land Court through this office. The dates of the posting of the applications are also given.

I have, &c.,

S. Locke, Esq., District Office, Napier.

J. A. WILSON,
Land Purchase Commissioner.