

Telegram to J. A. Tole, Esq., M.H.B.

“Auckland, 4/10/77.

“W. desires my land, or compensation, in exchange for a rotten mortgage. No grant issued; urge this on Murray's Committee.

“GEORGE BEADON.”

Also a letter which had been addressed to him by Mr. James Mackay, dated 19th November. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Stevens,—

(1.) That the exchange of the lands at Puninga, proposed to be given to Mr. Whitaker for his claims to the land mentioned in his evidence under the head “Piako Purchases,” appears to have been a judicious transaction on the part of the Government, and should be completed without loss of time.

(2.) That, in consequence of the failure of the Government to complete their undertaking to provide a good title to the lands proposed to be given to Mr. Whitaker by way of exchange, Mr. Whitaker has been subjected to loss; and that the Government should take immediate steps to ascertain and settle such loss.

The Committee then adjourned.

MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

Mr. Murray in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Reynolds,
Mr. Stevens,

Mr. Swanson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The order of reference dated 22nd November was read.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Stevens, That the Committee have not had the means of examining the Natives interested, but have taken all available evidence, copy of which, together with the minutes of their proceedings, they attach, and recommend that the same be printed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Swanson, That the above resolution, together with the resolutions adopted by the Committee at the last meeting, be brought up to the House as the report of this Committee.

Read and confirmed.
