

Te Hemara: I am willing to agree to the views of this meeting with respect to the lands that have not been surveyed: that they shall remain unsold, and that any deposits on that land shall be refused. The lands in the Kaipara that have not been passed through the Court, let them remain as a dwelling-place for our children; but the lands that are already before the Court, let them be investigated until they are finished, and let any of you who are desirous of selling that land do so. I am against the desire of the Government that all the land should be sold to them. Let the Government purchase, and let private persons also purchase. That is fair. The Government ought not to stop the sale of land to private persons. I wish now to bring before this Parliament a cause of complaint: I refer to my lands at Mahurangi that have been taken from me by the Government. It was not through me that those lands were sold. Those lands were sold wrongfully by some of the persons who are now present at this Parliament—namely, by Ngatipaoa. I think the Government should return to me part of my lands at Mahurangi, because Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan are now appointed the heads over this Island. I therefore now disclose my complaint, and the evils of the Island before them. The boundary of that land commences at Te Toroa, thence to Okura, the Wade, Wangatura, Tiri Tiri, Matangi, Orewa, Otamarua. I have never received the money paid on account of them. The lands are at Mahurangi, Puhinui, Matakana, Whangateao, and Te Kawau. I wish this matter to be investigated, because I have not received the money for this land. These are the wrongs that the Government have done to me. They purchased that land without any survey having been made, in its natural state. It was not measured. Sir George Grey and Major Nugent promised to return to me all my lands at Mahurangi. The word of Sir George Grey was, "What is your opinion with regard to that land that the Government claim?" I said, "It ought to be returned to me." Grey said, "Very well; by-and-by you will be paid for that land at Mahurangi." It is now thirty years since that promise was made, but up to the present time nothing has been done. Therefore I make known my grievance in this matter. I have waited up to the present time, but no money has been paid to me. I now ask the Government to give me compensation. I am not now mentioning about the Little Barrier. Those lands belonged to our ancestors. I am now going to bring these lands under inquiry, and to have them before the Court. When I get them passed through the Court I will then sell them to the Government, if they will give me a fair price for them; but if they will not give me a fair price, I will sell to private purchasers. I will now ask the Government to pay me for the land at Mangawhara. We were not aware of that land being surveyed. The Government have been keeping this matter secret. There is another piece that belonged to my ancestor Tawhiti; let the Government reserve my piece as a dwelling-place for me. This piece is at Wangateao. This old land I have sold. We parted with that piece; but let the other piece be returned to me. I have brought this grievance before the Chairman and you because I wish the Government to inquire into it.

Paul: I will enlighten the meeting on what you say. Let these things be made clear. That is a matter that I am going to refer to, that you perhaps are not aware of. The Government has said in the Parliament of New Zealand that the Government only shall purchase the land belonging to the Maoris. We have not seen this Proclamation; but I wish you to consider this matter. You have said that private purchasers should be allowed to purchase lands; but the Government have put a stop to it by that Proclamation. Perhaps the Government will not understand what Te Hemara's complaint referred to with regard to the old grievances. Those lands were taken at the time of the Treaty of Waitangi. That has been brought before this House already, and it will be brought here again and again. Te Hemara is right in bringing these matters before the Parliament, because they will be brought up again at some future time. The things that we have agreed to at this Parliament it will be for the great Parliament of the colony to consider. The matters that we have travelled over we can carry out; but the matters that affect both the Maoris and the Europeans, it will be for the whole Parliament of the colony to give effect to. I think if this Parliament continue to act like a European Parliament, it and the European Parliament at Wellington will work together. This Parliament will first consider these things, and the other Parliament will deal with them afterwards. They will have to consider these things after us. They will have to consider what has been already dealt with by us. I wish you to make clear this day what is to be done by the Parliament of New Zealand. I am anxious that to-morrow or the day after shall be the last day of the Parliament. Perhaps some of you are anxious to return home.

Eramiha Paikea: I rise to speak about the lands that are now under proclamation, and that have been passed through the Court. I wish those lands to be settled up. I will now mention the word of Te Kerei (Mangonui). He said: "I came to bring my garment over the land that has been surveyed." He also said that Ngapuhi will hold a Parliament. This is my answer: If his child is born, we will then take our garments down to his Parliament, which he is now preparing.

Mata Tukuwa: I have got up to support what Eramiha said. Mangonui said he brought his lands to this Parliament to decide whether or not they should be sold or whether they should be leased. If we get news from Mangonui that his child (the Ngapuhi Parliament) is born we will go and see it. The second subject that I shall speak on is the remarks of Te Hemara about continuing the sale of lands that have been passed through the Court. I agree with him. The other subject is about the land at Mangawhara. That land was taken in in the survey of Pakiri. We knew nothing about it until it had been sold. Let the Government restore it to us. Then they will be acting right. I have a complaint to make about the Government carrying a road through my reserve without any notice being sent to me that they were going to make that road. That road runs five miles through a piece of land that has not been surveyed. I think this Parliament should all agree with me that the Government ought to pay me compensation for that road. That is all I have to say in this house.

Pairama Ngutahi: My first word is to express my concurrence in the word of this Parliament that the chiefs of Ngatipaoa, Ngapuhi, and other tribes, reaching even to Waikato, shall bring their grievances forward, in order that they may be represented in the Parliament at Wellington. If the Ngatiwhatua appoint a member to represent them in the Parliament at Wellington, he will only go for the sake of the money he will get there, and he ought to be disowned by us. He will not be able to carry out the views of the people of Kaipara, because he is only one to represent all of us. I say that Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan have left us and gone to Wellington. We must now establish our