

days both with the Europeans and the Natives. Therefore I am opposed to these matters being brought up now. It would be better to allow them to stand over until next Parliament, so that the Natives of the Island may discuss them then. They have already been discussed in this house, and now let them remain as they are. As to what was said about Te Hemara's speech, my idea is that this house was erected for the discussion of those matters. I think that the matters that were introduced yesterday are a cause of trouble among the Natives of this Island, and the origin of grievances, because those lands have been standing for a long while under the Treaty of Waitangi. Now, listen attentively to the three articles of the Treaty of Waitangi. (The speaker here read the Treaty.) Now, I think you should not introduce these matters in this Parliament. Let these things remain. Te Hemara, Pairama, Adam Clark, and others said that the Parliament should remain here. This will not be the last Parliament. There will be another Parliament, and therefore I think it is best that some of these matters should remain over until the next Parliament, held here or at such place as may be agreed upon. The matters for you to discuss to-day are those which you commenced yesterday. I will now put a resolution to the vote:—

“That this Parliament will agree to uphold the Parliament at Waitangi, and that the chiefs and people will attend that Parliament when it is held.”—Carried unanimously.

“This runanga agrees to request the Government to pay for Mangawhara, that was taken wrongfully in the survey of Pakiri.”—Carried unanimously.

“That this runanga decides not to have a member in the Parliament at Wellington for Kaipara, Auckland, or Hauraki, and that our representation shall be the Maori Parliament.”—Carried unanimously.

You that agree to vote to have a member in the Parliament at Wellington, hold up your hands.—No hands were held up.

“That this runanga will do its utmost to support Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan in carrying out their plan for the settlement of difficulties between the pakehas and the Maoris.”—Carried unanimously amidst loud cheers.

Paul: This is the end of the things that were discussed yesterday. I now consider those things settled. The subject for discussion this day is the telegram sent by Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan, and also the question of the place for the next sitting of our Parliament.

Te Hemara Tāuhia: I wish first to discuss my own grievances, and let the telegram stand over for a while. I noticed that some of the assembly on this side of the house did not put up their hands in favour of demanding the money for Mangawhara. I say that the member for the Natives of all parts of the country shall be this runanga. It was said that this matter should be tried for two years, and that then, if we saw that it was wrong, we should let the branches fall to the ground. Let all people in all parts of the Island unite with Paul in keeping this house up, or say that it is wrong; but do not be in a hurry to condemn it. Do not use the Maori custom of condemning a thing hastily. I will now proceed to discuss the telegram from Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan. I will never go back from what I said. If Sir George Grey will find us conveyance by train and steamer, let us all go to Te Kopua. I say that it was not by our request that the meeting is held at Te Kopua; it was Sir George Grey that first requested us to go. Listen, all who are assembled here. When Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan go, then we will get up and go with them. The flag of this Island will lead us to the King—that is, Grey—and he will return us to our settlements. Let us all go to Te Kopua with Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan. (Cheers.)

Te Keene: I wish to uphold what Te Hemara said about this Parliament. There shall be another Parliament next year, and after that I wish to have a Parliament at Kaipara. I wish to refer to one word of Sir George Grey's in the telegram. At the end of this discussion some of you will go to Waikato, but I have to say that I cannot go to Waikato. The reason is, that I shall have too much to do. I shall have a Parliament the year after next, and I shall have to cut timber for the house, and to collect money for the Parliament.

Te Hemara: I have a few words more to say about Te Keene's saying that he cannot go to Waikato. If the Ngatiwhatua, Mangamotu, and Te Taou remain away from the meeting, we had better take the names of those tribes away, and give them to us. I think Te Keene is not acting right towards Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan. I say that those tribes should go, as they were mentioned in the telegram. Te Keene's statement is only an excuse for some of you to go home to your settlements.

Wiremu Paitaki: I get up to support Te Hemara. The words of Grey and Sheehan came to Paul Tuhaere and all this meeting. They asked us to take the words of this Parliament to Waikato. The tribes assembled at this meeting are Ngatiwhatua, Ngapuhi, Ngatipaoa, and Waikato, and it is for them to carry the words of this Parliament to Te Kopua. We should all give strength to the words of Grey and Sheehan. Te Hemara was right in what he said about conveyance—the train and canoes to take us up. We and the Ngatipaoa can return to the Thames, because we have a railway station at Mercer. We can go from Wakatiwai to Point Russell to assist in the work of Grey and Sheehan. I speak for all the Ngatipaoa.

Eruena Pairama: I agree with Te Keene. The reason is, that his Parliament for the three tribes will be held at Kaipara. We have to return to Kaipara, and to commence collecting money; but some of the tribes will go with Grey.

Te Hemara: Listen, Ngatiwhatua. I represent the whole tribe. I will go up myself if the rest of the tribe do not go. I will be the representative for the whole.

Te Keene: What have you got angry for? I did no harm to Grey, and he has done no harm to me.

Te Hemara: He is your parent.

Te Keene: I only spoke of the trouble we shall have in erecting the new Parliament house. I do not see, Te Hemara, that you should be angry at what I said. You are wrong in doing so.

Te Keepa: I have got up to support Te Hemara about going to Waikato at the invitation of Grey and Sheehan. That is all I have to say now.

Maihi Te Kapua Hinaki: I rise to support the words of Te Hemara, though I belong to Ngatipaoa. But I also belong to Ngatiwhatua. I wish to refer to the telegram from Sir George Grey