

of land in that locality, which was promised to you during your long residence with them in the early days of the colony

I consider it only fair to you to put this statement in writing should you ever submit your claim to the Government. I am, &c.,

Major Brown, Civil Commissioner.

R. PARRIS.

Sub-Enclosure 14 to Enclosure in No. 4.

INSTRUCTIONS from Hon. Mr. McLEAN to Major Brown, Civil Commissioner.

(Extract.)

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 12th April, 1876.

I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a memorandum by myself drawn up for the guidance of Mr. Parris, on the 20th January, 1872, in reference to the settlement of the confiscated lands on the West Coast.

I desire to draw your attention to the paragraph which treats of the lands north of the Waingonoro as far as Stony River, in which Mr. Parris was authorized to compensate the Native owners for all lands they might relinquish at rates not exceeding 5s. per acre, &c., &c.

Major Brown, Civil Commissioner.

DONALD McLEAN

No. 5.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON MR. HENRY CHURTON'S CLAIM TO SECTIONS 387 AND 386, OKOTUKU DISTRICT.

THE actual state of ownership will be seen from the following brief relation:—

1 *As regards Section 387*

Rahera Tiwaia, having been put in possession of this section by the Compensation Court in 1874, leased it in June, 1875, to Harrison Gibson for 21 years, with a purchasing clause at £400, payable at any time during the term.

2nd July, 1875.—Gibson assigned to M. V Hodge his interest in one moiety of this leasehold, and in the purchasing clause.

20th September, 1877.—Gibson assigned his interest in the other moiety and purchasing clause to M. V Hodge.

7th May, 1878.—M. V Hodge assigned both moieties and the purchasing clause to Henry Churton, his heirs, executors, and assigns.

All these transactions were for very ample consideration.

Mr. Churton paid his rent regularly to Rahera, while alive; since her death, to the Public Trustee. He can at any time, on payment of £400 to Rahera's heirs, become the owner of the freehold.

2. *As regards Section 386.*

This section was duly allocated to Heroria Hineihara by the Compensation Court; she died intestate, and, by a succession order of the Native Land Court, dated 23rd January, 1877, Hata Rio and Reupena Tauria were appointed her successors. In August, 1876, they had, by anticipation, sold the fee-simple of the section to R. T. Blake and his heirs; and by a further deed, dated 7th July, 1877, they confirmed the sale. (Consideration, £500.)

7th July, 1877.—R. T. Blake conveyed the section in fee to M. V Hodge. (Consideration, £700.)

29th April, 1878.—M. V Hodge sold it in fee to Henry Churton and his heirs. (Consideration, £1,400.)

Mr. Churton also holds an authority to Blake from Hata Rio and Reupena Tauria to receive the Crown grant.

All these transactions, as regards both sections, have been duly registered in the Deeds Office, at Wellington.

The recommendation which I have now the honor to make is that, as regards Section 386, the title to which is derived from Heroria Hineihara, deceased, the grant prepared in her favour, the issue of which has been suspended at my request, pending this investigation, shall be handed to Mr. Henry Churton.

As regards Section 387, the title to which rests on a lease from Rahera Tiwaia, deceased, with a purchasing clause for £400, for the reversion, I recommend that a succession order be made in behalf of Rahera's children, who are minors, and her lawful representatives; that a trustee be appointed for them; and that, on payment by Mr. Churton to such trustee of the amount of £400, and all rent due to date of payment, the Crown grant prepared in favour of Rahera, the issue of which has been suspended at my request, shall be handed to Mr. Churton.

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West Coast Commission Office, Wellington,
14th June, 1881.

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.