

26. Do your opponents and your tribe live together jointly on the land?—We are both living on the land, but there is a distinct boundary between the two portions. But by the action of the Court my portion was taken.

27. And given to the other hapu?—Yes.

28. And how long have you and your hapu occupied this land?—My hapu have always remained there. They have never come away in the different migrations from that part of the country at different times. Whenever they have been raided upon by the Waikatos they have left it temporarily, but have gone back to it in a short time afterwards. They have done that frequently. But those hapus to whom this land was awarded by the Court came away to Kapiti in the olden days, and stayed at Kapiti in the Ngatiraukawa descent from Waikato, and had only recently gone back.

29. Who were the presiding Judges at this Court?—Judge Puckey and Judge Macdonald.

30. *Major Te Wheoro.*] Did Mr. Sheehan, the lawyer, make any application to you before the judgment was given?—Mr. Sheehan came in person to me, and asked me to consent to become one of his party.

31. Did the lawyer tell you what he required you for?—He asked us to make one case of it; that is, join our case with the case of those whom he represented.

32. On what grounds?—He said it would be better for each case if they joined as one. He represented them and conducted the case for them.

33. What sort of Natives were those represented by Mr. Sheehan; were they land-sellers?—Yes; they were land-sellers, and they also claimed the land as belonging to themselves.

34. Was anything said to you about this sale of the land, supposing you got it?—Mr. Sheehan did propose that we should sell all the land; but I said no, I will not sell.

35. *Mr. Tawhai.*] Was that what Mr. Sheehan meant by asking of you to associate your party with his? Was it for the reason that he wanted to purchase that land, and was that why you refused?—My answer was that I did not want to sell the land to him, that I wanted to keep it for myself.

36. *Mr. Hobbs.*] Did Mr. Sheehan ever offer you any money on account?—Yes; he did say that I could get money from the company on that land.

37. *The Chairman.*] Did any one else ask you to sell, or offer you money on it?—No.

38. *Mr. Hobbs.*] Did you ever ask for any money on that block?—No.

39. You never proposed to Mr. Sheehan?—No.

40. *Hon. Mr. Bryce.*] Was Mr. Sheehan the only lawyer in the Court at this time?—Dr. Buller was there also. In this case Mr. Sheehan was the only lawyer. Dr. Buller was connected with other cases previous to that.

41. Dr. Buller did not represent you in any way?—No.

42. Have you been represented by a lawyer in any other case than this?—No.

43. *The Chairman.*] Had you any other case in the Court?—Yes; I was in the Matanuku case, which was adjudicated upon before this. There were no lawyers in the Court when that case was heard—on neither side. It was conducted in Maori fashion, and it was awarded to me.

44. *Hon. Mr. Bryce.*] What is your opinion as to lawyers being in the Court? Do they assist in the proper investigation of the title, or impede it in any way?—My opinion is this: that, had I engaged a lawyer to conduct my case, in the event of my winning I would have received no land. It would have all gone for expenses.

45. *The Chairman.*] Were there rival claimants in the case in which the land was awarded to you?—Yes; they were all represented by Natives.

46. And was there no difficulty amongst you in getting the case settled on that occasion?—The difficulties were not to be compared with the difficulties that arise in cases where lawyers are engaged.

47. And in the case where there were no lawyers, were all the parties satisfied with the decision? Has there been any appeal?—The judgment of the Court in that case gave general satisfaction. There were no objections made afterwards. I got the whole of the land.

48. And did your opponents not protest against this?—No. They made no objections afterwards. They have sent in no claim for a rehearing. I put them down when I spoke in Court. They have not protested against it since.

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49. *The Chairman.*] Were you present in the Court at Cambridge when Waotu No. 2 was heard?—I was there, and I conducted the case.

50. Was the case on all sides fully heard?—The whole of the evidence in some of the cases was not taken; but the case that I represented was fully heard, with the exception of one or two points. Some of the sections of claimants in Court never spoke.

51. Did your case get a fair and full hearing by the Court?—Yes.

52. And were you dissatisfied with the judgment of the Court?—I was dissatisfied with the judgment of the Court in this way: I asked the Court whether it had any reason to disallow the evidence which was given by my witnesses; if they could point out where any part of the evidence given by my side was wrong. I have a copy of the judgment given by the Court, and a copy also of the evidence given by my witnesses.

53. Have you applied in writing for a rehearing?—I have sent in an application to the Native Land Court to have this case reheard, but I have received a reply to the effect that the rehearing could not be granted because it was the Chief Judge himself who had given judgment in this case. That is why I thought it best to apply to Parliament.

54. When did you get that reply?—I got it when I was there, and I have a copy of it. I have got it at the place where I am staying.

55. Have you any facts to bring before the Court which were not brought out at the time of the