

459. Did he or I pay you or any one else sixpence to sign your names to that deed?—No ; never a sixpence.
460. It was entirely a voluntary act on your part—the signing of that deed?—Yes.
461. Was a translation of it read over to you by Hector McDonald, a licensed interpreter, at the time, before you signed?—Yes.
462. Kemp was not at that meeting, and therefore the people were able to talk freely in his absence?—Yes.
463. Did you, or any of the Muaupoko in your hearing, say a word to me about Waiwiri as to its being given back to the people?—I did not hear them.
464. Or at any time subsequently?—No.
465. *Mr. Morison.*] Do you remember the burning of Watene's whare at Rakauhamama?—Yes.
466. Did that lead to trouble?—Yes.
467. How was that trouble settled?—The Government settled it.
468. How did they settle it?—They took it to the Government, and the Government settled it.
469. What did the Government do to settle it?—Kemp and McLean arranged that a block of 1,200 acres should be given to the descendants of Te Whatanui.
470. Were any of them living on the land at that time?—Yes.
471. Who were they?—Te Hapai, Te Hitau, and Caroline.
472. Any one else?—Waratini and Watene.
473. Were any of the brothers of Te Hapai there?—Yes ; Aohau and Rere.
474. Who were living to the south of Rakauhamama then?—There was no one residing on that part of the block, but when they wanted eels they used to go and get them. Te Puke used to go.
475. He did not go alone for eels, did he?—His children went with him.
476. As a matter of fact, the Muaupoko had no kaingas south of the Hokio Stream?—Yes ; they had.
477. Will you name them?—Kohutoroa and Kuaotunu.
478. Who were living at Kohutoroa at that time?—Tamati Wakamaunu and his children.
479. They were living with Watene, were they not?—Yes.
480. They lived at Taua, did they not?—They stopped at Te Kaue.
481. Was Rangirupunui a chief of Muaupoko?—Yes.
482. Was he a chief who would know the boundaries of the Muaupoko land?—If he knew the names of them he would know them ; but I do not know.
483. Is it not a fact that Ngatihuia have burial-places on this land—Oiawhau—on the north of the Hokio?—I know the burial-ground ; there is our burial-ground, and other burial-grounds.
484. Have you heard that Kemp has agreed that they shall have this burial-ground cut out for Ngatihuia?—We heard of it, but would not consent to it.
485. Was it not agreed by Kemp at a meeting at Otaki with the Ngatihuia that they should have some land there?—We never heard of it.
486. When did you hear of that promise of Kemp's about the burial-ground?—Some time after. There could not be two gifts of land to Ngatiraukawa. There could be only one. We gave Porotauhao, and that was all they were to have.
487. When did you first hear of this promise of Kemp to cut out some land near this burial-place?—After he had spoken at Otaki we heard that.
488. Then you agree with me that this was a promise made by Kemp at Otaki?—Yes ; but we would not consent to it.
489. That burial-place is in Subdivision No. 11, is it not?—Yes.
490. Did Kemp tell you of this promise himself?—Yes ; and we returned for answer that we would not have it.
491. What did Kemp say to that?—He was silent.
492. Have you refused to carry out any other of Kemp's promises?—Yes.
493. With regard to the 1,200 acres at Raumatangi, is it not a matter, which all the Muaupoko know, that the 1,200 acres were given by Kemp to settle this dispute with Watene and his people?—Kemp gave it to him in Wellington.
494. Is it not generally known that the giving of it was to settle the trouble?—Yes.
495. *Mr. Stevens.*] You told the Commission, in reply to Sir Walter Buller, that you were in the Supreme Court and heard the whole of the evidence given by Te Rangi Mairehau?—Yes.
496. And that all that evidence was true?—Yes.
497. You also heard the whole of his evidence before this Commission, and that was true?—Yes.
498. If Te Rangi Mairehau had said that Kemp had paid £700 to Mr. Bell, would that be true?—Yes.
499. What was the £700 paid for?—I suppose it was payment for his coming to Palmerston.
500. What did he do there?—He went to the Court.
501. What did he do there? Was he endeavouring to settle some dispute? He was acting for Kemp was he not?—When I saw him at Palmerston I understood he was coming to manage some affairs for Kemp.
502. Did he manage Kemp's business there?—When he came to Palmerston, in the evening he went back and did not come again.
503. Who was acting for Kemp at that time?—A Palmerston man—I forget his name.
504. Was that on the occasion of the dispute or disturbance between Warena and Kemp?—Yes ; that was in 1886.
505. When Kemp was the claimant and Warena was counter-claimant, or *vice versa*?—Yes ; Kemp was claimant.