

263. Will you look at this letter (produced, marked B)? Is it in your handwriting?—Yes (Subsequently the witness said, "I have to say it is quite correct that I did sign a deed. I signed a deed in Mr. Sheridan's room in the Government buildings; therefore Sir W. Buller's question to me about the deed was quite correct.")

264. *Mr. Marshall.*]—In respect to this money you received from the Government I understood you to say it was not paid to other members of your family?—No.

265. And also you consulted no other members of your family, except your elder brother Wirihana, as to the proposed sale to the Government?—I only spoke to him about it.

266. At the time you negotiated with the Government you were aware that your sisters had also entered a caveat protecting their right in respect to Block 11?—Yes; I knew that.

266A. I believe in the year 1892 you issued a pamphlet, headed, "Statement of Warena to Hakeke"?—Yes.

267. Is this a copy of the pamphlet?—Yes.

268. Are the statements in it generally correct?—Yes.

269. You also presented a petition to Parliament?—Yes.

270. You were present at the sitting of the Supreme Court in Wanganui when the petition was read?—Yes.

271. In respect of Block 5, your father, Kawana Hunia, was awarded 105 acres?—Yes.

272. A succession order has been made by the Court in respect of the share of your father?—Yes.

273. And the award in the Court was in favour of this title mentioned by you?—Yes; in equal shares.

274. *Mr. Morrison.*] Do you remember the building of Kupe on this block? Your father previous to that had a dispute with some of the Ngatiraukawa?—Yes.

275. Can you say who of the Ngatiraukawa disputed with him?—Yes; Tawatene, Tiwaewae, Tauteka, Karoraina, Tewhiu (wife of Tiranginui), and Waretini. Those are the names I remember.

276. Where did these people live? Did they not live on this block?—Yes; they and their children, near Raumatangi.

277. How long had they lived there?—I cannot tell how many years, but for a long time it was their principal home.

278. Do you know who lived at Waiwiri?—I do not know for certain, but I heard it was the same people.

279. From whom did you hear it?—From my father.

280. Did you not hear that others lived at Waiwiri as well—that Keraipe Tepuke lived there?—Yes; he was another.

281. Was not Waiwiri his principal home?—Yes; it was a principal home.

282. Was it not also a principal home for Matene te Whiwhi?—I think so, because he married Tauteka.

283. Had he not a right to live there himself, apart from that?—I think not.

284. Did not Nerehana Tapaia live at Waiwiri?—I could not speak for certain.

285. Have you not heard so from your father?—No; I did not.

286. Did not Rahete Topiora live there?—He may have, but I cannot say.

287. Have you not heard from your parents that it was a home of his?—He might have lived there.

288. Do you know where the kainga of Otawhaowhao was?—I could not point it out on the map.

289. Was it not between the two Lakes Horowhenua and Waiwiri?—Yes.

290. Where was the kainga of Mahoenui?—I think it was between the two lakes.

291. Have you heard who lived at Mahoenui?—I heard that Watene and his people did.

292. Do you know where the kainga of Whakamate is?—No.

293. Do you know where Te Karetu was?—No.

294. Do you say that Otawhaowhao was on this land?—Yes.

295. Did not Keraipe te Puki and his people live and work at Otawhaowhao?—They lived there.

296. Was it not a principal residence of theirs?—Yes.

297. *The Chairman.*] Was it before or after 1873 that they lived there?—I think they lived there before 1873, but they had a great many residences.

298. Did they live there after 1873?—Yes.

299. Were those the people whose houses your father burned down?—Yes; they belonged to Watene and others.

300. *Mr. Morison.*] There were two burnings, were there not; the first at Koturawa?—Yes.

301. And the second at Rakauhamama?—Yes.

302. Do you know what was done in consequence of the second burning? Was not your father taken to Wellington in consequence of the second burning?—Yes; in consequence of the disturbance.

303. Do you know whether any land was given to the people whose houses were burned?—I heard so from my father.

304. Was this land given to these people in consequence of the burning of the houses?—That is what I heard.

305. The land to be given to these people for the burning of the houses was 1,300 acres?—I heard so.

306. At the time you heard that, was it not shortly after the trouble that has taken place between the Ngatiraukawa and the Muaupoko?—I heard that in consequence of the trouble the Government had something to do with it, and this land was to be given to them in consequence of these troubles.