

WAATA MURUAHI SWORN.

Witness: Am a member of Muaupoko Tribe. Reside here. Am one of the registered owners of Horowhenua. I was in Horowhenua in 1876. I remember the Muaupoko receiving rents in that year. I kept an account at the time, but Kemp took the document. I gave it to him after the Palmerston Court of 1891, I think. I did not attend the Court of 1886. The Court of that year was nearly over when I returned from Parihaka. I sent the account to Kemp by his sister Rora. I saw £400 paid to Muaupoko at Waitahi in 1876. Sir Walter Buller and Kemp paid it. £200 of it was divided among the people. The balance was sent to Ngatiapa in return for money provided by them to meet expenses of Court of 1873. The £200 kept by Muaupoko was divided among the members of the tribe, or, rather, he handed it to the tribe, and the tribe divided it equally in the Ngaitamarangi portion. Te Kiri took the money for our hapu. Makere and Noa te Whata received the £50 for Ngatihiri. The Ngaiteao share was paid to Himiona Taiweherua and Kerehi Tomo. Hariata Tinotahi, Mereana te Maunu, and Iritana and Ngataahi took the money for Ngatipariri. I saw H. McDonald pay £100 in 1877. It was paid to Ihaia Taueki, who divided among the members of the tribe, or, rather, he handed it to the tribe, and the tribe divided it equally among the same four hapus. McDonald also paid £364 in 1880. The amount due was £400, but £36 was deducted for expenses of defending Paki te Hunga. The £364 was divided equally among the four hapus. In 1881—25th April—H. McDonald paid £100 to Muaupoko. Ihaia Taueki received it. It was presented to Kemp with food when he built his new house. On the 20th June, 1881, a further sum of £200 was sent to Kemp. All the hapus agreed to it. Ihaia Taueki took it to him at Ranana. In 1882 McDonald paid Muaupoko £300. Ihaia took it. The amount was divided equally among the four hapus. I remember the sum of £50 being paid for sheep for Te Aue Puihi. We wished to claim some of them, but our elders restrained us. I do not know whether the four hapus agreed to the amount being charged against the rents. The tribe did not derive any benefit from the sheep. Te Aue sold them. I remember the purchase of sheep for Raniera te Whata. He distributed them among his relatives. The four hapus did not benefit. I do not know anything about the £50 said to have been paid to Makere and Kiritotara. I heard that Warena Hunia had been paid a sum of £170. The four hapus did not derive any benefit from it. We heard that Wirihana Hunia received £433. The £33 went to pay his debts. I have not seen a translation of Kemp's statement of accounts. The four hapus did not benefit by the £433 paid to Wirihana—not even his own hapu, the Ngatipariri. I remember the £1,000 being paid to Makere in 1889. It was divided among the four hapus equally. Ihaia Taueki took the Ngaitamarangi portion. Kerehi Tomo and others took the Ngaiteao share. Hariata and Iritana took Ngatipariri share. I heard that Kemp paid £100 to Rangimairehau in 1890. I was at Parihaka at the time. Was told that it went to pay expenses of Muaupoko in Wellington, and that part of it was paid to J. M. Fraser. Heard of payment of £100 to Hapeta Taueki at Wanganui. Hapeta shared it with us, who went with him to Parihaka. I am satisfied the £800 now in the bank should be distributed by the Court. I was at Horowhenua when Court sat at Foxton in 1872 and 1873. I do not know anything about the payments to Cash. We heard that Kemp had paid the lawyer at that time. Heard it from some of our own people who returned here from Foxton. Hapimana was one who told us. He did not tell us the amount. I have had the statement of accounts drawn up by J. M. Fraser explained to me. I assisted him. I approve of the expenditure by Kemp of the £115 and the £400 at time of Court of 1873. It was for the people who were fighting against the Ngatiraikawa. I heard that Kemp paid you £75 in 1886. You were conducting for the tribe. The £400 paid to Mr. S. Baker in 1886 was paid on account of the tribe. I only heard of one sum of £400 paid to Baker. I did not hear of a payment of £300 to Baker in 1889. The tribe consented to the payment by Kemp of £300 to Bell, Gully, and Izard; also a sum of £10 10s. to the same firm. They were paid on account of the tribe. The £631 was paid to J. M. Fraser as conductor for the tribe. He was conducting for all the hapus; but some of the Ngatipariri went over to Wirihana Hunia in 1890—nearly all of them. Mereana Maunu, Ngataahi, and Hema remained with Kemp. Hoani Puihi belonged to Wirihana's party in 1890. He was the only member of the other hapus who left Kemp. Motai Taueki was on Wirihana's side; so was Paranihia. Former is of Ngaitamarangi; latter of Ngaiteao. Kemp has never expressed any intention of turning the people off No. 11. Wirihana Hunia has said that the whole of the land belonged to him; that was his way of turning them off. I heard Kemp say that if the people sold in No. 3 they should not participate in No. 11. It was merely a warning. He has always said he was a trustee of the people. He could not have given effect to it, because he was a trustee. If he had been like Warena he could have turned the people off. The people formed their own idea of what the warning meant. I heard that Kemp paid £250 for expenses of Muaupoko at Foxton in 1873. I do not know who he paid it to; I was not there. I heard that Muaupoko received a present of food. I do not know whether it was from the Government or private individuals. I do not know who paid for the food. I heard that Kemp paid the expenses of Muaupoko. I think Kemp was justified in refunding the £20 to Renata Kawepo. It was paid for the tribe. Nearly all of them went. I remained there. I heard that Kemp paid the railway-fares of Muaupoko who attended Court of 1886—£36. I approved of the payment. I do not know anything about the item £300 for expenses of Muaupoko at Court of 1886 or the £200 said to have been paid by Kemp for expenses in Wellington. I cannot say anything about the £30, application for rehearing. Kemp had authority to do as he chose, and spend what he thought necessary. The £150 expenses of rehearing in 1891 was on behalf of the people. The £300, expenses in Parliament, was spent in fighting for Horowhenua. All the moneys spent in attending Parliament was on behalf of the people. Kemp was fighting to get back the land for the people, and they approved of what he did. The State farm was taken from us without our being consulted. Kemp at last succeeded in getting Horowhenua back for the people. I cannot say anything about the sums charged by Kemp for his personal expenses. I suppose it is right, because he was travelling in connection with the block. 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