

9. That on reference to the Native Land Court records in connection with the Ohinemuri Block it will be found that serious objection to the Orders for the issue of the said Certificates of Title were entertained by the Native Land Court and that that Court's objections thereto were only withdrawn on the 22nd day of April 1885 in the hope that the said orders would be validated by legislation.

10. That your petitioners declare that neither they nor those Native owners through whom they claim have received any of the payments benefits or advantages to be derived by them or each of them in respect of said in part recited Deeds of Lease referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 hereof and payable to them thereunder.

11. That your petitioners desire details surrounding the advance of £15,000 referred to in paragraph 9 of lease dated the 18th day of February 1875 aforesaid and as to which Natives benefited thereby and the circumstances under which the said advance was repaid.

12. That your petitioners desire details surrounding the purchase by the Crown referred to in paragraph 5 hereof and as to which Natives benefited thereby and in what manner the payment of the said purchase money was applied.

13. That your petitioners desire details surrounding the negotiations agreements purchase and payments alleged to have been advanced to some of the owners by James Mackay Junior in regard to Waikawau and Mochau (Cape Colville) blocks and all other lands within the Ohinemuri and Hauraki Districts which were subject to aforesaid mentioned agreements, purchases, payments etc. See Appendix to Journals of the House of Representatives 1873.

14. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, Honourable Sir, that you will take the foregoing into favourable consideration and that their claim for payments of all moneys due to them in respect of aforesaid leases and purchase by the Crown be duly investigated with the assistance of the Native Land Court and that they be paid the moneys then found to be payable to them hereunder and that you grant them such further and other relief in the premises as to you may seem meet.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Sgd.) RIHITOTO MATAIA AND OTHERS.

APPENDIX "A" (2).

PETITION No. 196/1935.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Dominion of New Zealand in Parliament assembled.

THE petition of Hoani te Anini and 501 others of the Coromandel and Hauraki Districts humbly sheweth—

1. That your petitioners are descendants of the original owners and occupants of the lands in Hauraki and Coromandel Districts.

2. That your humble petitioners have been unable to secure any definite decision regarding their rights to lands and mineral and timber rights and royalties in the said Districts, as reported on by Commissioner James Mackay on 27th July, 1869.

3. That our Native Reserves and private lands have been taken for goldmining purposes.

4. That your petitioners claim to be entitled to a share in the accumulated funds arising from the said lands and royalties.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray—

That the Government grant your humble petitioners the right to have their grievances investigated by an economical and reliable measure of Law.

That Legislative authority be passed empowering either a Commission or the Native Land Court to thoroughly inquire into all matters affecting the Natives and their rights to mineral, timber property in Coromandel and Hauraki Districts.

That the evidence of the Native owners, donors, sellers, lessees, beneficiaries to property, to miners rights, gold royalties, timber rights and royalties, to rights of accumulated moneys to tribal and individual Native rights of occupation to the rights of the Crown to such properties and the existing rights of the Native.

That your petitioners will ever pray that the Government will grant out prayer.

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(Sgd.) HOANI TE ANINI AND 501 OTHERS.

APPENDIX "A" (3).

PETITION No. 23/1931.

Paeora, 13th January, 1931.

To the Honourable Speaker, to the Honourable G. W. Forbes, Prime Minister, and to the Honourable Members of the Parliament of the Dominion of New Zealand assembled at Wellington.

GREETINGS,—

We, your petitioners, Aboriginal Natives of Hauraki, respectfully request your Honourable House to favourably consider our petition which is as follows:—

We are petitioning for the payment to us of the Mining rights revenue for the Gold Fields extending from Te Aroha to Mochau.

Enough.

(Sgd.) RIHITOTO MATAIA AND OTHERS.