

At the request of the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. George took the chair during his temporary absence.

Extract, newspaper, *New Zealand Times*, 2nd June, 1911, and extract, newspaper, *New Zealand Truth*, 3rd June, 1911 (Exhibit NN); Jones's letter to Sir J. G. Ward, 15th November, 1909 (Exhibit OO); paper laid by leave of House of Mokau-Mohakatino Block (Exhibit PP); letter from Stafford and Treadwell to H. Lewis, dated 10th January, 1908 (Exhibit QQ); official document, Travers, 12th December, 1894 (Exhibit RR); letter from Jones to the Premier, 11th November, 1908 (Exhibit SS); letter from Mr. Okey to Sir J. G. Ward, 5th July, 1910 (Exhibit TT); questions and answers on Order Paper, House of Representatives, 27th July, 1910 (Exhibit UU).

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, That the meeting do now adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 15th day of October, 1912.

The Committee adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1912.

The Joint Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Hon. Mr. Rigg (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dickie, Hon. Mr. George, Hon. Mr. Luke, Mr. Mander, Hon. Mr. Paul, Mr. Statham, Hon. Captain Tucker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The clerk also read a copy of the telegram sent to Mr. Dalton.

Mr. Joshua Jones was then called upon to continue his evidence, and he handed in the following exhibits: *Hansard* report, page 391 (map No. 2), (Exhibit VV); Native Land Alienation Restriction, 1884 (Exhibit WW); *Hansard* report, page 279, August, 1908 (Exhibit XX); London *Truth* extract, 7th June, 1911, page 1466 (Exhibit YY); newspaper extracts, reports, 24th April, 1901 (Exhibit ZZ); extract from *Truth*, 7th November, 1901 (Exhibit AAA); letter of H. D. Bell to *New Zealand Times*, 21st July, 1911 (Exhibit BBB); letters from Mr. Travers, 26th January, 1893 (Exhibit CCC).

The Hon. Mr. George examined Mr. Joshua Jones.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Paul, That the time allowed the Joshua Jones Claims Committee in which to bring up its report be extended by ten days.

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1912.

The Joint Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Hon. Mr. Rigg (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dickie, Hon. Mr. George, Hon. Mr. Louisson, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Mr. Paul, Mr. Statham, Hon. Captain Tucker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The order of reference of the House of Representatives, "That ten days' extension of time be granted the Joshua Jones Claims Committee within which to bring up its report," was read by the clerk.

The clerk also read a copy of telegram received from Mr. Dalton.

Mr. Joshua Jones asked permission to hand in further exhibits as follows: Order, Jones v. Flower and others, High Court (Exhibit DDD); correspondence *re* purchase 2nd August, 1894 (Exhibit EEE); extract, Auckland weekly, and letters, 4th March, 1909 (Exhibit FFF); letter, H. Okey from Jones, 28th June, 1910 (Exhibit GGG); Order in Council, 1911 (Exhibit HHH); Press Association cable, stay of action refused (Exhibit III); question by Mr. Okey in House of Representatives and reply thereto (Exhibit JJJ); memorandum to Native owners (Exhibit KKK).

Mr. Bell then examined Mr. Jones.

Hon. Mr. Paul also examined Mr. Jones.

Mr. McCallum also examined Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones handed in further exhibits, viz.: *Hansard* report, No. 41, 11th to 15th November, 1910 (Exhibit LLL); opinion, Mr. Jellicoe (Exhibit MMM); statement of claim (Exhibit NNN).

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, That the meeting do now adjourn until 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

The Committee adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1912.

The Joint Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Hon. Mr. Rigg (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Dickie, Hon. Mr. George, Hon. Mr. Louisson, Hon. Mr. Luke, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Statham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Joshua Jones asked permission to read a report, which was granted by the Chairman.

Mr. McCallum continued his examination of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Joshua Jones handed in an exhibit, petition to the Legislative Council, 17th September, 1908 (Exhibit OOO).

Mr. McCallum concluded his examination of Mr. Joshua Jones.

Mr. Anderson then examined Mr. Jones.

Mr. Statham then examined Mr. Jones.

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, That the meeting do now adjourn until 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.