1926. NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1917.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 214 OF 1916, OF TE IA TE WARU, RELATIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF HONE WAITI (DECEASED) IN TAUPARA BLOCK.

Presented to Parliament in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 25 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1917.

Native Department, Wellington, 24th August, 1926.

Petition No. 214 of 1916.—Taupara Block.

PURSUANT to section 25 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1917, I transmit herewith the report of the Court herein.

Seeing that there is now legislation by which the grievance complained of can be rectified, if necessary, by the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, I recommend that no legislation be undertaken at present in respect of the matter complained of.

R. N. Jones, Chief Judge.

The Right Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Native Land Court and Tairawhiti District Maori Land Board Office,
Gisborne, 18th August, 1926.
Memorandum for the Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

Petition No. 214 of 1916, Taupara Block. (Section 25 of 1917 Act.)

In reply to your memorandum of the 31st ultimo, a reference by the Chief Judge dated 21st February, 1918, was made to the Court. I cannot find that any report has been made, although an inquiry was held. The minutes of the inquiry are as follows:—

"SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1919.

"M. GILFEDDER, Judge. W. P. TAMIHANA, Clerk.

"119. Taupara.—Reference by the Chief Judge under section 25/1917, for inquiry and report. "Pautahi Hapimana (sworn) said: I am the witness for Te Ia te Waru, my wife, who petitioned Parliament. Hone Waiti te Waru died and was succeeded to by Otene Pikiwai and Emere Tipuna in Taupara Block. Tamihana Huata gave false evidence and misled the Court. (See M.B. 12, pp. 292 et seq.) Te Ia te Waru is a full sister of Hone Waiti te Waru. There were others in the family. Some died leaving issue. The parents of Hone Waiti te Waru are dead. The whakapapa is as follows:—



The proper successors are, therefore, Te Ia te Waru (f.a.) one-third; Henare Tepene (m.a.), one-sixth; Heni Tepene (f.a.), one-sixth; Mautiki te Waru (f.a.), one-third. All in Court say this is correct, and the succession in respect of Taupara will have to be amended accordingly."

The order deemed incorrect is one dated 3rd July, 1879, appointing Emere Paku and Te Otene

2

Pikowai successors to Hone Waiti te Waru in Taupara Block.

On partition of Taupara Block dated 21st December, 1892, both Natives were located in Taupara No. 2. Te Otene Pikowai received two shares, one in his own right and one as successor to Hone Waiti te Waru; Emere Paku received one share as successor to Hone Waiti te Waru.

On 20th April, 1903, Te Ia te Waru and Mautiki te Waru were appointed successors to the share

of Te Otene Pikowai, acquired by succession from Hone Waiti te Waru.
On partition of Taupara No. 2, dated 5th May, 1906, Emere Paku (one share), Te Ia te Waru

(half share), and Mautiki te Waru (half share) were located with others in Taupara 2G.

On 13th June, 1914, Emere Paku was succeeded by Ihaka Ranapia, Tame Ranapia, Mata Ranapia, Maki Ranapia, Tarati Ranapia, Wiremu Ranapia, Makita Ranapia, Mihiterina Ranapia, Ihaka Ranapia, in equal shares.

On partition of Taupara 2G, dated September, 1919, the nine Ranapias, Te Ia te Waru, and Mautiki te Waru were located in Taupara 2G1. These eleven comprise all the interests claiming

under Hone Waiti te Waru and are located in Taupara 261. There is no record of the land having been sold or leased.

For the Court.

H. CARR, Judge.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (525 copies), £1 15s.

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington,-1926.

Price 3d.