## 1926. NEW ZEALAND.

## NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1925.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 125 OF 1925, OF ERAIHIA TE REI, RELATIVE TO SUCCESSION TO RAWINIA RIPARIPA (DECEASED) IN MANGAPOIKE A BLOCK.

Presented to Parliament in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 34 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925.

Native Department, Wellington, 16th February, 1926.

Petition No. 125 of 1925.—Succession to Rawinia Riparipa (deceased).

Pursuant to section 34 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925, I herewith forward report of the Native Land Court upon the above petition.

It will be observed that the difficulties that arose were settled by the Court to the satisfaction of the parties. I therefore recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

R. N. Jones, Chief Judge.

The Right Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Wairoa, 4th February, 1926.

Petition 125/1925.—Mangapoike A: In re Succession to Rawinia Riparipa (deceased).

I BEG to report that an inquiry into the subject-matter of this petition was held at Wairoa on the 4th instant. [(a) Extract from Wairoa M.B. 37, pp. 131-133, containing the minutes taken at the inquiry; (b) extract from Wairoa M.B. 7, pp. 266 and 316, containing the minutes taken in connection with the succession order sought to be attacked.]

The petitioner and respondent were father and son respectively, and the order the subject of the petition was made at the instance of the petitioner himself. Tiria to Re, whose name was sought to be included, was not born until some sixteen or seventeen years after the succession order to Rawinia Riparipa was made. This fact alone would seem sufficient to keep her name out of the order. However, a solution of any problem which may have existed was found in the fact that one of the infant members of the family had died. With the concurrence of both parties this interest has been awarded to the child on whose behalf the proceedings were taken (under section 15, Act 1909), and all parties are now perfectly satisfied. I therefore beg to recommend that no further action be taken. Enclosed please find your departmental file, 1925/339.

For the Court.

W. H. BOWLER, Commissioner.

The Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington.

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