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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1929.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 201 OF 1929, OF HIMIONA KATIPA, REGARDING
EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH A MORTGAGE OF MANGATU No. 1 BLOCK.

*Presented to Parliament in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 63 of the Native Land Amendment
and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1929.*

Native Department, Wellington, 20th April, 1932.

Petition No. 201 of 1929.—Mangatu No. 1 Block.

PURSUANT to section 63 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1929, I herewith transmit the report of the Court.

I recommend that legislation be introduced authorizing the Native Land Court to hear and inquire as to whether Himiona Katipa is entitled under the circumstances to any recompense in respect of moneys expended or services rendered in respect of claims made in the Native Land Court regarding the Mangatu No. 1 Block for and on behalf of the persons whose names are set out in Lists Nos. 9, 10, and 11 approved by the Court, and to make such orders therein as to the Court may seem just.

R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Mangatu No. 1 Block.

In the Native Land Court of New Zealand, Tairāwhiti District.—In the matter of the Mangatu No. 1 Block and of a reference to the Court by the Chief Judge pursuant to the provisions of the Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1929, of Petition No. 201 of 1929, of Himiona Katipa, for inquiry and report.

At a sitting of the Court held at Gisborne on the 31st day of March, 1932, before Harold Carr, Esquire, Judge. The Court begs to report that,—

On the 19th November, 1930, the petitioner appeared in support of his petition, and the matter was adjourned to enable other group representatives to be heard, but no one has deemed themselves interested enough to attend.

At the various hearings and appeals connected with this block Himiona represented several groups of owners and raised money on his own securities to prosecute their respective claims. He alleged that he raised £2,200 for this purpose, but it is doubtful whether all this money was spent on their behalf. It is clear that without Himiona's services these groups would not have succeeded to the extent they did, and it would have been a proper thing for them to have set apart a certain number of shares for his services. His present allocation represents his ancestral rights.

The Court recommends the petition for favourable consideration, and suggests that it be empowered to review the shares of those in lists 9, 10, and 11, as attached to the petition, to the extent of allotting to the petitioner a proportion thereof to recompense him for his services.

For the Court.

The Chief Judge, Native Department, Wellington.

H. CARR, Judge.

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