

the Natives had assembled from all parts of the coast to be present at the proceedings. This involved not only loss of time but a considerable outlay of money, the resident Natives especially considering themselves bound on such occasions, by the laws of Maori hospitality, to provide food *ad libitum* for all visitors. It was but natural therefore that they should feel annoyed at the repeated delays that have taken place, and could have been excused had they expressed themselves more strongly than they did. I was afraid that their confidence in the Court would be destroyed, or that they would consider it a fiction altogether, but was glad to find that such was not the case. They exonerated the Court from all blame in the matter, and told me that they should still look forward to having their claims investigated by it; but hoped that there would be no unnecessary delay, as loss of time was loss of money to them, as a number of Europeans were prepared to negotiate with them for the lease of their surplus lands as soon as their titles are complete.

After the adjournment of the Court the Natives held a meeting among themselves for the purpose of getting up a petition on the subject; and before I left, Te Mokena, the principal chief of Waiapu, had taken his departure for Wellington, as I was informed with the intention of laying his case before the House.

I have, &c.,

HENRY MONRO,
Judge Native Lands Court.

The Chief Judge, Native Lands Court, Auckland.

No. 7.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. ROLLESTON to Mr. MONRO.

(No. 415-1.)

SIR,—

Native Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 8th August, 1867.

I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Richmond, to enclose for your perusal a statement which appeared in the *Southern Cross* newspaper, of 23rd July, purporting to be an account of what passed at the recent sitting of the Native Lands Court at Turanganui. You are requested to state whether this account correctly represents what was said by the Court and by the Crown Agent on that occasion, and if not, to give a statement of what was said, or such a correction of the enclosed account as will convey a fair representation of what passed.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,
Under Secretary.

H. Monro, Esq.

No. 8.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. FENTON to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

(No. 675.)

SIR,—

Native Lands Court Office,
Auckland, 12th August, 1867.

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed orders for costs, given by Mr. Judge Monro, at the sittings of this Court recently held at Turanganui.

I have, &c.,

F. D. FENTON,
Chief Judge.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 8.

Copy of Order for Costs given by Mr. MONRO.

District of Poverty
Bay, Province of
Auckland.

"Native Lands Act, 1865;"
"Native Lands Act, 1866;" and
"East Coast Land Titles Investigation Act, 1866."

At a sitting of the Native Land Court of New Zealand, held at Turanganui, in the said district, on the 4th day of July, 1867, before Henry A. H. Monro, Esq., Judge, and Wiremu Te Whero and Tamihana Tunui, assessors; in the matter of "The East Coast Land Titles Investigation Act, 1866," "The Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1866." *Ex parte* Pita Te Huhu and a section of the Itanga-a-Mahaki tribe.

It is ordered that £20 16s. 9d. costs be paid by the Crown to the said Pita Te Huhu, on behalf of a section of the tribe called the Itanga-a-Mahaki, and that such costs shall be paid at the Resident Magistrate's Court at Turanganui on or before the 4th day of October, 1867.

Witness the hand of Henry A. H. Monro, Esq., Judge, and the Seal of the Court, the 4th day of July, 1867.

(L.S.)

HENRY A. H. MONRO, Judge.

Similar orders given to—

	£	s.	d.
Hemi Mahuki (Itanga-a-Mahaki) for	10	12	9
Wiremu Kirini (Itanga-a-Mahaki) for	13	12	9
Apiata Parehuia (Itanga-a-Mahaki) for	10	0	9
Karauria (Itanga-a-Haiuti) for	9	6	0
Keita Waere (Itanga-a-Mahaki) for	13	0	9