

5TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

*Parakaia*, objected to the claim being investigated, on the grounds that some of the owners were away amongst the Hauhaus.

*Te Reweti Waikato*, sworn—We fought with Marutuahu, and took the land in the same way as that mentioned in the former cases; my claim is from conquest entirely; this is the reason I have surveyed the land, and asked for an investigation; a portion of Ngatiraukawa's land we took ourselves afterwards; Marutuahu took a portion, and drove Ngatiraukawa away; we conquered Marutuahu, and then we became sole possessors of the land.

*Te Waata*, sworn—I live at Maungatautari, and also at Puahoe; I know this land; it belonged to Ngatiraukawa formerly; it now belongs to me; the claimants are those mentioned by Te Reweti; Taumaihi and Te Tarua were pas on this land which belonged to Ngatiraukawa; we took those pas, but the land was not regularly taken away by us until the defeat of Ngatipaoa, and Ngatimaru; we then lived on the land, and are the occupants at the present time.

*Hoani Pakura*, sworn—I am a Ngatiapakura; I live at Maungatautari; I lived formerly at Rangiaohia; I came to Maungatautari on account of the war; I know this land; the portion I claim is the flat land called Panehakua; it is included in this survey; my statement as to the claim to the land is the same as that made by Te Reweti; Ngatiapakura were engaged in the fight with the soldiers; I have a house on this land; there are no persons who have disputed our occupying the land.

*Wini Kerei*, sworn—I am a Ngatiapakura; I claim Panehakura; I have cultivated, and have a house on the land; I lived at Rangiaohia formerly; my place of abode is at Maungatautari.

*Hori Te Warau*, sworn—I lived formerly at Rangiaohia; I now reside at Maungatautari; I am a Ngatiapakura; I know the land under investigation; I have cultivations at a place called Panehakura; there are many of us who claim this land; I was at the survey of the land with Mr. Campbell; there were six of us; we did not meet with any opposition; my claim is the same as that stated by former witnesses; I have been over all the boundaries of the block; I have heard what has been said about Ngatiapakura; when the war with Ngatipaoa was finished, Te Waharoa said, "Let Ngatiapakura's land be returned to them;" the hapu who own this land are Ngatikaukura, Ngatiruru, Ngatiapakura, and Ngatikoura.

*Aperahama Tu Te Rangipouri*, sworn—I live at Taupo; I am a Ngatihaua; I know this land; I have heard Te Reweti's statement, it is correct; I was not at the survey; I have only now returned here; this land was taken by conquest, and we now hold possession of the land; some time ago Ngatiapakura fought with Ngatikoroki, and the latter were beaten; Te Waharoa was angry at this (pouri); the Ngatihaua went to take payment, and to a pa belonging to Ngatiapakura, called Kaipaka; the parties who were thus fighting with each other were nearly related; when the land was taken from Ngatimaru, Te Waharoa recollected that Ngatiapakura were not of a different tribe, and said, "Let the land of Ngatiapakura be returned to them;" I myself heard Te Waharoa say this.

*Tarika Te Hura*, sworn—This land is mine; I have a kainga on this land at Mataikororo; my parents have cultivated here as well as myself; I have a claim through Ngatikaukura; my claim is from conquest; I was not at the survey, but I consented to have the land surveyed; I have heard Te Reweti's statement, and if I make one it will be the same as his; the persons who he has mentioned are the owners; there will be no dispute amongst them about this land.

*Hori Puao*, sworn—I live at Maungatautari; I am a Ngatihaua and Ngatikaukura; I claim the land from conquest in the same manner as stated by Te Reweti; I am living at Whanake and Puahoe; I live with Te Reweti; these are my residences; I was not at the survey; Te Reweti and others agreed to the survey.

*Winiata*, sworn—I reside at Maungatautari; I have cultivations on this land; I am a Ngatiapakura and Ngatikaukura; I was at the survey of the land with Wiremu, Hori Wirihana, Rapana and Matini; there was no opposition to the survey.

*Tame Kaka*—I claim this land; I am a Ngatihaua; Ngatiapakura have no claim; I have not been on Puahoe; I have only seen it at a distance; I claim the land from our having taken the two pas from Ngatiraukawa. (He then made the same statement as previous witnesses).

*Te Waata* said that Tame's statement was correct, except his saying that Ngatiapakura had no claim.

*Hori Te Waru*, a Ngatiapakura, asked Tame, and he said Hori had no claim.

*Hone te One*, sworn—I live at Kawhia; I know this land; I have heard what Te Reweti has said; it is correct; also what Ngatiapakura have said; I have a claim through Ngatiapakura; our claim is from conquest; I have not cultivated here, but at Rangiaohia and Alexandra; my elders died at Ngaroto and Maniapoto.

Court adjourned.

6TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

*Hori Wirihana*, sworn—I live at Maungatautari; I am a Ngatikauwhata; I know this land; I was at the survey and pointed out the boundaries; I claim this land by conquest; Ngatiraukaura owned the land formerly; I have cultivated on this block and at Te Whanake; I have resided here; I cultivate here now; there are other claimants besides those who have been mentioned, viz., Hobua, Tau, Irihia, Te Kanae, and Mihi Korako; these are all of Ngatikaukura; this land was conquered by my ancestors, and they took possession; Taumahi and Tarua are the names of their pas which were taken; Hangahanga is another pa; there were also many other pas; this is the cause of our getting the land; I conquered the land and took it; Ngatiraukawa did not leave the land peaceably.

*Wi Huka*, sworn—I am a Ngatikahukura; I reside at Maungatautari; I know this land; I have a claim; I cultivate on Puahoe; I have a house and cultivation on the land at the present time; I claim from conquest of Ngatiraukawa; they were driven off and I got the land; I made the survey;

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