

"E Hone me tu koe;" I then came on to just below the station; Rodgers went to the station and I came on to Cambridge and reported; in consequence of my report, Major Clare and others went out, and I guided them to the place where I supposed I heard the shot fired, then we searched about, and after some time a body was found, it was found by Mr. Walker; the body was found near to where I heard the shot fired; the body was the body of Timothy Sullivan; the body was found within four or five yards of where I saw him last alive; his head was cut off and taken away, and his body was opened from the lower part of his chest to his abdomen, pieces of his liver and lungs were lying about; his knife was lying beside him smeared with blood; I did not observe any traces of footsteps, or of a struggle there; there was the mark of a gun-shot wound on the back, near the shoulder, and also on the breast, as if a bullet had gone through him; I could not positively swear as to the identity of the Natives, from the state of confusion I was in; I cannot positively state that I recognised any of the Natives; a large black and white smooth-haired dog accompanied the Native who led the pursuit, and was with him when the shot was fired at us; I am aware that the land on which we were laying fascines, and on which Sullivan was killed, was then in the occupation of Mr. Walker, under lease; it is outside the boundary of the confiscated district.

George Lloyd, sworn—I am a constable of the Armed Constabulary, stationed in Cambridge; on the 24th April last I was in the employment of Mr. Walker, of Moanatuatua; I was engaged on that day with Mr. Richard Parker, carting fascines from point marked L on map, to point marked B; I recollect coming down to point B with fascines (cart-load)—this was about half-past twelve o'clock—to where Jones, Sullivan and Rodgers were working; I saw two Maoris at point marked H on plan; I noticed that Jones, Sullivan and Rodgers had left their work; Mr. Richard Parker was with me; I unloaded the fascines; I went down to the swamp to get some water, came up again and lit a fire, and put billy on to cook for dinner; while doing so I noticed a Maori coming down track (at point marked G) which we had come down with the fascines; we then drove up the track; on arriving at point marked G, I saw a Maori in a squatting position in the fern, on the right hand side we were going up, with a gun pointed towards us; the gun was to his shoulder, it was a single-barrelled gun; he pulled the trigger and the cap snapped; I jumped out of the dray and ran down the gully; the Native was from ten to fifteen yards off the dray when he snapped his gun at us; I did not know the Native; he was slightly tattooed on each side of his cheeks; he appeared to be about forty years of age.

The Government Agent applied for leave to put in evidence Mr. Richard Parker's evidence, taken before Coroner on inquest on body of Timothy Sullivan, on the 25th day of April, 1873. He, Mr. Richard Parker having left the Colony.

Charles Collins, sworn—I am a constable in the Armed Constabulary force, and am stationed at Cambridge; on the 24th April last, I went out with Major Clare and others to search for Timothy Sullivan; I saw the body, which was found by Mr. Walker; the head was cut off and taken away, and the body ripped up from neck to bottom of stomach; there was a gun shot wound just below right shoulder blade on back; I observed one or two marks on the ground like naked foot, marked L; I did not observe any marks of a struggle having taken place; I accompanied Mr. Mackay and others on the 28th April; Mr. Parker was one of the party; Mr. Parker pointed out a place where the fern was pressed down, at the place marked G on map; the place where the fern was pressed down was about three yards distant from nearest wheel track, and eight yards from furthest track—there were several wheel tracks; at the place where the fern had been pressed down I found a piece of Native mat; Mr. Mackay and I then carefully examined the place, and Mr. Mackay found another smaller piece of a Native mat; I recollect Mr. Mackay taking compass bearings of all the places pointed out by Messrs. Parker and Jones.

Mr. Mackay, re-called—On the 28th April I recollect going to a place marked G on map; it was pointed out to me by Mr. Parker, on a path shown by black dotted line; I saw the track of a dray wheel nine feet from it; I saw a place, about three feet long and two feet wide in the fern, pressed down as if some one had been sitting there, and, hanging on the fern furthest from the road, Constable Collins picked up the piece of Maori mat (now in Court); I looked carefully about and picked up another piece of a Maori mat (also produced in Court) on the part furthest from the track on road.

Charles Rodgers, sworn—I am a laborer; I was in the employment of Mr. Walker, of Moanatuatua, on the 24th April last; I was engaged fascining a swamp on that day—a point between A and B represents the place we were working at on that day; David Jones and Timothy Sullivan were working there with me; Mr. Parker and Lloyd were carting there about half-past eleven o'clock; four Natives came on to the hill at point marked B; they came on down the hill, and we ran; the Natives had all guns with them; we all then ran away, and about three-quarters of a mile from where we started Sullivan gave in; I think he said, "Go on, boys, and take care of yourselves, I am done;" he (Sullivan) then sat down; I was at this time behind Jones; when I was about ten yards, or a little farther from Sullivan, I turned round and saw a Native stooping down, or going on one of his knees, presenting his gun at Sullivan; I think the gun snapped; in about a minute afterwards I heard the report of a gun; I did not turn round, but kept on running; some little time afterwards I turned round again, and saw the same Native who I saw presenting his gun at Sullivan following us; I was behind Jones at this time; we ran for a good bit, when I heard another report; I heard the Maori calling out something which I did not understand; the Native who followed us appeared to be middle-aged, and had a Maori mat on.

TRANSLATION of STATEMENT made by a NATIVE respecting the MURDER of TIMOTHY SULLIVAN.

I heard at Maungarangi that Purukutu and party were going to slay Europeans. A European had not been slain at the time. I told Major Mair of this report. I was at Aotea when the murder happened. I went to Alexandra on the 25th; on the 26th of April, 1873, I sent a Native to ask who were the murderers. Purukutu told him that Hori Te Tumu seized the European, and he (Purukutu)