

*D.—Waitohi Purchase.*

This block was acquired by the Government in 1850 from Ropoama Te One and other members of the Ngatiawa Tribe for the sum of £300, and certain other concessions stipulated in the deed, namely, the surveying of a village at Waikawa, and the erection of a church. A reserve of 2,500 acres was also set apart for the Natives at Waikawa (marked E on the plan.)

*E.—Waipounamu Purchase.*

This purchase comprises the whole of the country coloured red on the plan, the negotiations for the acquisition of which are contained in the under-mentioned deeds, namely,—

(1.) Deed of sale executed at Wellington on the 10th August, 1853, by the Ngatitua Tribe, conveying to Her Majesty all their claims to land in the Middle Island in consideration of the sum of £5,000; £2,000 to be paid down, and the balance by instalments of £500, carried over a period of five years. Certain reservations of land were to be made for their relatives, the extent and position of such lands to be determined by the Governor, together with certain other lands promised by the Governor to be granted to some of their chiefs. In fulfilment of the promise to set apart land for the Natives, 2,939 acres were subsequently reserved in the Wairau district, and two sections of 50 acres each were granted to Te Tana Pukekohatu and Wiremu Te Kanae respectively.

(2.) The second deed is a conveyance to Her Majesty by the chiefs and people of the Ngatiawa Tribe, at Taranaki, of their claims to certain lands in Queen Charlotte Sound and elsewhere, for the sum of £200.

(3.) The third deed is a receipt for £500, being a final payment to certain members of the Ngatiawa Tribe for the whole of their claims to land in the Middle Island.

(4.) The fourth is a receipt for £100, paid to certain chiefs of the Ngatiawa, for claims to land at Gore's Harbour and Totaranui, Queen Charlotte Sound.

(5.) The fifth is a receipt for £200, paid to members of the Ngatiawa Tribe, for the final surrender of their claims to land at Te Awaite, Queen Charlotte Sound.

(6.) The sixth is a receipt for £2,000 paid to the Ngatitua Tribe, being a portion of the £5,000 agreed on in the deed of sale executed on the 10th August, 1853, the land specified therein to be finally handed over to the Crown when the reserves were set apart for their relatives.

(7.) The seventh is a deed of sale by the Ngatirua, Ngatitama, and Ngatiawa Tribes, residing in the then Province of Nelson, ceding all their undisposed of claims to land in the Middle Island to Her Majesty for the sum of £600, a final payment for all their claims. A block of about 40,000 acres at West Whanganui was excluded from this sale, and is still retained by the Natives. At the northern extremity of this block, between it and the southern boundary of the Pakawau purchase (H), is a block of land marked J on the plan, said to have been included in the sale of the surrounding land to the Crown without payment, in consideration of which Riwai Turangapeka, one of the principal men of the Ngatirua Tribe, subsequently received value from the Government to the amount of £100.

(8.) The eighth is a receipt for £100 paid to the Rangitane Tribe, for the cession of all claims to land in the Middle Island, excepting the reserves set apart for them in the Wairau.

(9.) The ninth is a deed of sale by the Ngatiawa Tribe, residing in Queen Charlotte Sound, conveying all their claims to land in the Middle Island to Her Majesty for the sum of £500, saving and excepting certain reservations marked on the plan attached to the deed of sale. These reserves contain in the aggregate 8,500 acres.

(10.) The tenth is a deed of sale by the Ngatikuia Tribe, ceding all their claims to land in the Pelorus, Kaituna, and all other places in the Middle Island, to the Crown, in consideration of the sum of £100, and certain reservations of land. Land to the extent of 988 acres was the quantity laid off in fulfilment of the aforesaid condition. Four town sections were also allotted to Hura Kupapa and Manihera Te Maihi, two of their principal men.

(11.) The eleventh is a deed of sale to Her Majesty by the Ngatikoata Tribe, ceding all claims to land within the boundaries of the block formerly sold to the Ngatitua; the Island of Rangitoto (D'Urville's) and certain reserves on the mainland excepted. The reserves contain an approximate area of 1,400 acres. Besides the Island of Rangitoto and the block of 40,000 acres excepted from sale at West Whanganui, a block of 7,000 acres was also excluded at Wakapuaka. Wiremu Katene Te Manu, and the section of the Ngatitama residing there, objected to the sale of the Waipounamu block by the Ngatitua and their relatives in the North Island, and declined to give up any portion of the land held by them at Wakapuaka within the boundary determined on in 1845 between the Natives and the New Zealand Company's Agent, the River Wangamoa forming the eastern boundary, it being no more than sufficient for their own subsistence. Neither would they agree to receive any of the purchase money; and as the land in their possession was not of greater extent than they really required, it was not deemed prudent to urge a settlement of this particular question upon them. It was, however, arranged that, should they ultimately consent to surrender to the Government any portion of the aforesaid block, a sum of £100 should be paid them as their proportion of the purchase money. No change, however, has ever taken place in their view of the matter, and the land remains with them as before.

(12.) The twelfth is a receipt from a member of the Ngatiawa Tribe (Rei Ngamho) for claims to land in Queen Charlotte Sound, for which the sum of £19 was paid him; and this brings the various transactions pertaining to the purchases effected within the Waipounamu Block to a conclusion. The total amount paid to the ceding tribes, including three small sums not enumerated in the foregoing recapitulation of the various purchases, was £6,467.

*H.—Pakawau Purchase.*

This purchase was effected in 1852 by Major Richmond for the sum of £550 and the necessary reservations of land for the resident Natives—in all, 230 acres. The boundary of the block acquired from the Natives under the aforesaid terms commences at the northern end of the Company's land in Massacre Bay, at a place called Opu, and extends in a north-westerly direction to Toiere, at West Whanganui; the whole of the country to the north of this boundary, including the Sandspit (Onetana) being included in the purchase.