

Tinakori.

No. 8, Orangi Kaupapa, containing 3 acres 7 perches, to E. H. Hunt, for £100. No. 9, Orangi Kaupapa, same area, to E. H. Hunt, for £100.

Hutt.

No. 5, Te Mome, containing 11 acres 2 roods 8 perches, to Mr. J. Barber, for £250. Section 120 (part of), from Hemi Parae to J. C. Mabey, for £276 15s. 6d.

Wellington.

Te Aro Pa, Lot No. 10, containing 22½ perches, to F. P. and A. Simeon, for £25 a year during life. Lot 3, containing 19 perches, to J. O'Shea, for £300. Lot 23, containing 6 perches, to J. Ashdown (a half-caste relative of grantee), as a free gift.

Leases have been arranged for the Natives of the following lands, viz.,—

Johnsonville.

Section No. 9, containing 152 acres, to Mr. Jas. Futter, for twenty-one years, at £106 a year.

Ohariu.

Native reserve, comprising parts of sections 7 and 8, containing 145 acres 1 rood, for twenty-one years, to Mr. Thomas Bould, at a rent of £108 18s. 9d. a year for seven years, and £123 9s. 3d. a year for remainder of term.

The Natives have, themselves, let the following reserves, viz.,—

Pipitea Pa.

Lot No. 6, containing 20 perches, to Mr. W. Ebdon, at £10 a year for seventeen years.

Te Aro Pa.

Lot No. 3, 19 perches, to Mr. C. L. Hart, for twenty-one years, at £30 a year. Lot No. 5, 6 perches, to Mr. C. L. Hart, for twenty-one years, at £5 a year. Lot Nos. 6 and 9, containing 8 perches and 29 perches, for twenty-one years, at £15 a year, to Mr. C. L. Hart. Lot No. 11, containing 3 perches, for twenty-one years, for £15 a year for the first seven years, and £25 a year for the remainder of term, to Messrs. Ross and Thompson. Lot No. 27 (part of), for twenty-one years, at £30 a year for the first fourteen years, and £40 a year for remainder of term, to Mr. C. O. Clayton.

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Lot No. 10, Orangi Kaupapa, containing 3 acres 7 perches, for fourteen years, to Mr. D. Williams, at £13 a year.

Hutt.

Section 36 (part of), 4 acres 20 perches, for five years, at £20 12s. a year, to Mr. T. Baxter. Section 1 (part of), 3 acres, for twenty-one years, at £20 a year, to Mr. A. P. Stuart. Section 58 (part of), 3 acres 34 perches, for twenty-one years, at £6 a year, to Mr. W. R. Welch. Section 58 (part of), 5 acres 2 roods 10 perches, for ten years, at £5 a year, to Mr. W. R. Welch. Lot No. 16 (part of), Petoni, containing 2 acres 3 roods 14 perches, for twenty-one years, at £20 a year, to Mr. D. Everest.

Otari.

Part of the Native reserve, containing 30 acres 1 rood 2 perches, to Mr. F. Rumsey, at £15 and £20 a year, on a term of twenty years.

Ohariu.

About ten years since Paiura Rangikatata was promised a Crown grant for 25 acres, in section 12, Ohariu Valley, on condition of his building a cottage and residing there. The conditions having been performed, the grant has been issued to him.

Tauranga.

The Native reserve Nos. 14 and 114, in the Parish of Te Papa, containing 159 acres 2 roods 20 perches, has been let, after advertisement, for twenty-one years, to Mr. R. C. Jordan, at £25 a year. This section is much cut up by roads crossing it, which deteriorates from its value as a farm, and has, until lately, prevented its letting.

All the reserves under my management having now been let, mostly on twenty-one years' leases, and the work of the department brought into system and simplified, I have been able to recommend that my salary as Commissioner of Native Reserves should be reduced. This has been done—from £500 to £100 a year—taking effect from the 1st of April last.

I append a debtor and creditor account of my receipts and expenditure for the year.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary, Native Department,
Wellington, 7th July, 1877.

CHARLES HEAPHY,
Commissioner, Native Reserves.