

Mr. Wilson in alluding to Mr. Locke has, in my opinion, wandered very wide of facts, but that gentleman can speak for himself.

I will only add, in conclusion, that what I have here stated can be corroborated by all the Ngatira, who are the actual proprietors, and who have consistently declined to entertain any offers made by Mr. Wilson, and who (to their credit be it written) have more than once refused to break faith with the gentleman who leased their lands, although strongly bribed to do so.

The Under Secretary, Native Department,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
J. H. CAMPBELL, R.M.

No. 9.

Captain PORTER to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

SIR,—

Militia Office, Gisborne, 21st August, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, submitting a copy of Mr. J. A. Wilson's Land Purchase Report for my information, and affording me an opportunity of making any remarks I may deem necessary.

In reference to any action of mine in connection with the matters alluded to, I have nothing to defend, as I was in the capacity of Acting District Officer, in the absence of Mr. Locke.

In reply to the allusion as to Mrs. Porter being a partner in a foreign claim upon Parariki, Mr. Wilson is in error, as she is a co-claimant with his clients, and as such is entered in the Court rolls.

Mr. Wilson is in error in many of his statements made in the report, and evidences a want of knowledge of both sides of the question, and can only be accepted as *ex parte*.

The Under Secretary, Native Department,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
T. W. PORTER, Captain,
Native Land Purchase Officer.

II.—REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO CHARGES AGAINST J. ROGAN, ESQ., JUDGE, NATIVE LAND COURT, AND J. A. WILSON, ESQ., LAND PURCHASE OFFICER—NOTES OF EVIDENCE, AND PAPERS IN RELATION THERETO.

No. 1.

The UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department, to Mr. CHARLES BROWN, C.C., and
Mr. JOSEPH GILES, R.M.

GENTLEMEN,—

Native Office, Wellington, 19th October, 1876.

Herewith I have the honor to forward to you a warrant signed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, appointing you Commissioners to inquire into charges of misconduct on the part of John Rogan, Esq., in his office of Judge of the Native Land Court, and also charges against John Alexander Wilson, Esq., of gross negligence as Land Purchase Officer.

Mr. Josiah Hamlin, of Napier, has been instructed to place his services at your disposal as interpreter.

Should you require any extra clerical assistance, you are authorized to engage the services of a suitable person.

Herewith I am directed to forward to you the papers relating to the transactions out of which the charges against the officers first above referred to have grown.

Charles Brown, Esq., C.C.
Joseph Giles, Esq., R.M.

I have, &c.,
H. T. CLARKE,
Under Secretary.

No. 2.

COMMISSION to CHARLES BROWN, Esq., C.C., and JOSEPH GILES, Esq., R.M.

NORMANBY, Governor.

To CHARLES BROWN, Esq., Civil Commissioner, Taranaki, and JOSEPH GILES, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Wanganui.

GREETING :

WHEREAS in a certain report on Land Purchases in the Poverty Bay District, addressed to the Hon. the Native Minister on the 6th day of June, 1876, by John Alexander Wilson, Esq., the Land Purchase Officer for the aforesaid district, and further, in two separate memoranda of date respectively the 23rd day of July, 1876, inscribed on some payment vouchers under the hand of the aforesaid John Alexander Wilson, charges have been made against John Rogan, Esq., one of the Judges of the Native Land Court of New Zealand, of misconduct in his office:

And whereas in a certain letter addressed to the Under Secretary of the Native Department on the 6th day of September, 1876, by the above-named John Rogan, in which he demands a strict inquiry into the charges made against him in the report first hereinbefore named; and further, in a memo-