

a petition through Captain Porter was sent in response to this letter.

I submit that the exclusion of Captain Porter's letter to Potae, and of my expunged evidence, after it had been supported by that letter, has conferred upon Captain Porter's remaining evidence a value which it ought not to possess, especially where such evidence is opposed to my own, as when he contradicts my statement that he told me he was not Acting District Officer at Tolago in April last, and that the Judge was making "an improper use of him."

I urge this because where our evidence has clashed on a cardinal point mine has been proved to be true by Captain Porter's own writing, while his has been negated by his own written statement.

5. The letter referred to is manifestly a public letter, written as it is by one public man to another, upon business entirely public, and urging that public action should be taken through the writer by way of petition to His Excellency, written, too, by an officer who affirms now that he was Acting District Officer at the Court.

I submit, therefore, that the evidence should not have been expunged, and that the letter should have been received in evidence.

Lastly, I submit most respectfully that the Natives, Rutene Kuhukuhu and Henare Ruru should have been summoned from Tolago. I submit their evidence was necessary in regard to the adjournment of the Court at Turanga on the 29th July, 1875, in regard to what took place at the Court at Tolago in April, and to the case of the three blocks, Puremungaahua, Ngatawakawaka, and Matatuotonga.

J. A. WILSON,
Land Purchase Officer.

The Royal Commissioners, Dr. Giles and Major Brown, Gisborne.

There has been no clashing of evidence on any cardinal point that we know of.

This is quite incorrect.

We think this altogether erroneous.

Mr. Wilson was repeatedly told that if he would specify for what purpose his witnesses were required, we would summon them, if satisfied that their evidence was material. But he could never satisfy us on this subject. He perpetually dealt in generalities. He wanted the Natives to state their impressions of the Court, and the like. We never could ascertain what it was they were to prove.

J. GILES.

No. 84.

Mr. A. MACKAY to Mr. J. A. WILSON.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 16th December, 1876.

No. 493. Am desired to inform you that the Commission appointed to investigate the charges made by you against Judge Rogan having reported to the Government after careful inquiry no ground had been shown for the serious charges made, it is determined that your employment by the Government shall terminate on the thirty-first of December now ensuing. You will therefore be good enough to confine your attention to winding-up your accounts and making a final report on the various transactions in which you have been engaged.

A. MACKAY.

No. 85.

Mr. A. MACKAY to Mr. J. A. WILSON.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 18th December, 1876.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. Mr. Ormond, in the absence of the Native Minister, to inform you that the Commission appointed to investigate the charges made by you against Judge Rogan having reported that after careful inquiry no ground had been shown for the serious charges made, it is determined that your employment by the Government shall terminate on the 31st December instant. You will therefore be good enough to confine your attention to winding-up your accounts and making a final report on the various transactions in which you have been engaged.

I have, &c.,

J. A. Wilson, Esq.,
Land Purchase Officer, Gisborne.

A. MACKAY,
(for the Under Secretary).

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