

SCHEDULE of Blocks for which Applications for Hearing have been forwarded to the Chief Judge,
Native Land Court, Auckland.

Name of Block.	Date of Posting.	Name of Block.	Date of Posting.
1. Mangarara No. 2	... September 14, 1875.	17. Parariki	... November 15, 1875.
2. Mangarara No. 2	... " 14, "	18. Pirauau	... " 15, "
3. Ngatawakawaka	... " 14, "	19. Puremungahua	... " 15, "
4. Waimata West	... " 22, "	20. Arakihi	... " 15, "
5. Puremungahua	... October 2, "	21. Matatuotonga	... " 15, "
6. Pirauau	... " 6, "	22. Hauturu	... " 29, "
7. Tatarahako	... " 12, "	23. Tahoranui-a-Tukehu	... " 29, "
8. Tauwhareparae	... " 18, "	24. Tatarahake	... " 29, "
9. Parariki	... " 18, "	25. Mangarara No. 2	... " 29, "
10. Huiarua	... " 18, "	26. Rangikohua	... " 29, "
11. Waimata West	... " 18, "	27. Waihora	... December 1, "
12. Waihora	... " 30, "	28. Waimata South	... " 7, "
13. Patu-te-Kauapu	... November 1, "	29. Te Paritu	... " 14, "
14. Waimata East	... " 1, "	30. Tahararoa	... " 44, "
15. Ngatawakawaka	... " 15, "	31. Ngawhakatatara	... " 14, "
16. Paraheka	... " 15, "	32. Pirauau	... " 17, "

J. A. WILSON.

No. 32.

Mr. J. A. WILSON to Captain PORTER.

SIR,—

Land Purchase Office, Gisborne, 16th August, 1876.

Referring to the last Native Land Court at Tolago, in regard to which you lately informed me that you had been appointed to act, and had acted as District Officer, I have the honor to ask you to be good enough to state whether the Court was aware, or whether you informed the Court, that the Blocks Puremungahua, Matatuotonga, and Ngatawakawaka were lands that had been purchased and surveyed by Government; also, in regard to said blocks, whether objections were raised by you to the indorsement by the Court in favour of Robert Cooper upon the orders for memorial of ownership, to the receipt of duty by the Native Land Court from R. Cooper, and to the receipt of survey money.

I have, &c.,

J. A. WILSON,

Land Purchase Officer.

Captain Porter, Tolago.

No. 33.

Captain PORTER to Mr. J. A. WILSON.

SIR,—

Militia Office, Gisborne, 17th August, 1876.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, No. 470-76.

Puremungahua, Matatuotonga, and Ngatawakawaka lands passed the Native Land Court, Tolago Bay, on the 5th, 6th, and 7th July ultimo, and I was not present at the Native Land Court till 8th of that month. I cannot therefore state whether the Court was aware of these blocks being Government land purchases. I can only say that during my attendance as Acting District Officer, I informed the Court the nature of each block brought before it.

I am ignorant of the circumstances attending Mr. R. Cooper's purchase of these lands as I left Tolago on the 15th, and I understand his action was taken about the 19th or 20th July. If I had been present I should have deemed it my duty as a Government servant to obstruct him and protest against the transaction.

I have, &c.,

T. W. PORTER,

Captain, Adjutant.

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

No. 34.

Mr. J. A. WILSON to Dr. NESBITT.

SIR,—

Land Purchase Office, Gisborne, 21st July, 1876.

I have the honor to state that I have reason to believe that certain documents will be submitted for your approval, as deeds of conveyance for three blocks of land in the District of Tolago—namely, Ngatawakawaka, Matatuotonga, Puremungahua. As these blocks are proclaimed under the 42nd clause of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1871," in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 4th May last, and the lands have been most publicly sold to the Crown under the Immigration and Public Works Act, to which Acts I have invited your attention; as also the representative Natives of the hapus interested have received moneys, and have executed agreements to convey to the Crown when the land shall have passed the Native Land Court; and as I am prepared to perform my part in the transaction as soon as I can gain the attendance at Tolago of an attesting Resident Magistrate; therefore I deem it my duty most respectfully to request you, as Trust Commissioner, not to approve or pass such deeds, as to do so would prejudice the just rights of the Crown, and would seem to countenance fraudulent practices in the eyes of the Natives.

I have, &c.,

J. A. WILSON,

Land Purchase Officer.

Dr. Nesbitt, Trust Commissioner, Gisborne.