

*Wiripine Wera-
hiko.*
19th Nov., 1879.

472. Why did you apply particularly to Davie?—Because some of the documents were in his possession.

473. What documents do you allude to?—To two documents; one of which is in the possession of Rora and the other is in Davie's possession.

474. Can you give the Committee to understand what these two documents are?—If I had them I could tell the Committee what they are.

475. Was Mr. Davie empowered by your father to act on your behalf, and was he also appointed executor under the will?—My own father never went near Davie.

476. Then have you seen what is said to be the will of your father, in which he said that Davie was appointed his executor?—No; I have not seen the will.

477. Then you are not a daughter of Paora Nonoi?—I am not his daughter. I am a niece.

478. *Sir G. Grey.*] When they offered Paora the spirits, did he drink?—No; Paora did not drink.

479. When they offered the spirits to you, did you drink?—No, I did not drink.

480. Then you were not confused with drink that night?—No; I was not confused that night.

481. And you were able to observe everything carefully?—I could watch everything, as, in fact, I did.

482. How long do you think they remained there?—They stayed there for a long time. After they had been turned away they had not been gone long before it was cock-crow.

483. *Colonel Trimble.*] I want to ask you if you remember how many glasses Rora had?—Rora had four glasses. Worgan and Mr. Sutton were alongside, and they had the bottle between them. I was the only one in the house who did not drink.

484. Was Rora confused through the liquor she drank?—She did not get intoxicated. She did not lie down to it. She sat up and talked.

485. Did the old man Paora drink?—Paora did not drink.

486. You said all in the house drank. Did Paora drink?—With the exception of Paora, I was the only one in the house who did not drink. Paora did not drink.

487. Did you see Rora signing anything that night?—No; Rora did not sign.

488. *Mr. Acton Adams.*] Did you talk over the evidence you are now giving before you came here?—No.

489. Do you know that Rora gave precisely the same evidence?—No.

490. Did you repeat with any one before you came here the tale you were to tell?—I am not so young as that. I was not taught by any one what to say.

491. Did you see Nikera signing the deed?—Nikera did not sign.

492. Can Nikera write?—Yes.

493. What is Rora's usual signature?—I do not know how to write.

494. What name did she write?—Rora Poneke.

495. Did she ever sign any other name?—No. It was not until Paora died that she took the name of Roroa Nonoi.

496. *Captain Russell.*] You said you did not discuss with Rora the evidence she gave. Did Rora discuss with you that evidence?—Rora did not tell me her evidence.

497. Do not the Natives discuss the proceedings of the Committee?—She did not say anything to us.

498. Have you not mentioned the proceedings of the Committee at all among yourselves?—We have not discussed the proceedings. She did not tell me anything. We did not discuss the matter among ourselves.

499. Did they not mention the word Committee?—The Committee was mentioned. I gathered nothing of the proceedings. She did not give me any information.

500. What did Rora tell you about the Committee?—She did not mention the Committee. It was the other people who did so. I heard of the Committee when I was in Napier.

501. Has not Rora yesterday or to-day mentioned the Committee to you?—No.

502. On no single occasion?—No.

503. Nor any of the members of the Committee?—No.

504. Nor Mr. Rees, who is appearing for you?—No.

505. How long after the going down of the sun do the Natives usually go to sleep?—They keep awake for a long time after the sun goes down. On the occasion of Mr. Sutton and Worgan going to our place, we were kept awake for a long time, owing to Paora being ill. He had had a fit of his insanity.

506. Have you any idea of how many hours after the sun went down that Mr. Sutton and Worgan went to Paora's house?—I do not understand anything about the hours. We were inclined to go to sleep just at the time.

507. Would you think it was as long as it ordinarily is between the time of Native meals?—All I know is that it was about midnight when they arrived.

508. Why do you think it was about midnight?—Because we were occupied in attending to Paora until the day merged into midnight, and about the time we were going off to sleep they arrived.

509. You are quite clear that it was midnight?—Yes; because they had not long gone before the cock-crow.

510. What do you mean by "the cock-crow." Was it near daylight, or merely accidental crowing?—It was the usual hour for cock-crowing. There were three crows and it was daylight.

511. You are quite sure that it was not a moonlight night, and the cocks were crowing without regard to the daylight?—It was not a moonlight night; it was a dark night.

512. Mr. Sutton and Worgan arrived at the whare, I understand you to say, and said that if you agreed to the sale 350 acres would be reserved for Paora. Was there any offer of payment besides?—There was money besides. Rora asked for money from George Worgan.

513. Was there any offer of money or payment?—An offer was made to Paora, but he would not agree.