

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

GEORGE BUCKLAND WORGAN examined on former oath.

(Mr. Worgan's diary for 1871 produced.)

Mr. Worgan.

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1387. *The Chairman.*] The diary sent for to Napier has come down. It is for the year 1871, instead of 1870. I presume, therefore, that you will get but little information out of that?—I imagine not.

1388. *Sir G. Grey.*] Which house is the nearest to Paora's pa—Coleman's or Davie's?—Coleman's is the nearest. I do not know that it is very much nearer in a straight line.

1389. Which side of the bridge is Coleman's?—Coleman's and Davie's are both on the same side of the bridge.

1390. Yes; but is Coleman's house on the same side that Paora's pa is?—If I had a piece of paper I would make a sketch showing the relative positions of the different places. [Sketch showing the several places made and handed to Sir George Grey, and examined.] As far as I know that would be about the position.

1391. Did you know a person of the name of Morrison at Napier?—Yes; I knew a Morrison, a watchmaker, there. That is the only person of the name I remember.

1392. Did you ever go to Mr. Coleman's with Mr. Morrison?—I do not remember doing so.

1393. Do you remember ever going to Mr. Coleman's with a Mr. Morrison?—I really do not remember this man, Mr. Morrison, at all.

1394. Did you ever go with Mr. Sutton to Waipawa?—Yes, I believe I did. I cannot say that I actually remember the circumstance. I was with him at the Native Land Court. Whether I went with him there or not I cannot say.

1395. Was that the evening after you were at Paora's pa?—That I cannot say at all.

1396. Do you recollect Paora signing a deed?—Yes, I do very well.

1397. Was Mr. Sutton with you on that occasion?—I do not remember that he was. I think I have already stated that I have no recollection whether he was with me or not. I cannot speak positively.

1398. You gave the Natives spirits on that occasion, I think you said?—I do not think I said I did. It is very probable that I did.

1399. I think you said that you had a flask with you?—I think I may have had a flask with me.

1400. You cannot say that you did not give spirits to the Natives?—I do not mean to say that I did not.

1401. Did you ride to the pa?—Yes, I believe I rode to the pa.

1402. From Napier, or where?—I must have ridden from Napier, seeing that I was living there at the time.

1403. Were you engaged by Mr. Sutton to get this deed signed?—Yes, I think I had the management of the execution of the Awa-o-te-Atua deed for Mr. Sutton.

1404. Did you make a reserve out of the Awa-o-te-Atua Block?—No, I made no reserve out of the Awa-o-te-Atua Block. I made a reserve out of the Mangaroa Block on the site of Paora's pa, which I afterwards surveyed.

1405. Do you know how large that reserve was?—My recollection of it is, that it was 200 acres. I have the original map.

1406. Were you instructed to make a reserve out of the Awa-o-te-Atua Block?—No, I had no instructions to that effect.

1407. You did not promise any reserve?—No, I made no promise of a reserve.

1408. And Paora signed the deed without such promise having been made to him?—Yes.

1409. Did you interpret the paper to Paora in which a promise of a reserve was made to him?—No, I did not.

1410. Did you know Mr. Finlayson?—Yes. I knew two men of that name. They were brothers—William and Robert Finlayson.

1411. Did Mr. Sutton ever drive you in his buggy?—On one occasion.

1412. Where to?—Patangata.

1413. What kind of buggy was it?—It was a four-wheeled trap, with one horse.

1414. Was it a buggy with a double or single body?—I really could not say. I know it was a tolerably light description of trap.

1415. Was any one with you besides Mr. Sutton on that occasion?—No, there was no one else.

1416. That was the only time that you were in his buggy?—That is the only time I remember. I may have been with him in his buggy at other times, but I cannot say. I think I have ridden with him on other occasions. I think I remember driving with him once to a pa close to Napier—to Karaitiana's place.

1417. Did any one accompany you on that occasion?—No.

1418. Would the buggy hold another person?—I daresay it might.

1419. *Mr. Tomoana.*] When you and Mr. Sutton went out, how many were at the kainga?—At the Bridge Pa?

1420. Yes?—Well, there were several persons present, but I do not remember who they all were. I remember an elderly woman being there, whose name I do not at present recollect.

1421. *Sir G. Grey.*] I think you said just now that you were at the pa by yourself?—I must decline then to answer the question in that fashion. I do not remember Mr. Sutton going there with me.

1422. *Mr. Tomoana.*] Were you there alone when Paora signed?—I do not remember whether Mr. Sutton was with me or not.

1423. Will you say that you were alone?—No, I will not.

1424. How is it that you remember Paora's signing?—I remember that I went there for the purpose of getting the deed signed.