

Mr. Sheehan.

1904. You think that she has received the whole of the £500?—Not the whole of it, because she allowed some of the £500 for costs of the action.

8th Dec., 1879.

1905. Do you think that there is any more coming to her—I am speaking on the point of her pecuniary embarrassment. Do you know, of your own knowledge, if there be any money coming to her that would allow her to go on with this suit?—I do not think so. She may have interests in land.

1906. In speaking of this money—her share of the £17,500?—No; I do not think there is.

1907. *Sir G. Grey.*] Have you seen this document containing answers to certain questions put to Rora? [Document in Maori handed to Mr. Sheehan.]—No. [Document handed to witness.] I have now read this document.

1908. Have you read it through?—Yes.

1909. What I want to ask you is this: You see various allusions to reserves there?—Yes.

1910. Mr. Hamlin was the interpreter, I believe?—I understood so. I heard his evidence. You mean Mr. Josiah Hamlin?

1911. Yes. Mr. Hamlin has stated in his evidence that at the time he put those questions to Rora he had at no time heard of this reserve of 350 acres. Would it have been usual to conceal that fact from an interpreter when putting questions regarding reserves?—I should think it a necessary fact to mention to him, more especially as these reserves were apparently to an individual, not to the whole tribe.

1912. Mr. Cornford states in his evidence, “I was desirous to know whether she understood that there was any reservation or right of action against Mr. Sutton; that was the reason I put the question.” Was the right of action in consequence of the reserve of 350 acres?—Yes.

1913. Then you think it would have been necessary for the interpreter, in fairness, to have known that fact about the reserves?—Yes. I think that he should have been informed of it, and also that an action was then going on about that reserve.

APPENDIX.

The CHAIRMAN, Native Affairs Committee, to Mr. G. E. G. RICHARDSON and Mr. R. FARMER (conjointly), Napier.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 24th November, 1879.

I AM directed by the Native Affairs Committee to request that you, as executors under the will of the late Mr. Watts, will authorize the Hon. J. N. Wilson to produce the title deeds of the Te Awa-o-te-Atua and Kakiraawa Blocks for examination by above Committee.

E. HAMLIN,
Chairman, Native Affairs Committee.

The CHAIRMAN, Native Affairs Committee, to Mr. G. E. G. RICHARDSON, Napier.

(Telegram. Urgent.)

Wellington, 27th November, 1879.

Re my telegram to you of the 24th. Have you sent the necessary instructions to the Hon. J. N. Wilson or not? Please reply.

E. HAMLIN,
Chairman, Native Affairs Committee.

Mr. G. E. G. RICHARDSON to the CHAIRMAN, Native Affairs Committee, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Spit, 29th November, 1879.

HAD to consult Mr. Farmer, which accounts for delay in reply. Regret we are unable to comply with your request.

G. E. G. RICHARDSON.

The CHAIRMAN, Native Affairs Committee, to Mr. G. E. G. RICHARDSON, Napier.

(Telegram. Urgent.)

Wellington, 29th November, 1879.

YOUR telegram of this date received. You are hereby summoned to attend the Native Affairs Parliamentary Committee on Wednesday next, the 3rd of December, 1879, and produce the title deeds of the Awa-o-te-Atua and Kakiraawa Blocks, lands in Hawke's Bay. Should you not do so, Mr. Speaker will be requested to issue his warrant, commanding you to produce the same.

E. HAMLIN,
Chairman, Native Affairs Committee.

Mr. G. E. G. RICHARDSON to the CHAIRMAN, Native Affairs Committee, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Napier, 1st December, 1879.

YOUR telegram only just received, so impossible to reach Wellington by time named, or send reply before. It is quite impossible for us to produce deeds, as they are in the hands of the solicitors of the mortgagee of the property, Mr. Archibald Anderson Watt, who declines to part with them. We also ourselves object to the deeds being produced. I have given Mr. Watt's solicitors notice of such objection.

G. E. G. RICHARDSON.