

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND EVIDENCE.

GREYMOUTH, MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1879.

Present: Thomas Edward Young, Esq., Commissioner.

Alexander Mackay, Esq., Native Reserves Commissioner, also present.

Commission sat at 10 a.m.

Commission by His Excellency the Governor appointing T. E. Young Commissioner was then read, and Notice of Meeting of Commission was also read.

Native Reserve No. 1, on South Bank of Arawata, Jackson's Bay; 100 acres.

Ripini Waipapa sworn.—I appear in this case. [Mr. Mackay handed in list of persons in whose favour the reserve was made—viz., Wharekai, Huteko, Hakaraia, Karitopira, Pako, Pakahoni, Tangiwai, Kupenu, Kiri Totara, Houmea te Punanga, Te Aopuai, and Tihau.] There are only three of these living—viz., Hakaraia, Pako, and Tihau. The first man named is a lunatic. Kooro Mautai ought to succeed Wharekai. Te Wakena should succeed Huteko; he is his nearest relative. Teoti Pita Mutu should succeed Karitopira; he is his nearest relative. Wikitoria Mutu should succeed Pakahoni, and Mere te Waikauru should also succeed him. Amiria Waikura should succeed Tangiwai. Kini and myself should succeed Kupenu. I also admit Wikitoria Mutu, Pirihira, Irai Tihau, Rutu te Waikauru, Teone Pako; and Amiria Waikura should succeed Kiri Totara. Te Waikauru is the nearest to Houmea, and should succeed him. Pako should succeed Punanga; he should also succeed Te Aopuai.

Mr. Mackay asked that no decision should be given at present.—Agreed to.

Case ordered to stand over for the present.

Native Reserve No. 2, on South Bank of River Waitoto; 100 acres.

Ripini Waipapa stated that the evidence in this case would be the same as in the previous one.

Ordered to stand over for the present.

Native Reserve No. 3, on South Bank of River Paringa; 50 acres (not 200).

Kinihe te Kaoho sworn.—I claim this land on behalf of myself and others. I produce a tracing of it. I belong to Ngaitahu Tribe, and live at Maitahi. We have lived at Paringa, and we still occupy it. Mr. Mackay, when he bought the land in 1860, did not allot this land to any one else. It was for the same people as Maitahi. We have not put in all our children. I produce a plan made by Mr. Mackay in May, 1860, on which appears a list of the persons for whom the land was intended. They are: Koeti Turanga, Kinihe te Kaoho, Kere Tutoko, Rawiri, Pori Hunia, and Rora. Rawiri is dead; Hona Pauahi and Hera Taupoki should succeed him. Pori is dead; she left two children—viz., Mita Kere and Ripeka Kere; they are adults.

No objectors appeared.

Crown grant to be recommended in favour of Te Koeti Turanga, Kinihe te Kaoho, Kere Tutoko, Hunia Kinihe, Rora Pepene, Hona Pauahi and Hera Taupoki (one share), Mita Kere and Ripeka Kere (one share), in equal shares. Alienation to be restricted.

Native Reserve No. 4, at Heretaniwha, at Southern Extremity of Mahitahi Bay; 20 acres.

Kinihe te Kaoho sworn.—I claim this land for myself and Riaki Tauwhare. The land was originally set apart for Kou; he is dead. We are his next of kin; Ria is the nearest of us two.

No objectors appeared.

Crown grant to be recommended in favour of Riaki Tauwhare and Kinihe te Kaoho in equal shares. Alienation to be restricted.

Native Reserve No. 5, on South Bank of River Mahitahi; 32 acres (35 surveyed).

Kinihe te Kaoho appeared, and stated that he would give same evidence as in No. 4.

Crown grant to be recommended in favour of Riaki Tauwhare and Kinihe te Kaoho. Alienation to be restricted.

Native Reserves Nos. 6 and 7; 627 acres (Surveyed Area, No. 6, 630 acres; No. 7, 58 acres: Total, 688 acres).

Kinihe te Kaoho sworn.—I claim this land for myself and others. I produce a sketch-plan by Mr. James Mackay, Land Purchase Officer, dated 21st May, 1860. Minute on plan: "No nga tangata o Mahitahi tenei whenua—No Te Koeti, No Kinihe, No Kerei, No Rawiri, No Parata, No Pori No Hunia, No Te Kuini, No Rora me o ratou tamariki, no aua tangata hoki nga whenua i Paringa. —Na TEMI MAKE, Kai-whakarite whenua.—21st May, 1860." With regard to Rawiri and Pori, the succession to them, as they are dead, should be the same as in the Paringa case.

Rev. G. P. Mutu.—Parata is dead, and so is Kuini. I appear on behalf of their heirs. Riria Parata and Rena Parata are the children of Kuini, and should succeed her. Riria Parata and Rena Parata should succeed to half the share of Parata; and his son, Tare Parata, should succeed to the other half.

Te Koeti applied to have the name of Ripeka te Koeti added, she being his wife and a resident.

The list of names handed in by Kinihe was rejected, as it was a departure from the original intention.