

of land be awarded to you. Then, as to your tribal interests. Is your tribe the Ngatimutunga?—Yes.

413. Then will you not come in and share with the rest of your tribe?—But the Ngatimutunga will not approve of my joining and sharing with them.

414. Why so?—I do not know.

415. Have you any other Native claims to particular pieces of land?—Yes; I have claims to the lands of my grandmother on both sides of the Urenui Stream. My grandmother's name was Te Puka. I wish these lands and those of my grandfather to be granted to the following three *hapus* of our tribe: Ngatihinetuhi, Ngatikurai, and Ngatitamariki.

416. *The Commissioners*: First, there is the question of the 16 acres to decide—namely, whether that piece of land was awarded to this Harepota or the other one. The second point is regarding the Ngatimutunga reserve. What we wish to do is to encourage the individualization of the land, but this is a thing that will take some time to do, and will depend a good deal on the assent of the people concerned. Out of the people to whom the land belongs, some are attached to the Government and some to Te Whiti. When the day comes for the matter to be settled, then those who have come in to the Government will be heard, and those who choose to remain outside will remain in the position they have placed themselves in.

417. *Enoka Tatairau*, younger brother of Wiremu Kingi Te Rangitake, said: I ask the Commissioners to give me a piece of land at Orangi, a little distance from the Waitara River.

418. *The Commissioners*.] If the Commissioners recommend that there should be a place reserved for you, would you go and live there?—Yes: I would live upon it and cultivate it.

419. Would any one go there with you?—Horiana, the daughter of William King; Te Rako, the son of Eruera; and Eruera and myself.

420. *Major Brown*: There is another reason why this should be done. Sir Donald McLean bought from Mr. Ivey about 300 acres, intending it for William King and his people; but, because it was not formerly and originally theirs according to Native custom, they would not live upon it. A Ngatimaru chief called Te Amo sent me word that he had squatted on part of it, and, as Government had been buying up his rights under the Ngatimaru, he had taken no part in any land sales since. I thought it was but fair that some consideration should be shown him. I sent him word, but, as it happened, he had gone upon the Government land. I laid the matter before the Government, and recommended that he should not be disturbed, nor the land alienated in any way. That was about three years ago.

421. *The Commissioners*: Our word to the Governor will be that, in consideration of your having remained loyal and quiet, the piece of land you request should be given to you.

422. *Mr. Parris*: This piece of land applied for by Enoka was excluded from Teira's sale at Waitara because William King had claims there.

423. *The Commissioners*: There are 2,800 acres here reserved between Onacro and Rau-o-te-Huia. That is now lying quietly, and is not interfered with, but arrangements will soon have to be made for subdividing it. Nobody is to be disturbed or interfered with in any way; but when it is subdivided, the claims of all the people will have to be considered.

424. *Oriva* said: I want to ask you when the surveyors will come to lay off the lands granted to us?

425. *The Commissioners*: That is a question we cannot answer at the present moment. You know how long it took, and what interruptions there were when the awards were first made. What we have come to do is to inquire, in order that the surveys should be made; but we cannot state the exact time when this will be done.

426. *Mrs. Newman*, of Te Pekatu, said: I have heard it stated that you will issue a Crown grant to Taukoi for my land. I want to know whether that is true?

427. *The Commissioners*: You should not pay attention to such reports. It is certain that Crown grants will not be issued to the wrong people.

428. *Piupiu*, daughter of Tamarere, a chief of the Ngatimaru, said: What I wish you to do for me is to grant me a piece of land now in the hands of the Government, whereon to live and cultivate. I have six children. I have heard the statement that, if it is so granted to me and my children, I shall not have power either to sell, lease, or mortgage, so that it may remain for them when they grow up. I should like that any piece of land given was somewhere in this district, on the Waitara.

429. *Manga*: I want it to be understood that the land which Piupiu is speaking of should be given solely to her and her children.

430. *Perere Teira* said: I wish to ask you about lands in Taranaki. I want to know the position of the lands intended to be set aside for us, as we do not know where they are. It will now be for you to say where they are situated.

431. *The Commissioners*.] You are already aware that 80 acres apiece had been surveyed and laid out for you and your people at Haurangi?—Yes, but I wish that the Crown grants should be issued for these.

432. *The Commissioners*, in reference to a representation made by *Mere Ngakona* regarding some Puketapu lands, asked her: Have you received no part of the payment made to Wi Tako and other Native claimants in the Puketapu?—No; I did not receive any part payment when the Puketapus sold out their rights to the Government.

433. If we see that you have not shared in the abandonment of the Puketapu claims to the Government, you will be allowed to have a share in the absentees' land under Mr. Richmond's award.

434. *Tawake* said: I am wearied of asking, during these many years past, for a settlement of my claims; but I would like to bring my case before the Commissioners now. I want some compensation for saving the lives of those who were saved from the wreck of the "Orpheus."

435. *The Commissioners*: That is a thing for you to bring before the Government. It is not a matter for the Commission to deal with. Although you are wearied, we cannot go outside of the work which we are commissioned to do by the Governor.

436. *Tawake*: When Sir Dillon Bell was here in 1863, I was in the pilot service at the Manukau