

if it has not, we shall recommend that such a Proclamation be issued by the Governor, in order that the Natives may know that this land which has been reserved will be secured to them.

4. *Hone Pihama*: What we wish is that you should give into our hands an instrument which will enable us to get Crown grants for the land. You will see that in the first map before you the reserve is marked from Moutoti, and in the second one from Oaonui, which brings the northern boundary a mile further south than Moutoti.

5. *The Commissioners*: A mistake has been made by the person who prepared the second map. You must not suppose that any change is to be made in the original boundary, which the first map shows to have been at Moutoti.

6. *Hone Pihama*: I wish to say a few words now about my land at Whenuakura, which was confiscated by the Government. I have said nothing to the Government about it. I have other land at Takiruahine, near Manutahi, which was also confiscated by the Government. I had land, besides, at Hawera, which the Government took; but I did nothing in the matter. The reason why I said nothing about these lands was, that I felt for the Government on account of the persistency of those who had taken up arms. I spoke to you last night because in regard to all these lands I have mentioned I have made no claim; but I will lay claim to this other land I have referred to near Manutahi. With regard to the land from Wahamoko up to Ouri, that is land I am now asking that you should leave to me, and the ground of my request is this: In the year 1866 I came here on the strength of what the Government said, and lived here, that I might have this land secured to me, and the land extending inland. There were two of us who gave effect to the work of the Government—myself and my friend Manaia. That is all I have to say; I leave it for you to look into.

7. *The Commissioners*.] Will you make clear to the Commission the extent and the boundaries of the land you have just referred to?—1,000 acres in that block was at that time declared to be mine. I said nothing to Mr. Parris, who said that I was to have 1,000 acres here. I said nothing at the time, because I was grieved at the small amount of land which was reserved to me, and the large quantity that I had lost. I said nothing to Major Brown when he spoke of this. But when we went to Wellington I said, "Don't let the surveyors come this side of Wahamoko;" and he said, "Yes, I will tell the surveyors." And now I speak to you, for I wish to ask that this land should be given back to me.

8. *The Commissioners*.] Will you also make clear the nature of the engagement that was made for your tribe outside of the 1,000 acres for yourself?—What Mr. Parris said to me was that I was to have 1,000 acres, and the tribe was to have 1,000 acres. The name of my tribe is the Ngatitama-Ahuroa.

9. [Letter from Mr. Parris to Sir Donald McLean, dated 2nd March, 1870, read; also reply to same, dated 16th March, 1870, agreeing to the boundaries proposed by Mr. Parris for the two reserves respectively, of 1,100 acres for Hone Pihama, and 1,100 acres for his people of the Ngatitama-Ahuroa.]—I understand the contents of those letters, for I knew at the time that that was the proposal. I have said nothing all along; I only answered questions put to me. I am going to make a new request, and it is with respect to the land between Ouri and Wahamoko. There was a notice published in 1865 with regard to this land. I mean a notice referring to confiscated lands. It was in consequence of that notice that I came to settle here, being desirous that the land should not be taken, because it was stated that if the Natives returned to their allegiance the land would not be taken from them.

10. Did you cultivate any of the land which the Government agreed to give you between Ouri and Oeo, or did you fence any of it or build houses upon it?—No.

11. What have you done on the land on the south side of the River Oeo? What fencing have you done; what houses have you built; how much cultivation have you carried on; have you run cattle or sheep upon it?—I have fenced the land from the bush to the road, and along the road to Wahamoko.

12. Have you fenced any on the seaward side of the road, besides the fencing round the house?—It is being done now. Part at the Wahamoko end is finished.

13. Are the houses you built those which the Commission occupy?—Yes.

14. How much money have you expended here?—I am afraid I cannot count up the money I have spent on houses and fences; but I will tell you roughly that it has perhaps reached £2,500.

15. Does that include what the cultivation has cost?—No.

16. How much have you spent besides in cultivating, sowing grass-seed, and ploughing?—I cannot tell, but I dare say that, including that expenditure, the total would amount to £3,500. My partner is constantly telling me that I spend too much on grass-seed and oats, and those things.

17. Have you anything to say with regard to the Taiporobenui or any other reserves?—With respect to the Whareroa Block, 10,000 acres were set apart not for myself, but for the whole tribe. There were 420 acres set apart for myself at Waukena. That is all I have in my own name. The 10,000 acres belonged to the tribe, in which the following families were included: Tangahoe, Mangelange, Owhangai, and Putake.

18. Have you received Crown grants for any of these lands?—I asked Sir Donald McLean for a grant for the 420 acres.

19. Did you get it?—No; one was given for my wife for 100 acres, but the grant for the Waukena was never given to us.

20. Do you know whether any of these lands you claim have ever been surveyed by the Government?—The reserves on the other side of the Waingongoro as far as Waitotara have all been surveyed.

21. The lands on this side of Waingongoro have not?—No; the surveys were beginning just as these troubles commenced.

*Manaia*, of Kaupukunui, examined.

22. *The Commissioners*.] Have you anything to say about your lands or reserves?—I cannot go into details.

23. We should like to put on record what your wishes are. Have you not seen how, when these things have not been put on record, they have been forgotten?—Things will not be forgotten, as I am