

WEST COAST COMMISSION.

APPENDIX E.

No. 1.—AGREEMENTS between the CROWN AGENT, the CIVIL COMMISSIONER, and the NATIVES of various TRIBES for the Settlement of their Claims to Land.

1.—WAITARA NORTH: NGATIWA COAST BLOCK.

NGATIWA Block.—Court sat in September, 1866. Mr. Atkinson, Crown Agent; Mr. Parris, Natives' Agent. This block was divided into seven divisions: A. Waipingao to Titoki; B. Titoki to Urenui; C. Urenui to Rau-o-te-Huia; D. Rau-o-te-Huia to Titirangi; E. Titirangi to Waitara; F. Land between Waiongona and Manganui; G. Land between Manganui and Waitara (Pukerangiora Claim).

Divisions A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

AGREEMENTS were entered into with the Crown Agent by which the Natives agreed to abandon their claims in consideration of certain awards having been promised them, and praying the Court not to adjudicate. Awards A, B, C, D, and E are gazetted, page 445, 1867. Award in G was 2,000 acres for the Pukerangiora Tribe, and certificates were issued for all the above awards. D. The Ngatirahiri Tribe got the block of land called Turangi, about 13,100 acres, returned to them entire, as they would agree to no other terms. F. The Puketapu got an award of 10,000 acres between Waiongona and Manganui. In award A none of the awards have been defined. In award B none of the awards have been defined, but some of the awardees participated in the sale of the Onaero-Urenui Block of land, which extends over part of the land out of which they were to get their awards. C. Nearly all the awardees participated in above sale, and there are now only 2,800 acres left which can be dealt with, and which will be required to satisfy awardees who did not participate in the said sale. D. This block is in exactly the same position as it was when the Court made its award, the Natives having resisted all attempts to individualize it, although the Government offered to do it free of expense to Natives, and give them grants; and at one time Sir Donald McLean offered them two hundred pounds' worth of agricultural implements if they would allow it to be individualized. It having been found necessary to survey around this block, the Natives subscribed money to pay the surveyor, rather than allow it to be said the Government did it. When a road was wanted across it a few only took compensation for a small portion of the road, whilst the majority allowed the road to be taken, but refused to take payment. The Government offered to fence the road taken, but the Natives would not accept the offer. They are staunch Te Whiti-ites, and a number were taken prisoners for ploughing European lands in July, 1879. E. These awards have been allocated, and grants issued. F. The awardees sold their 10,000 acres to Government (included in Te Moa Block). G. 2,000 acres not allocated.

Claim A; Ngatiawa Coast. Oketopa 17, 1866.

KUA whakaae matou me te tangata i whakaritea mo te taha ki te Kawanatanga (a Wiremu Atkinson) kia tukua mai he whenua mo to matou paanga ki Pukearuhe hei whakakore i to matou tikanga ki runga ki taua wahi katoa. A ka tono nei matou ki te Kooti kia kaua e puta tana kupu mo tenei pihi whenua mo Pukearuhe. Kua whakaae mai kia matou e Wiremu Atkinson. Kua oti nga eka o te whenua mo matou te whakaatu mai—a kua whakaae matou ki aua whenua. Mo matou tahi ko nga tangata no ratou nga ingoa i roto i to matou pukapuka.—Signed by HAKARAIA PARUA and 11 others. Witnesses: Tahana and Hoera, Assessors.

Claim A.—17th October, 1866.

WE have agreed with W. Atkinson, Crown Agent, to accept lands as settlement for our claims to Pukearuhe, and request the Court not to adjudicate on that block, as we have quite agreed to the terms offered us by W. Atkinson. We have had the acreages explained to us, and are satisfied.—Signed by HAKARAIA PARUA and 11 others.

Claim B; Ngatiawa Coast. Oketopa 17, 1866.

KUA whakaae matou me te tangata i whakaritea mo te taha ki te Kawanatanga (a Wiremu Atkinson) kia tukua mai he whenua mo to matou paanga ki Mimi-Urenui-Onaero—hei whakakore i to matou tikanga ki runga ki taua wahi katoa. A ka tono nei matou ki te Kooti kia kaua e puta tana kupu mo tenei pihi whenua mo Mimi Urenui Onaero. Kua whakaae rawa matou ki te tikanga kua whakaaturia mai kia matou e Wiremu Atkinson. Kua oti nga eka o te whenua mo matou te whakaatu mai a kua whakaae matou ki aua whenua. Mo matou tahi ko nga tangata no ratou nga ingoa i roto i to matou pukapuka.—Signed by RAWIRI PUKERE and 29 others. Witnessed by the Assessors Tahana and Hoera.

Claim B. 17th October, 1866.

WE have come to an agreement with William Atkinson, Crown Agent, to accept land in compensation for all our interests in the Mimi-Urenui-Onaero District, and we ask the Court not to proceed to judgment on those claims, as we have quite agreed to accept the lands which have been explained to us by W. Atkinson. He has pointed out the acreage we are to receive.—Signed by RAWIRI PUKERE and 29 others.

Claim C; Ngatiawa Coast Block. Oketopa 17, 1866.

KUA whakaae matou me te tangata i whakaritea mo te taha ki te Kawanatanga (a Wiremu Atkinson) kia tukua mai he whenua mo to matou paanga ki Urenui-Onaero Rau-o-te-Huia hei whakakore i to matou tikanga ki runga ki taua wahi katoa. A ka tono nei matou ki te Kooti kia kaua e puta tana kupu mo tenei pihi whenua mo Urenui-Onaero-Rau-o-te-Huia. Kua whakaae rawa matou ki te tikanga kua whakaaturia mai kia matou e Wiremu Atkinson. Kua oti nga eka o te whenua mo matou te whakaatu mai a kua whakaae matou ki aua whenua. Mo matou tahi ko nga tangata no ratou nga ingoa i roto i to matou pukapuka.—Signed by WI TE AREI and 44 others. Witnesses: Tahana and Hoera.

Claim C. 17th October, 1866.

WE have agreed with Mr. W. Atkinson, Crown Agent, to accept land as compensation for all our claims to Urenui-Onaero-Rau-o-te-Huia District, and we ask the Court not to sit to hear those claims, as we have unreservedly agreed to take the lands the acreage of which Mr. Atkinson has explained to us.—Signed by WI TE AREI and 44 others.

Claim D; Ngatiawa Coast Block. Oketopa 19, 1866.

KUA whakaae matou me te tangata i whakaritea mo te taha ki te Kawanatanga (a Wiremu Atkinson), kia whakahokia mai te toenga o a matou whenua ki te taha ki tai o te rohe o nga pakeha me tera ki te taha ki uta o te ruri o nga Pakeha. A ka tono nei matou ki te Kooti kia kaua e puta tana kupu mo tenei pihi whenua mo Turangi. E whakaae ana matou kia tukua ki te Ture mo nga whenua Maori, te whakaotinga te rohe ki waenganui i a matou me nga tangata o Waitara ara te rohe ki Titirangi e tautohetohe ana matou.—Signed by NIKORIMA NGAHAUPAKEKE and 148 others. Witnessed by Tahana, Assessor, and Karira, Sergeant of Police.