

WEST COAST COMMISSION.

APPENDIX B.

No. 1.—STATEMENTS of all CROWN GRANTS executed in favour of Natives for Land in the Provincial District of TARANAKI; and of Lands for which Grants have not been executed.

Crown Lands Office, New Plymouth, 3rd May, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith two returns asked for by the West Coast Native Commission, as follows:—A.—Return of all Crown grants executed in favor of aboriginal natives of land in the Provincial District of Taranaki. B.—List of parcels of land the titles to which have been individualized, but for which grants have not yet been executed. I have furnished in the Schedules the particulars required by the Commission, so far as lies in my power. Return A will fully bear out the assertion I made before the Commission, that the effect of individualization of Native title by Crown grant had been to alienate the land from the aboriginal grantee; and it will be seen that Crown grants seem, as a rule, to be but little valued by the Natives, who generally allow them to remain in the Crown Lands Office without attempting to uplift them. The uplifting of a Native grant is, in nearly every instance, a proof that the land included in it has become the property of a settler. As a rule, therefore, though I think it would be detrimental to the interests of settlement and civilization if large tracts of country were to be inalienably vested in aboriginal natives tribally, yet, in cases of small and medium holdings individualized, every well-wisher of the Maori race must, I think, recognize the desirability of absolutely vesting the land comprised in the grant in the aboriginal grantee and his descendants. Though I have endeavoured to give the name of the purchaser in each case where the land has been purchased from the Maori grantee by a European, yet I have not always been able to trace the alienation to the first purchaser. For some reason, first purchasers have in many instances carefully omitted to register, and dealings have only been registered after the land has passed through two or more hands. The same omission to register prevents me from fully completing the return by showing the European purchaser in many cases. Sections of land comprised in the grants which, according to the returns, still vest in the aboriginal grantee, have actually been sold, but there is no record of the transaction in the Registration Office, and I have no means of verifying the alienation. With regard to the grants in Return B, these are now in hand, and will shortly be ready for execution. Several causes have operated to delay the preparation of these grants, among others the necessity for the survey or re-survey of considerable areas, a doubt which arose as to the antevesting date consequent on the repeal of the New Zealand Settlements Acts, and various other causes recognized as valid by the Civil Commissioner.

I have, &c.,
C. D. WHITCOMBE,
Commissioner, Crown Lands.

The Secretary of the West Coast Commission.

A.—CROWN GRANTS EXECUTED.

No. on Plan.	Area.	Name of Grantee.	Description and Position of Grant.			Name of European Purchaser where Land alienated from Native Grantee.	No. on Plan.	Area.	Name of Grantee.	Description and Position of Grant.			Name of European Purchaser where Land alienated from Native Grantee.
			Alienable.	In Office.	Uplifted by Nat. Owor.					Alienable.	In Office.	Uplifted by Nat. Owor.	
Name of District—Town of New Plymouth.							Name of District—Hua—continued.						
1455	A. R. P. 0 1 1	Hone Ropiha te Kekeu	1	...	...	J. Gilmour.	55	A. R. P. 10 0 33	Te Retiu	...	1	...	H. J. Honeyfield.
1482	0 1 1	Te Haeana	...	1	...	W., D., and A. Shuttleworth.	56	5 0 25	Harata Uru	...	1	...	H. J. Honeyfield.
Name of District—Fitzroy.							57	4 3 37	Harata Uru, in same grant as Section 56	...	...	...	H. J. Honeyfield.
7	N. Resrve. 76 0 31	Ropata Ngarongomate	1	...	...	John Veale.	58	10 0 0	Ani Hone Ropiha	...	1	1	D. Bishop.
16	15 2 30	Wiremu Tako Ngatata, Wiremu Tana Ngatata, Ngapei Ngatata, and Karo te Pikea	1	...	...		59	10 3 13	{ Rawiri Putaputa	...	1	1	
Name of District—Hua.							60	11 1 10	{ Hare Reweti	...	1	1	
33	100 0 0	Raniera	...	1	...	W. Courtney.	61	10 1 13	{ Hori Kinaki	...	1	1	
34	38 0 0	Hame te Raro	...	1	...	Thomas Goddard.	62	9 3 6	Wikitoria Apahuna	...	1	1	
35	14 1 0	Timu	...	1	...	Arthr. Jn. Hoskin	63	7 3 8	Iharaia te Tuki and Parata Paritutu	...	1	1	
36	14 1 20	Paora Houputunga	...	1	...	The Queen.	64	6 0 36	Do, in same grant as Section 65	...	...	...	
38	52 2 0	Aperahama Tohuora	...	1	...	The Queen.	66	9 1 11	Paneta Taniwhaorangi	...	1	1	
44	47 0 0	Matiu te Huia	...	1	...	— Greenway.	67	26 2 35	Iriapeti Ngakura	...	1	1	
45	10 0 25	Ihaka Raniera	...	1	...	The Queen.	68	15 2 0	Te Matena Hekiera	...	1	1	
46	5 3 3	Matia Rangikokouri	...	1	1		69	14 0 7	Hemi te Unga	...	1	1	
48	5 3 38	Hemi te Unga	...	1	1		70	9 2 30	Huria te Maro	...	1	1	
49	10 0 4	Rawinia te Wata and Ruti Matiu	...	1	...	H. N. Rowe.	71	9 2 30	Wiremu Tahana	...	1	...	Bishop, part; Batten, part.
50	10 0 4	{ Atama	...	1	1		72	49 1 30	Heni Karia	...	1	1	
51	10 0 15	Poihipi	...	1	...	Uplifted by Civil Commissioner.	73	19 2 33	Heneri te Hori	...	1	...	Uplifted by Civil Commissioner.
52	14 3 38	Poihipi, in same grant as Section 52.	...	1	...		74	9 3 16	Wirihana	...	1	...	Uplifted by Civil Commissioner.
53	15 1 4	Hori Manoai	...	1	1		78	20 0 18	Harata Uru	...	1	1	
54	9 3 13		...	1	1		79	10 0 12	Raihana	...	1	1	
			...	1	1		80	12 1 37	Te Retiu	...	1	...	A. Weyergang.
			...	1	1		81	21 0 0	Matiu	...	1	1	
			...	1	1		82	27 0 0		...	1	1	