

Voucher 74,961, L18 8s., 30th of April, 1879 (part of a cheque for L87, paid to Chaytor).—He says it ought to have been charged to Waitahanui, not to Pukeroa. Did not sign any voucher when he got the goods. The order was given to Eretere for Ngatimakino. Rota had nothing to do with it.

Voucher, L12, 21st of November, 1879.—Admits receipt of a cheque for the amount from Warbrick.

RAKITU HAERE HUKA (her husband, "Putu" or "Tomairongi," being present) examined.

Voucher 38,686, L25 7s. 3d., 27th of November, 1878 (part of a sum of L150 paid to Brennan and Smith).—Cannot write; therefore did not sign the voucher. Did not receive the money. Signature is not her husband's. Received rations, &c., from Brennan and Smith (unable to find items to the amount of more than L19 1s.; items 23 in number).

Voucher 43,063, L15 0s. 1d., 13th of December, 1878 (part of a sum of L100 paid to Horne and Reid).—Says she never received any money whatever from Young (and knows nothing of the L15 0s. 1d.). She got some L12 from Warbrick for Takurua on account of Ottawa. Acknowledges the receipt of goods from Chaytor, debited on the 29th of March, 1879, amounting to L20 12s. These were not chargeable to any land, but were a free gift in consideration of loss sustained through having to neglect their cultivations whilst furthering the wish of the Government in getting the Te Puke Block. Young promised to keep them (all the Waitoha Tribe at Te Puke) in food to the end of the December of the following year (that is, the 31st of December, 1879). The goods charged in Horne and Reid's account—14s. 3d. in October, 1878, and L17 12s. on the 29th of March—are correct; but they also were gifts, not chargeable to the land.

Voucher 46,388, L19 2s. 8d., December the 24th, 1878 (part of sum of L75 paid to Brennan and Smith).—Goods charged for that period to Rakitu amount to L6 19s. 8d. Does not know anything about this. Does not see how there can be a bill in addition to the L25 7s. 3d. already admitted. Has had rations from Brennan and Smith, but is unable to say whether they would amount to L10 or L40.

Voucher 72,978, L2, 19th of March, 1879 (signed "Rakitu" by her husband); voucher 74,963, L20 12s., 7th of April, 1879 (signed "Rakitu," not known by whom); voucher 7,707, L2 12s. 8d., 20th of May, 1879 (signed "Rakitu" by her husband).—As to L2, owed about L1 to Mrs. Robertson; not more. As to L20 12s., paid to Chaytor, *see* remarks above. As to voucher 7,707, L2 12s. 8d., 20th of May, 1879 (part of L34 11s. 5d. paid to Wrigley), never got anything from or owed anything to Wrigley, either at Maketu or Tauranga.

Voucher 41,793, L5, 23rd of September, 1879 (part of L30 for Te Pokiha and others—noted in cheque-book as refund to J. C. Young).—Never received any money on account of Ottawa. Did not make the mark at foot of the receipt. Never authorized any other person to do it. Knows nothing about it.

Voucher 41,802, L3, 26th September, 1879 (part of L67 paid to Brennan and Smith; particulars they are unable to give).—She says these payments are pure inventions. She never had anything from Brennan and Smith except rations, and that was during the time of the sitting of the Native Land Court on the Te Puke question, November, 1878. Had an oven, pannikins, and a billy, by an order of Brennan on Gardiner.

Rakitu's mark appearing on the receipt of each of the vouchers for L1,000 alleged to have been paid for Te Puke, she states that she did not make the marks, nor did she authorize any person to make them for her. She went to the Land Purchase Officer, Tauranga, on the date of the division of the money, but she went to say that she would not allow the survey to be made, she being the principal owner, and being opposed to the manner in which it was proposed to divide the money. She was not present at the division. She refused to take any part of the money, and has never received any part of it.

Her husband was present at the examination, and confirmed her statement in every particular. [*See evidence of Maihi Pohepohe as to goods supplied to Rakitu and party.*]

EREATERE RANGIHORO examined.

Voucher 21,714, L5, 7th September, 1878 (Pukeroa), ch. 15,006; voucher 21,714, L5, 12th September, 1878 (Pukeroa), ch. 15,013; voucher 60,997, L5, 21st February, 1879, ch. 7,064.—Received the cheque No. 15,006 in the presence of Judge Wilson at his private residence. Received the cheque 7,064, at the Land Purchase Office. Signed voucher in duplicate for the first payment. The duplicate voucher has been made use of for the second sum (sum charged as a payment to Edgcumbe for plans). Never ordered any plans. Never consented to the payment, nor was the payment ever mentioned to him.

Voucher 60,995, L5, 21st of February.—Received amount on account of Wharetata. Five pounds paid at the same time to Rota, to Eruine, and to Mapu te Amotu.

Voucher 72,992, L2, 19th of March.—Admits receipt. Warbrick paid money out of his pocket.

Voucher 72,985, L2, 24th of March.—Admits signature. (Part of L17 16s. 6d. paid to Mrs. Robertson. Cheque drawn, but Robertson says the account was paid in cash.) The account may be correct, but is not sure of it. Did have supplies from Robertson.

Voucher 72,950, L17, 31st of March (paid to Warbrick's No. 2 account, Bank of New Zealand).—Bought a horse for L17, which Young and Warbrick paid for (out of No. 2 account). Bought it of Hall, the Clerk to the Court. Signed a voucher for the amount.

Voucher 68,428, L2 14s., 14th of March, 1879.—Things were got from Chaytor (part of cheque for L52) for Ngatimakino. Did not suppose that the amount would be charged as a payment to him. Signature is his, but he did not sign the voucher for these things. The voucher must be one of the duplicates which he signed on some previous occasion.

Voucher 25,244, L25, 8th of October, 1878. (Cheque 15,039. Appears to have been paid to D. Robertson, publican, Maketu. Admitted by Robertson. Query: For Te Hira's funeral.)—Has nothing to do with this. Drew nothing from Robertson on Young's orders. Did not consent to any such charge being made. His contribution to Te Hira's funeral was made in cash—£100. Members of his tribe may have had things from Robertson on Young's order, but he knows nothing of it.