

“43. All payments for rents of Native lands leased to Europeans to be paid before the day when the lessor or lessors sign, and in like manner all through during the term of the lease: the rent to be paid in advance. Should one month after the due time elapse without the rent being paid, the lease to be cancelled, and the lessor to re-enter and take possession, and the lease and all its conditions and covenants be declared annulled.

“44. This Court is not to agree to any land being adjudicated upon when there is only a sketch-map of the land before it. Let the land be first completely surveyed, and the survey approved of, as also the map, by the Surveyor-General. Then the Court will be justified in proceeding with the investigation.

“45. All applications for survey to be sent to the head of the Survey Department for the district—to the Government office for each district in which the Chief Surveyors are located. Such surveyor to make a memorandum, and attach the same to the application for survey, and transmit the application, with his memorandum, to the Chairman of the Committee for investigation Claims, in order that the Chairman of that Committee, and the Committee itself, may be aware of the opinion entertained by the Chief Surveyor with respect to the application for survey submitted to him—whether the boundaries indicated in the said application are proper or improper, or whether any portion of the boundaries may be wrong; or whether or not the application relates to land already Crown-granted to some other person; or whether the land may not have been already alienated to some European or to the Crown.

“46. No applications for surveys from Natives or others to be acceded to under this law unless they are forwarded in the first instance to the Chief Surveyor of the Government. Should any application for survey be received by the Surveyor-General, and should such application be not forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee for Investigation, together with an explanatory memorandum in reference to such application for survey, then, and in such case, it shall not be right for any surveyor to proceed with such survey. No survey to take place in pursuance of any application made until such application shall have the seal of the Committee affixed to it, and be duly signed by the Chairman of the aforesaid Committee.

“47. All such applications, sealed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman, to be forwarded to the Chief Surveyor of the district to which the applications relate. The Chief Surveyor to forward the applications, and have them publicly notified in the *Gazette*. The surveyor prepared to undertake such survey or surveys at the lowest price to be employed to make the surveys applied for. Should the Chief Surveyor find that such surveyor was duly licensed, and competent to undertake the work, he shall be empowered to execute the survey at the price fixed. The prices mentioned by the surveyors at which they may be prepared to carry out the surveys to be submitted to the Chief Surveyor, who will choose the tender of such surveyor as he may deem proper.

“48. In the case of any land being surveyed, for which the Natives have made application, and to which the Committee for investigating Titles have assented, and also the Chief Surveyor, should a portion of the boundary of such land be between Government and Native land, or land belonging to any Natives other than the applicants, the boundary between any such person and the applicant for the survey should be paid for by the former party. Should it be decided by the Chief Surveyor of the Government that such dividing boundary-line may be adopted as correct, then and in that case the Chief Surveyor will furnish the surveyor with a correct copy of such surveys, accepted as correct, and with the intimation that such survey-line between the Government land, or land owned by other persons, and the land owned by the Natives applying for the survey, shall not be charged for.

“49. There shall not be less than two trustees for minors under this Act; such trustees not to be empowered to sell, mortgage, or lease the property for which they are trustees without sending notice to the Chairman of the Committee for investigating Claims, for them to consider the conditions under which it is proposed to deal with the land. Should the seal of the Committee, and the name of the Chairman of the said Committee, be not affixed to their written assent, it shall not, under any circumstances, be proper for such trustees to lease, sell, mortgage, or exchange the property held by them in trust. Nor shall it be proper for the Judge, under this law, to accede to the desire of the said trustees.

“50. All proceeds arising by the way of leases, sales, or mortgages of land belonging to children who are not of the full legal age to be left deposited in a bank for safe custody until such child or children shall have attained their majority. Should the trustee of any minor or minors declare that such funds should be invested on behalf of and for the benefit of such minor or minors, then and in that case the trustees shall furnish to the Chairman of the Committee for investigating Claims particulars in relation to such proposed investment. Should the said Committee approve of the proposal, their assent shall be duly sealed with the seal of the Committee, and signed by the Chairman; and thereupon it will be right and proper for the Judge of the Court to give his assent to the course desired by the trustees.

“51. For the constitution of this Committee, the Government will insert notices in the *Gazette* notifying the day and the month when the election of members shall take place. The members to be elected shall not exceed twelve in number, nor be less than five. Should the number nominated be less than five, no election shall be considered as having taken place, and a new nomination and election shall be necessary. After an election has taken place the members of the Committee shall proceed to elect from their number one who will act as Chairman.

“52. On the appointment of Chairman and the election of the Committee having taken place, it will be the duty of the Chief Judge of this Court to publicly notify the month and the day on which the Committee shall assemble to consider the applications sent to him, or applications for surveys sent to the Chief Surveyor of the Government.

“53. The said applications to be considered by the aforesaid Committee are as follows:—