

decide upon the boundaries and description until you have considered the matter and seen my maps. In the same way I have left the printed description of the lakes unrevised. Herewith original deed and translation, also two draft deeds and printed description.

R. J. Gill, Esq.

J. W. A. MARCHANT, Chief Surveyor.

No. 64.

Mr. Marchant.

PLEASE read over these boundaries and make any revisions you consider advisable.—RICHARD J. GILL. 21st July, 1881.

Mr. Gill.

SEE my memorandum attached.—J. W. M. 22nd July, 1881.

*Wairarapa Lake South.*—Situate in the district of Wairarapa, in the Provincial District of Wellington. Boundaries: Commencing at the mouth of Okorewa (lower lake), extending to Kiriwai, thence to Pounui, thence to Matarua, thence to Tahunakaroro, thence to Pekehounia, thence diverging and running through the lake (upper) until reaching Tuakipuku, thence to Te Here a te Koreke, thence to Kariwahine, thence to Matainoke, thence in a southerly direction to Te Rere, thence to Mihirau, thence to Otunuku, thence to Whakahauhau, thence to Turanganui, thence to Rautoka, thence to Te Rere a te Mahoe, terminating at Okorewa.

*Wairarapa Lake North.*—Situate in the district of Wairarapa, in the Provincial District of Wellington. Boundaries: Commencing at Tuakipuku, thence to Waiaruhe, thence to Tukairua, thence to Rurumoko, to Puriri, to Makakahi, to Otekenga, to Awa a Pohatu, to Te Awatupu, thence to Kahapahapa, thence along Atuawhai, thence to Ahinengatira, thence falling into Otairua, thence along the lake in a southerly direction to Wangapohatu and Tipua, thence to Paparoparo, thence to Pekehounia, thence diverging to the Ruamahanga River, terminating at Tuakipuku.

No. 65.—(TRANSLATION.)

To the Judge of the Native Land Court, Greytown.

26th October, 1882.

Do you give heed to this: We object to the Court hearing the claim of the Government to the Wairarapa Lake, because in our opinion the Court has no jurisdiction to decide upon the rights of individuals to the water- and eel-fisheries. The authority of the Court is confined to dealing with dry land. Under these circumstances let the investigation of the Government claim cease. If the Court insists on proceeding with the investigation, we ask that it will sanction our employing counsel or a competent European agent to conduct our case, because we are confused respecting the law that permits the Court to deal with water- and eel-fisheries.

From all the people of Wairarapa.

Written by PIRIPI TE MAARI.

No. 66.—(TRANSLATION.)

Greytown, 21st October, 1882.

I AM announcing the word of all the people of Wairarapa who possess a right to the lakes. This is the announcement of all the chiefs and all the hapus respecting the application of the Court to furnish a list of names. The chiefs have considered this request, and have decided to ask the Court to produce the deeds of cession of the lands abutting the margin of the lakes, commencing at 1853.

(2.) We ask the Court to produce the first map of Captain Smith's survey of the margin of the lake.

(3.) We ask the Court to read out to us the deed of sale of Wairarapa Moana of 1876.

(4.) We ask the Court to make known the condition of the law in 1876 that authorised the Government to purchase the lake before it was either surveyed or the title ascertained to it or a title was issued for it.

(5.) We ask that the Court produce the map of the survey of the lake on which certain Maoris sold to the Government.

(6.) We ask that the Act be read out that was made by the Parliament relative to the contention existing between the Government and certain Natives who did not alienate their interest in the lake.

All the foregoing matters are submitted to the Court by the authority of the chiefs and all the people owning the Wairarapa Lakes.

The foregoing letter is delivered by Piripi te Maari to the Judge of the Court.

No. 67.

District Survey Office, Wellington, 10th March, 1883.

The Registrar, Native Land Court, Wellington.

WITH reference to the Government order-forms for Wairarapa Moana, north and south, forwarded to me for plans and description, would you kindly inform me in each case which are the boundaries of the land to be included in the order. The plans have not been signed by the presiding Judge. Will this not be necessary before the orders are issued.

J. W. MARCHANT, Chief Surveyor.

No. 68.

Mr. Brookfield.

WILL you be good enough to give the information required by the Chief Surveyor, and certify as to the production of plan.

12th March, 1883.

W. BRIDSON.

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