

3. That a Commission, issued on the 7th day of July, 1880, under the hand of the Governor, in the name of Her Majesty, and sealed with the Public Seal of the Colony, his Honour Joshua Strange Williams and the late Thomas Bannatyne Gillies were called and recognised as Judges of this honourable Court. A true copy of the Commission appears in the Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives for the year 1882.

C. J. A. HASELDEN.

Sworn at Wellington aforesaid, this 18th day of May, 1891, before me—

LEO. G. REID,

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

AFFIDAVIT OF W. J. MORPETH.

I, WILLIAM JOHNSTON MORPETH, of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, Civil servant, do hereby make oath and say,—

1. That the notification of the appointment of the Defendant as a Commissioner under section 20 of “The Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act, 1889,” was made by a letter dated the 6th day of March, 1890, and after receipt of the letter of the Defendant dated the 5th day of March, 1890, set out in the Statement of Claim.

2. That hereunto annexed, and marked with the letter A, is a true copy of the letter sent to the Defendant on the 6th day of March, 1890, his order of appointment as a Commissioner.

W. J. MORPETH.

Sworn at Wellington aforesaid, this 18th day of May, 1891, before me—

LEO. G. REID,

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

A.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 6th March, 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you and Mr. John Ormsby, of Kopua, Waikato, to be Commissioners under section 20 of “The Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act, 1889,” and enclose herewith the Order in Council of appointment.

I have communicated with Mr. Ormsby on the subject, and have forwarded him a copy of the appointment.

I have, &c.,

W. B. Edwards, Esq., Barrister, Wellington.

E. MITCHELSON.

This is the copy-letter marked “A” referred to in the annexed affidavit of William Johnston Morpeth.

Sworn before me, this 18th day of May, 1891—

LEO. G. REID,

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

AFFIDAVIT OF WORLEY BASSETT EDWARDS.

I, WORLEY BASSETT EDWARDS, of the City of Wellington, in New Zealand, Esquire, make oath and say,—

1. That I have read the affidavit of Charles John Allen Haselden, sworn and filed herein.

2. It is not true, as stated in the 2nd paragraph of the said affidavit of the said Charles John Allen Haselden, that I was appointed a Commissioner under the 20th section of “The Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act, 1889,” on the 2nd day of March, 1890. I was appointed a Commissioner as last aforesaid, by Order in Council, on the 27th day of February, 1890.

3. It is not true, as stated in the 7th paragraph of the said affidavit, that I have been paid two separate sums of £114 11s. 8d. per month and £10 8s. 4d. per month.

4. I have been paid one sum of £125 per month, as and being my salary as a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and in respect of such payments I have from time to time caused to be lodged abstracts of my salary as such Judge as aforesaid. I have never been requested by the Under-Secretary for the Department of Justice or by any other person to alter the form of the said abstracts or any of them, nor has it ever been intimated to me by the said Under-Secretary or by any other person that the said abstracts required any alteration.