

10. What excuse did Mr. Landon give for not giving you the full amount as explained at Waitangi?—He made no attempt at explanation because we were quarrelling.

11. Then it was quite clear to you, when dealing with Mr. Landon, that he was acting as agent for the Crown?—It was quite clear to me that such was the case. I am quite certain in my mind that he was.

12. *Mr. Smith.*] Who was present when you signed the deed?—Clark and Flood, and Robert Cochrane who was the interpreter; also Millar.

13. The Postmaster?—Yes; and there was John Landon and myself.

14. Do you still say that the deed was not read over to you?—I am positive that it was not read over to me. If it had been read out to me I would at once have found out that I was to get a larger amount than I afterwards did get.

15. Did you agree to sell your land for £130 10s.?—I did agree, because I thought that that was the price fixed by the Government.

16. Did you receive that amount?—I have already said that I did.

17. *Hon. Mr. Mitchelson.*] Then you were willing to sell your land to the Government for £130 10s.?—Yes.

18. Then, when you found that the Government had paid more, you thought that you were entitled to receive the difference?—Yes; and also because we found that Raiha Tamaho had received that amount.

19. Then the money was paid?—Yes, I believe so.

20. How do you know? Have you received any information on the matter?—I have been informed that Raiha Tamaho had been to the post-office and got the money from Mr. Millar.

21. *Mr. Kelly.*] It appears that you have travelled about with Mr. Landon a good deal. Was Mr. Landon acting for you in disposing of the land?—Do you mean at the time I speak of?

22. Yes. Was Mr. Landon acting for you?—I never authorised Mr. Landon to act for me, neither by letter nor word. Nor was he acting for me.

23. You have stated that some received £108 and some £130 10s.?—We all got the same money; but Raiha got £108 15s.

24. *Hon. Mr. Cadman.*] Do you think seriously of the answers you are going to give? I wish you to do so. Now I want you to say distinctly whether or not that deed was translated or read over to you before you signed it?—I am positive that it was not read over to me. If it had been, I would have been made aware that I was to receive £217 for my share.

25. What took place between you and Mr. Millar before the money was paid?—There was no talk, and no reading out of documents; there was simply a signing of names.

26. Well, will you tell us what happened at Mr. Millar's? What did Mr. Millar say to you?—Mr. Millar said nothing, but simply produced the money.

27. Then you went to the post-office. What happened then?—We then adjourned to the hotel with Mr. Landon to get the money from him.

28. Did not Mr. Millar give you any cheques at all?—I have already stated that Mr. Millar laid the cheques down, and that Mr. Landon took them.

29. Why did not you think of mentioning this matter at Waitangi, when I was there; and why did you not lay a complaint against the Government?—I was awaiting a reply from the Government to my letter.

30. Perhaps you do not know who I am. Well, knowing that I was the Native Minister, why did you not speak to me about it?—A great number of people were anxious to see you; but after making your speech you went straight away.

31. I was there two days. Well, then, with respect to the £130 10s., you received, I understand you to say that you had arranged with Mr. Landon to get £130 10s. for your share?—I have already stated that Mr. Landon said in his telegram that that was the amount of money I was to receive for my share—£130 10s.

32. Then you gave no authority to Mr. Landon to act for you in any shape or form?—I have already answered that question several times. I never appointed him to act for me.

33. Nor signed any documents?—No; I never gave him any such authority.

34. *Hon. Mr. Carroll.*] Have you got a copy of all the telegrams that passed between you and Mr. Landon?—I have already stated that I did not have time to go back and get those telegrams.

35. Could you not have telegraphed for them?—Yes, I could have telegraphed for them. Mr. Millar was the telegraphist at Rawene who sent those telegrams. Cannot copies be got from him?

36. Did Mr. Landon ever write to you in connection with the sale?—I do not remember. He may have done so, but I cannot call it to mind. I do not remember him writing to me or my writing to him.

37. Do you say that the only paper you signed in connection with this matter was the deed of sale?—The only document I signed was the one I signed in the post-office; and I signed then because Robert Cochrane had previously shown me a list setting forth the amounts paid to the other Natives.

38. Before you went up to the post-office, did not Cochrane explain the deed to you?—He never did so. If he had I would have been made aware that the proper amount for me to have received would have been £217.

39. But did you not have a conversation with Cochrane and Mr. Landon about the selling of your share, and the price you were to get as per the consideration in the deed before you went down to the post-office?—We had a conversation, the one I have already mentioned, at Robert Cochrane's house. It was there that Mr. Landon and myself had a dispute about the price I was to get.

40. Well, then, it was decided there between Cochrane and Landon that you were to sign your name to a deed and get £130 10s.?—The talk we had in Cochrane's house had reference entirely to the question of my getting travelling-expenses; and the amount I was to receive for my share had not been fixed at that time.