

109. Do you think it is not making light of the Natives there?—I know they never got so much before. They sold one-half of the same block for half-a-crown an acre. They sold Mr. White one-half of the 11,000 acres which the block contained.

110. Did you take that as an example for buying land, because the land was sold for a less price formerly?—No; I wanted to do better for them than ever was done before, and I did.

111. How is it that you always allude to the former sales of the land, and the prices obtained?—Because I was aware of the prices they got.

112. What amount of money did the Government arrange that you should have for the sale of this land?—There was no arrangement. Mr. Cadman said he would allow £50, provided there were no surveys charged to the Government.

THURSDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1892.

Mr. J. Lundon further examined.

1. *Mr. Taipua.*] I wish to know which document you wrote out; was it the one for 4s. 6d. an acre, or the one for 7s. 6d.?—I only got one document written out, and that was for 4s. 6d. and expenses. There was no other document.

2. Was that the only document that the interpreter interpreted to them that was made out?—That was the only one; there could be no other.

3. What was the extraordinary amount that the Natives demanded of you from the first, up to the time the agreement was made?—They demanded nothing.

4. Did they not state to you why it should be 3s., 5s., or any other amount per acre?—I told them 4s., and then Herewini te Toko said, "Would I not give 5s.?" in Hardiman's house, before he went to the Point at all.

5. How was it that the Government sent down a sum amounting to 7s. 6d. per acre?—I gave my explanation of that yesterday; they offered 7s. 6d.

6. Was it the Government that stated they would give 7s. 6d. for it?—I told the Government 7s. 6d. was ample.

7. *Mr. Kapa.*] In all cases that you had any dealings with the land, did you always take an interpreter with you?—No.

8. And who stated to the Natives what amount would be paid for the land?—Myself. They understood me, and I understood them.

9. You stated yesterday that you had great love for the Natives, did you not?—Yes; and you know it.

10. What is your position with the Government—are you friendly with them, or are they opposed to you?—I am friendly with them, but I do not think some of them are very friendly to me.

11. And did the Government pay you £50 commission, after the amount you received from the Natives?—I stated yesterday that I got £50; not as commission but as part expenses.

12. I ask you the question because I heard you refunded the £50 you got from the Government?—I did many foolish things, but I am not such a fool as that.

13. Have you heard that it is not right to serve two masters—for you will either love the one, or hate the other?—I have no two masters; I have no master, nor I have not for forty years.

14. Do you know what I am saying?—Yes.

15. You stated yesterday that I went to look you up in the hotel, did you not?—Yes.

16. And did you go into the whole statement with regard to the one matter Mr. Mitchelson stated yesterday, and also the interpreter?—I do not know what Mr. Mitchelson said; I gave it in my evidence what you said.

17. Did you state yesterday that I spoke about two petitions to you?—No, I did not. There was only one. I gave evidence respecting one petition.

18. How was it you kept what I stated back?—It did not bear on the case. I have not given any evidence on the second petition yet. I have not been called upon to give any evidence.

19. Did you hear any one make a statement to that effect?—Yes; that was in the hotel.

20. Where did it take place that I spoke to you about what the interpreter said with regard to this matter?—In the lobby of this House, I think. When I questioned you, you said it was true.

21. Do you actually think that was the case now?—Yes; it is in your own evidence.

22. Did you not meet me one evening, and you and I went up the road together?—Yes; and we went home the same way.

23. Did I not tell you that I asked the interpreter of the House whether it would be right to read this petition to the House?—You did not, and you did not say so in your own evidence before this Committee.

*The Chairman:* I do not see what bearing that has on the case. [To interpreter:] Ask Mr. Kapa what he wants to bring out.

*Mr. Kapa:* It is because I was puzzled with regard to the statements made by Mr. Lundon.

24. *The Chairman.*] I think, Mr. Lundon, you said in giving your evidence that Rikihana gave you a list of cheques that he would like to have, representing the sum he was to receive?—I asked him as I asked the whole of them.

25. I am speaking about Rikihana?—Yes; he gave the different amounts.

26. He mentioned as having only given you four cheques, and he only received four cheques?—I have no doubt whatever that what he said about the number of cheques is correct.

27. Did he see you making out the list of cheques?—I did not make it out for one of them. Cochrane made it out.

28. I understood from your evidence that he gave you a list of cheques?—I gave the list to Millar.