

therefore assume that all payments properly incident to taking proceedings in terms of the Act, including, of course, the payment of costs directed by the Court to be paid, could and would be met by the proper authorities. . . . He was of opinion that the Legislature must be taken to have relied on the Executive respecting the obligation imposed on a public officer by providing the necessary funds for all proper expenditure thereunder, including, of course, moneys directed by the Court to be paid to the successful defendants, and that, having so relied, it had not thought it necessary specifically to provide for such expenditure."

10. Your petitioner has, in addition to his costs between party and party, incurred considerable costs, as between solicitor and client, in successful defence of his Land Transfer title in the proceedings directed by Parliament to be commenced against him, and he submits to your honourable House that it was also the intention of your honourable House and of Parliament to indemnify him against such charges in the event of his successfully defending his title; and your petitioner is informed and believes that costs, as between solicitor and client, incurred by the Public Trustee have been paid by the Government of the colony to the solicitors for the Public Trustee.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays,—

- (1.) That your honourable House will be pleased to make provision for the payment to him of the sum of £335 8s. 5d., adjudged to be paid to him by the decree of the Supreme Court as his costs between party and party, and will further make provision for the payment to your petitioner of the sum of £300 9s., adjudged by the Supreme Court to be paid to the defendant Meiha Keepa te Rangihwinui, and paid by your petitioner on behalf of that defendant.
- (2.) That your honourable House will also be pleased to make provision for the payment to your petitioner of the costs incurred by him, as between solicitor and client, in defence of the said action, in addition to the costs adjudged to be payable to him as between party and party. Such additional costs to be taxed as your honourable House may direct.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

W. L. BULLER.