

1948
NEW ZEALAND

**REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO AND
REPORT UPON CLAIMS PREFERRED BY CERTAIN MAORI CLAIMANTS
CONCERNING THE MAHIA BLOCK**

Laid on the Tables of Both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

*Royal Commission to Inquire into and Report upon Claims preferred by
certain Maori Claimants concerning the Mahia Block*

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland,
and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of
the Faith :

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Sir Michael Myers,
Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint
Michael and Saint George, and to Our Trusty and Well-beloved
Hanara Tangiawha Reedy, of Ruatoria, Farmer, and Albert
Moeller Samuel, of Auckland, Retired : Greeting.

* * * *

WHEREAS by a certain deed of cession bearing date the 20th day of
October, 1864, the Chiefs and people of the Ngati-Kahungunu Tribe
whose names were thereto subscribed, did, for them, for their relatives
and for their descendants to be born thereafter, in consideration of the
payment of the sum therein mentioned, sell and absolutely convey to
Her Majesty the Queen an area of land on the Mahia Peninsula, the
boundaries of the said land (hereinafter referred to as the Mahia Block)
being described in the deed aforesaid by reference to divers place-names
believed to represent natural features :

And whereas certain Maoris have claimed that they would, but for
an alleged divergence of the boundary of the said Mahia Block, as fixed
by survey, from the boundary as determined by the place-names and
natural features aforesaid, be the owners of an area of 2,270 acres, or
thereabouts, included within the surveyed boundary of the Mahia Block,
and this claim is more particularly set forth in Petition No. 82 of 1936,
of Hirini Whaanga Christy and others, presented to the House of
Representatives :