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NEW ZEALAND

**REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT
ON CLAIMS PREFERRED BY MEMBERS OF THE MAORI RACE
TOUCHING CERTAIN LANDS KNOWN AS SURPLUS LANDS OF
THE CROWN**

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

*Royal Commission to Inquire into and Report on Claims preferred by
Members of the Maori Race touching certain Lands known as Surplus
Lands of the Crown*

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 St. Michael and St. George, and to Our Trusty and Well-beloved HANARA TANGIAWAHA REEDY, of Ruatoria, Farmer, and ALBERT MOELLER SAMUEL, of Auckland, Retired : GREETING.

WHEREAS, prior to the assumption of British sovereignty over the Islands of New Zealand, divers tracts or portions of land therein were claimed to be held by divers persons other than members of the aboriginal race (hereinafter referred to as land claimants) by virtue of purchases, or pretended purchases, gifts, or pretended gifts, conveyances, or pretended conveyances, or other titles either mediately or immediately from one or more of the Chiefs and other members of the aboriginal tribes inhabiting New Zealand :