

4. Some months after the death of Mou te Hapuku the petitioner called at the office of Messrs. Buddle and Otley and made inquiries regarding this will—probably naming the testatrix as Pouaru Hapuku. She was told that the firm held no will for Pouaru Hapuku. Had she inquired for the will of Mou te Hapuku there is no doubt that the firm of Buddle and Otley would, following its usual practice, have applied for probate within the time stipulated by section 175 of the Maori Land Act, 1931.
5. It is the opinion of the Court that the statements contained in the petition are true.
6. The Court recommends that legislation be passed in respect of this petition empowering the Court, upon application made within six months of the passing of the Act, to hear and determine an application for probate of the last will of Mou te Hapuku.

[L.S.]

For the Court,
JNO. HARVEY, Judge.

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