1902. NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND VALIDATION COURT

(DECREES MADE BY) AT WELLINGTON AND NEW PLYMOUTH.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in pursuance of "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893."

Decree made by the Validation Court, at Wellington, in respect of the Lands known as Manawatu-Kukutauaki 4B No. 1.

In the Validation Court of New Zealand, at Wellington.

In the matter of "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893," and its amendments, and of the land known as Manawatu-Kukutauaki 4B No. 1.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1902.

Whereas Ropata Ranapiri, of Otaki, half-caste, is the registered proprietor, under the Land Transfer Act, of all that parcel of land known as Manawatu-Kukutauaki 48 No. 1, containing 134 acres and 32 perches, more or less: And whereas the said 134 acres and 32 perches is made up as follows—that is to say, 84 acres and 32 perches being the share of Moko Hikitanga in the said land, which said share was alleged to have been purchased by the said Ropata Ranapiri from the said Moko Hikitanga, and 50 acres being the estimated half-share of Manahi Paora in the said land, alleged to have been purchased by the said Ropata Ranapiri from the said Manahi Paora: And whereas by an interim decree of the Validation Court, made the 31st day of August, 1897, the Court declared the alleged sale by the said Moko Hikitanga to be void and of no effect, and the Court by its said decree validated the sale by the said Manahi Paora of one-half of his interest in the said land, and directed that the land to be allotted in respect of the said half-share should be ascertained by the Native Land Court: And whereas the Native Land Court has ascertained that the land to which the said Ropata Ranapiri is entitled in respect to the said half-share is 43 acres and 34 perches, and that the said Manahi Paora is entitled to the remaining 6 acres 3 roods 6 perches: And whereas, for the purpose of giving effect to the hereinbefore-recited decree of the Validation Court, it is necessary that the existing title to the said land should be annulled and a new title issued for the same, in accordance with the finding of the said Court:

Now, therefore, it is hereby decreed and ordered—

1. That the order of the Native Land Court, dated the 1st day of November, 1990, declaring the said Ropata Ranapiri to be the sole owner of the said land be and the same is hereby annulled, and the District Land Registrar is hereby directed to cancel the registration thereof and any certificate of title issued thereon.

2. That the persons entitled to the said land are the said Ropata Ranapiri, the said Manahi Paora, and the said Moko Hikitanga, for an estate in fee-simple as tenants in common in the shares and proportions hereinbefore indicated.

By the Court.

G. B. DAVY, Judge.

Decrees made by the Validation Court, at New Plymouth, in respect of certain Shares or Interests in Native Reserves in the Taranaki District.

IN THE VALIDATION COURT OF NEW ZEALAND.

In the matter of "The Reserves and Other Lands Sale, Disposal, and Enabling and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1901"; and in the matter of the Native reserves known as Raiomiti, Purakau A, and Ratahaugae or No. 4; and in the matter of the application of William Humphries for the validation of a mortgage, dated the 7th day of March, 1893, from Karira Heta and Heta te Kauri to the applicant, and a transfer from the Registrar of the Supreme Court to the applicant, dated the 31st day of August, 1894, and of a transfer, dated the 8th day of December, 1896, from Te Pohe Makoare and Hone te Kekehu to the applicant.

AT a sitting of the Validation Court, duly constituted, and held at the Courthouse in New Plymouth on the 12th day of April, 1902, before James Meacham Batham, Esquire, a Judge, and