

Wi Neera te Kanae, an Assessor, upon hearing Mr. Weston, of counsel for the applicant, and Mr. F. J. Wilson, of counsel for the Public Trustee, and it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the payments made as alleged by the applicant, and as stated in the abovementioned mortgage and transfers, were so made in reliance upon orders of the Native Land Court made under the circumstances set forth in the preamble to section 48 of the abovementioned Act, or on supposed validation thereof by Act of the Legislature, and being further satisfied that the transactions evidenced by the said mortgage and transfers, and in respect of which such payments were made, are in all respects fair and reasonable, it is hereby ordered that the said transactions and the mortgage, dated the 7th day of March, 1893, from the said Karira Heta and Heta te Kauri to the said William Humphries, and the transfer, dated the 31st day of August, 1894, from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, at New Plymouth, to the said William Humphries, and the transfer, dated the 8th day December, 1896, from Te Pohe Makoare and Hone te Kekehu to the said William Humphries be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, and it is hereby declared that the said Hone Kekehu was of the full age of twenty-one years when he signed the transfer lastly hereinbefore mentioned; and, with the consent of the Public Trustee and the applicant, it is hereby further ordered that the interests of the owners in the lands comprised in the said mortgage and transfers shall be partitioned in manner following, that is to say:—

As to the Native reserve known as Raiomiti, to the said William Humphries, to be held by him for an estate in fee-simple: All that parcel of land, containing 3 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Section 158 in the Hua district; and also all that parcel of land, containing 2 acres or thereabouts, being part of Section 23 in the Fitzroy District, and to be known as Raiomiti A, bounded as follows—Commencing at a point on the north-western boundary of the section (marked "A" in the tracing produced and filed in this Court), and proceeding thence in a north-easterly direction along the south-eastern boundary of the old Devon Road 100 links; thence in a south-easterly direction at right angles to the same road 125 links; thence in a north-easterly direction along a line drawn parallel to the same road to the upper edge of a bluff or cliff at a point marked "B" on the tracing before referred to; thence in a north-easterly direction along the upper edge of the said bluff to the Waiwakaiho River at the point marked "C" in the said tracing; thence in a southerly direction along the bank of the said river to a public road (unnamed) at the point marked "D" on the said tracing; thence by the said road and by Normanby Street to the starting-point. And to the Public Trustee the balance of the said Section 23, Fitzroy District, of which 14 perches, as defined in the said tracing, shall be held as a burial-ground, and shall be known as Raiomiti B, and the residue shall be known as Raiomiti C.

As to the Native reserve known as Ratahangae or No. 4, to the said William Humphries, to be held by him for an estate in fee-simple: All that parcel of land, containing 23 acres, to be known as Ratahangae 4A, bounded on the north and east by the boundaries of the reserve, on the west by the road intersecting the reserve, on the south by a line drawn from the said road to the eastern boundary of the reserve parallel to and so far distant from the northern boundary of the reserve as to give the required area; and to the Public Trustee the balance of the said Native reserve, to be known as Ratahangae 4B, subject, however, as to part thereof to a lease from the Public Trustee to one William Campbell.

As to the Native reserve known as Purakau or A, to the said William Humphries, to be held by him for an estate in fee-simple: All that parcel of land, to be known as Purakau A 2, being the whole of the said Native Reserve A excepting part of the same, containing 5 acres, to be known as Purakau A 1, bounded as follows—Commencing at the south-eastern corner of the reserve, thence along the southern boundary of the reserve to the eastern side of a public road, thence along the eastern side of that road to a point from which a line drawn parallel to the southern boundary of the reserve for 300 links will include within the piece of land thereby cut off the house of one Tawhiri; from thence in a south-easterly direction along a line parallel to the road to a point from which another line drawn parallel to the southern boundary of the reserve as far as the north-eastern boundary thereof, and thence along the north-eastern boundary to the commencing-point will include 5 acres, which piece of land is hereby awarded to the Public Trustee.

By the Court.

J. M. BATHAM, Judge.

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 application of George Jordan, of the Avenue Road, near New Plymouth, farmer, for the validation of a transfer from Renata Hirini to the said George Jordan of Section 48A, in the Native reserve known as No. 3 or Puketotara, Taranaki District.

At a sitting of the Validation Court, duly constituted, and held at the Courthouse in New Plymouth on the 10th day of April, 1902, before James Meacham Batham, Esquire, a Judge, and Wi Neera te Kanae, an Assessor, upon hearing Mr. Weston, of counsel for the applicant, and Mr. F. J. Wilson, of counsel for the Public Trustee, and it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the payment made as alleged by the applicant, and as stated in the said transfer, was so made in reliance upon an order of the Native Land Court made under the circumstances set forth in the preamble to section 48 of the abovementioned Act, and on the apparent validation of the said order by "The Native Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1895," and "The Native Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1896," and, being further satisfied that the transaction in respect of which such payment was made is in all respects fair and reasonable, it is hereby ordered that the said transaction and the transfer, dated the 31st day of July, 1897, from the said Renata Hirini to the said George Jordan be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, subject nevertheless to Lease No. 4883.

By the Court.

J. M. BATHAM, Judge.