

"*Ranginui Tahau*: I can give some information that will help to make things clear. I was at one time married to Rangimaharahara Rore, and it was my father who had her appointed successor to her brother Whitimoa Rore in 1884. She was a namesake of Heni Rangimaharahara the elder, Raihania's grandmother, and this accounts for her being put in under the same name.

"*Raihania Waipapa*: Well, it is this confusion of names that has led to the trouble. Rangimaharahara should have opposed the making of the order at the time.

"*Court*: She asserts in her petition that she was not in Court and knew nothing of it. I have no doubt whatever that she is identical with the Heni Rangimaharahara in the title and that the succession order was an error. I will report to Chief Judge accordingly. The Registrar, however, informs me that the land has been sold to the Crown, and the purchase-money paid over some years ago.

"*Raihania Waipapa*: That is so. I received the money, £102, and have spent it all long ago. I have no money in the bank or anywhere else.

"*Court*: It is needless to await the appearance of Rangimaharahara herself. I will report as indicated already.

"Report accordingly."

There is no doubt an error took place owing to confusion of names, and the petitioner has thereby been deprived of her land. But under the circumstances the only remedy open to her would appear to be an action for recovery of the purchase-money, which she would have a very forlorn hope of getting.

The Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Tokaanu.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. E. MACCORMICK, Judge.

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