

SESSION I.

1921.

NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE - LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

(REPORTS OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

COMMISSION.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to ROBERT NOBLE JONES, Esquire, of Wellington, Chief Judge of the Native Land Court; JOHN STRAUCHON, Esquire, I.S.O., of Wellington; and JOHN ORMSBY, Esquire, of Otorohanga: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that inquiry should be made regarding the several matters hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

ROBERT NOBLE JONES,
JOHN STRAUCHON, and
JOHN ORMSBY,

to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the following matters:—

- (1.) The prayer of the petitions of Te Aio Poutu and others to the House of Representatives with respect to the location of a certain reserve alleged to be part of Waipuku-Patea Block. (Petitions Nos. 426/1913, 312/1915, and 408/1917.)
- (2.) The prayer of the petitions of Mehaka Watene and 168 others, Paku Eruera and 210 others, and Whareora Renata and others to the House of Representatives with respect to certain confiscated lands claimed by the Whakatohea Tribe. (Petitions Nos. 630/1914, 235/1915, and 336/1917.)
- (3.) The request made to the Native Minister on the 9th January, 1920, by W. Nikora, of Gisborne, on behalf of Te Whakatohea Tribe, for land to be given by the Crown to their landless children.
- (4.) The prayer of the petitions of Wi Pere and thirty-eight others, Haerepo Kahuroa and 177 others, and Winiata Moeau and forty-seven others to the House of Representatives with respect to a portion of Patutahi Block alleged to have been taken by the Government about the year 1866. (Petitions Nos. 616/1914, 332/1917, and 450/1914.)
- (5.) The prayer of the petition of Tanguru Tuhua to the House of Representatives with respect to Te Aorangi Reserve. (Petition No. 232/1917.)
- (6.) The prayer of the petition of Kereama Hoori and twenty others to the House of Representatives with respect to Kapowai Block. (Petition No. 204/1917.)