APPENDIX I 2.

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NATIVE LAND PURCHASES.

Date of Paper: October 5th, 1905. From: Popoki te Kurupae Tapuaeharuru. Date when registered: October 10th, 1905. Subject: Wishes to sell Tauhara Maunga. Previous Paper: 00/54 attached.

MINUTES.

JUDGE JOHNSON,-

Please inform me whether Tauhara Middle No. 4A has been dealt with by your Court in any way. The relative interests were not defined when inquiries were made on a previous occasion.

(Sgd.) P. Sheridan. 10/10/05.

Mr. Sheridan,—

It had been arranged that case re Tauhara Middle No. 4A and Reserves specified in O. in C. should follow the Tahorakuri Partition cases, but just when I was nearly ready to go on with it, Te Popoki te Kurupae wrote to the Chief Judge, asking that it should be held over until after planting season, and meanwhile wants to sell the land to Government. When the matter was discussed in Court others interested supported his request and I have therefore started another case.

With regard to the non-definition of relative interests by Court on previous occasion, referred to by you, I think it desirable to forward an extract from Taupo Vol. 9, p. 242, for your information. It will be contended that what then took place was practically a definition of relative interests by consent as between the four original grantees (or their successors) found to be owners of Tauhara Middle No. 4A, the other two original grantees (or successors) having been awarded 200 acres and 100 acres respectively as representing their interests in the Tauhara Middle Block.

I also forward a copy of memo recently addressed by me to the Chief Judge in connection with this case. Kindly let me know what is the actual position of the Wharewaka and Parakiri Reserves referred to therein. (Sgd.) H. D. Johnson. 14/10/05.

JUDGE JOHNSON,—

I presume "Parakere" is the reserve in the Nukuhau purchase. If so you will perceive by the deeds endorsed that both it and Wharewaka are public reserves and that the Natives have no rights in connection with them other than as British subjects generally, including of course your self and myself.

(Sgd.) P. Sheridan. 14/11/05.

Mr. Sheridan,-

I have shown the deeds to the Natives interested but they are not at all satisfied. They will move further in the matter. Deeds returned herewith. (Sgd.) H. D. Johnson.

APPENDIX J.

EXTRACT FROM TAUPO MINUTE BOOK No. 32, FOLIOS 208-219.

Taupo, 24th August, 1937. H. F. Ayson, Judge.

Re Wharewaka Reserve.—Inquiry upon Petition 123/1936 of Waaka te Arakai and others referred to Court pursuant to Section 13 of Native Purposes Act, 1936.

Present.—Waaka te Arakai, Paora Tahau, Tupara Maniapoto, Arihia Pua, Rore Rutene, Hurae Wiremu, Panapa Maniapoto, and others.

Mr. Bird for Natives; Mr. Darby for Crown Lands Department.

Petition read at request of Mr. Bird.

At request of Court Mr. Darby put in statement in writing with Appendix (No. 1).

Mr. Darby's statement read and explained by Court.

Mr. Darby stated that Crown's contention is that Wharewaka is a "Public Landing Place."

(Note.—Plans on Deed 1272 show Parakiri defined and marked "Public Reserve" but Wharewaka as "Landing Reserve".)

Mr. Darby's contentions are in statement and particularly on pages 5 and 6.