

prefer the lease cancelled if you would say what particular reserve you would be willing to authorise my giving out of those denoted on the map. I would like your decision before them and if this is coupled with the payment of the back rentals I do not think we would find much difficulty in settling this business the Natives live mostly at Opepe and sometimes at Waitahanai. They also cultivate a little on Tauhara Sergeant Strachan of the A.C. leases Motukino from them and he has a farm there I would suggest that the reserve asked for by them at Opepe as per plan be granted excepting perhaps a small patch of good timber at the west end I would also allow them a small reserve on the lake at mouth of Waitahauru Stream and perhaps ten or twenty acres in the bush on Tuhara Hill. I have delayed meeting the people because having made their demand for reserves within the lease and a plan showing same having been made they expect me to inform them what decision the Government have come to regarding the reserve and the question of back rent. Your suggestion re keeping the monies for back rents if authorised pending the complete settlement of every difficulty is decidedly the proper course to adopt and what I intended doing. Requesting of freehold Pohipi says he will as soon as the original lease is finally whakamaui introduce the proposal of sale to the Government of the bulk of the Block. I will await your reply before seeing them all in a body.

(Sgd.) HY. MITCHELL.

[Copy.]

Tapuaeharuru, 11th June, 1881.

To the Native Minister, Wellington.

FRIEND GREETING,—

This is a request of ours that the Crown Grant may be issued for our land Te Te Patuiwi-o-Tumoheke—it is within the Tauhara Middle block, on the Waikato River, below the Township of Papuaeharuru and is more particularly described upon the attached plan.

Now friend, that piece of land is an old settlement of ours, the children Reweti Te Kume and Te Kurupae, and was for that reason set apart for us by the officers of the Government when the rest of the Tauhara Block was ceded to the Crown, and we now ask that the Crown Grant for it may be issued in our favour.

There are papers in the (Native) office there (Wellington) having reference to the land, do you refer to them. Friend do you accede to our request.

That is all from

POIHIPI TE KUME AND OTHERS.

NATIVE OFFICE.

N.L.P 81/261, with N.L.P. 81/385.

Date of paper : 11/6/1881. From Poihipi Te Kume and others, Tapuaeharuru.

Date when registered : 13/7/1881. Subject : Requesting that the Crown grant for Te Patuiwi-o-Tumoheke be issued to them.

Previous paper : 81/241 attached.

MINUTES.

Referred to the Under Secretary Land Purchase Department.

(Sgd.) P. W. LEWIS. 15/7/81.

The names of the original owners of the Tauhara Middle, as given in the Order of the Native Land Court are : Paora Hapemana Huriwaka, Hamuera Takurua, Te Poihipi Tukairanga, Maniapoto te Hina, Ihakara Kahua, and Te Popoki Te Kurupae. A Crown grant for the reserve in question has been ordered in their favour.

Grants Nos. 21075-21076.

MR. DAVIES,—

Please reply that instructions have already been given for the issue of Crown grants for the pieces of land *reserved from sale* in the Tauhara Middle purchase, *Waipahihi* and *Patuiwi*. In such case the Grantees are the persons to whom the Court awarded the land. The land is inalienable in any way except with the consent of the Governor

(Sgd.) R. J. GILL. 25/7/81.