
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

PETITION OF RICHARD CHILMAN.

Presented to the House of Representatives 24th July, 1856, and ordered to be Printed.

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW ZEALAND, IN SESSION
ASSEMBLED.

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED, RICHARD CHILMAN, OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW
PLYMOUTH,

SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioner purchased a fifty-acre section of land in New Plymouth from the Agent of the New Zealand Company.

That your Petitioner was dispossessed by the Natives of thirty acres of the said land.

That a certain piece of land at the Henui was granted to your Petitioner by the Agent of the New Zealand Company in lieu of the land of which your petitioner was dispossessed; and that in consideration of the said land being separated from your petitioner's dwelling house, and involving him in great expense from the additional fencing required, your petitioner expressly stipulated that the land to be granted to him should include a swampy piece on the banks of the Henui River.

That the Surveyor of the New Zealand Company pointed out to your petitioner the boundary of his land, including the piece in question.

That subsequently, a Native named Witana claimed a portion of this land adjoining a Native Reserve, and has prevented a tenant of your petitioner's, from occupying the said land. Witana admits that the land in question did not form part of the original Reserve, but that it was subsequently given to him by Mr. Commissioner McLean.

That on the 30th January last your petitioner wrote to the Sub-Commissioner of Native lands at New Plymouth on the subject, and that on the 28th March last, your petitioner, at the request of the Sub-Commissioner, furnished the particulars of his claim for the information of Mr. Commissioner McLean.

That your petitioner has since been informed that the Commissioner of Crown Lands in New Plymouth has been applied to for information respecting the said claim, but your petitioner has heard nothing more on the subject.

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House will be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made into the circumstances, in order that, should your petitioner's allegations be found correct, he may be put into possession of the land in question.

And your petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

New Plymouth,
17th July, 1856.

RICHARD CHILMAN.