

# PAPERS

RELATIVE TO

## THE SITTINGS OF THE NATIVE LAND COURT AT HOKIANGA.

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PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY.

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The CHIEF JUDGE, Native Land Court, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

Native Land Court Office,

SIR,—

Auckland, 1st August, 1866.

I gather from the reports of the debates in the House of Representatives on the question of Separation, published in the *New Zealand Herald* newspaper, that Mr. Whitaker in his speech stated that the notices which he received of the sittings of the Native Land Court at Hokianga were too short to permit him properly to protect the interests of the Crown. I read this with great surprise, for I have had many conversations with Mr. Whitaker about these Courts, and he never gave expression to the slightest hint that longer notices would be desired by him.

I have the honor to enclose a Return of all the sittings of the Court that have hitherto been fixed for Hokianga and its neighbourhood, showing the dates on which they were held, and the dates on which the notices were delivered at the office of His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland. I beg that this information may be conveyed to the House of Representatives in such manner as you may think best.

Enclosure.

I have, &c.,

F. D. FENTON,  
Chief Judge.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

### Enclosure.

#### LIST of SITTINGS of NATIVE LAND COURT held at Hokianga, &c.

Name of Place of holding Court.	Date on which Notice of Court was given.	Date of Sitting of Court.
Oneke ... ..	4th January, 1866 ... ..	6th March, 1866.
Manawakaiaia ... ..	4th January, 1866 ... ..	15th March, 1866.
Waimate ... ..	4th January, 1866 ... ..	22nd March, 1866.
Paihia ... ..	4th January, 1866 ... ..	3rd April 1866.
Oneke ... ..	2nd May, 1866 ... ..	2nd July, 1866.
Waimate ... ..	10th May, 1866 ... ..	1st August, 1866.
Paihia ... ..	10th May, 1866 ... ..	1st September, 1866.

A. J. DICKEY,  
Chief Clerk, Native Land Court.

