

the younger, Civil Commissioner for the District of Waihou, do, on behalf of the Government, hereby testify my consent to the above arrangement.

Witness to the signature—
H. Clinton Baddeley.
Alan Baillie.

RIRIA PAORA KAREPE, her x mark.
JAMES MACKAY, junior.

MEMO.—This rent is now divided as follows:—Riria Karepe and her people receive £65 quarterly, and Hera Makoare and her people £60.

J. MACKAY, jun.

Enclosure F.

AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT, made at Kauaeranga, in the District of Hauraki, in the Province of Auckland, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, by Te Hoterene Taipari, Wirope Hoterene Taipara, Rapana Maunganoa, and Te Raika Whakarongotahi, of Hauraki, Native Chiefs, on the one part, and Sir George Grey, K.C.B., Governor of New Zealand, on the other part, witnesseth the consent of the said Hoterene Taipari, Wirope Hoterene Taipari, Rapana Maunganoa, and Te Raika Whakarongotahi, on behalf of themselves and their heirs, to release (give over) to Sir George Grey, K.C.B., Governor of New Zealand, and the Governors who may succeed him, a certain piece of land at Kauaeranga, in the district of Hauraki, for gold-mining purposes within the meaning of the statute intituled "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," the boundaries of the said piece of land commencing on the sea coast at the mouth of the River Kauaeranga, thence by that river to the junction of the Kakaramata Stream, thence by that stream to its source on the ridge of the hills, thence along the said ridge to the sources of the Hape, Karaka, Waiotahi, Moanataiari, and Kuranui Streams, turning thence down the Kuranui Stream to the sea coast, thence by the sea coast to the mouth of the Moanataiari Stream, thence inland to the base of the hills, thence crossing the Waiotahi Stream and by the base of the hills to the Parareka Spur, thence ascending the said spur to Waiowhariki, thence descending a spur to the Karaka Stream, thence by that stream to the sea coast to the point of commencement at the mouth of the River Kauaeranga, as the same are defined in the sketch map hereunto annexed. The following are the terms and conditions under which the said piece of land is given over for gold-mining purposes, viz. :—

1. All lands included within the boundaries above described are open to all persons for gold mining, excepting places occupied by Natives for residence, or used for cultivation or for burial grounds; also if a township is laid off at the landing-place near the River Kauaeranga, the Native owners of the said lands shall receive the rents accruing from the same when leased.

2. No person will be permitted to mine for gold on the said above-described lands, unless he be the holder of a miner's right empowering him in that behalf. The payment for every such miner's right shall be the sum of £1 per annum.

3. Miners' rights will be issued by an officer of the Government. Any person being the holder of a miner's right will be entitled to mine for gold, construct dams and water-races, fell timber, and do all other acts (or works) connected with (or appertaining to) gold-mining operations within the boundaries of the land hereinbefore described, excepting that the right to fell kauri timber is reserved; any person desiring to cut any kauri timber must pay the sum of £1 5s. for each tree required by him; this money shall belong to the Native owners, but to be paid to an officer of the Government in the first instance.

4. In consideration of Te Hoterene Taipari, Wirope Hoterene Taipari, Rapana Maunganoa, and Te Raitea Whakarongotahi, and their heirs, giving over the said piece of land for gold-mining purposes to Sir George Grey, K.C.B., Governor of New Zealand, and the Governors who shall succeed him, Sir George Grey, K.C.B., on behalf of himself and the Governors who shall succeed him, hereby consents to give (or pay) to the said Hoterene Taipari, Wirope Hoterene Taipari, Rapana Maunganoa, and Te Raika Whakarongotahi and their heirs, the sum of one pound for each miner's right which shall be issued to any person for gold mining within the said block of land during each year of the continuance of this agreement. The first year to commence from the first day of August, which shall be in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. The days for the payment (or division) of the money shall be the thirty-first day of March, the thirtieth day of June, the thirtieth day of September, and the thirty-first day of December in each year. Provided that if any person being the holder of a miner's right shall remove to another gold field (meaning on other lands outside the boundaries herein described) before completing the twelve months for which such miner's right shall have been issued, there shall then be paid to the said Hoterene Taipari, Wirope Hoterene Taipari, Rapana Maunganoa, and Te Raika Whakarongotahi, and their heirs, such portion of the money as shall be equivalent to the period for which such person shall have remained on the piece of land hereinbefore described.

5. The duration of this agreement shall be for such term as the Governor shall require the land for gold-mining purposes. Provided that if at any time the Governor shall desire to discontinue gold mining, a previous notice of not less than six months of such intention shall be given.

In witness of the consent of Te Hoterene Taipari, Wirope Hoterene Taipari, Rapana Maunganoa, and Te Raika Whakarongotahi to all the terms and conditions of this agreement, they have hereunto signed their names, and in witness of the consent of the Governor on his part to all the conditions of the said agreement, the name of Daniel Pollen is hereunto subscribed, on the day and in the year first above written.

HOTERENE TAIPARI, his x mark.

RAIKA WHAKARONGOTAHU, his x mark.

WIROPE HOTERENE TAIPARI,

DANIEL POLLEN,

RAPANA MAUNGANO, his x mark.

Agent General Government.

Witnesses to the signature—

James Mackay, junior, Civil Commissioner, N.Z.

John Williams, Auckland.