

remember signing the agreement at Pakowhai? Yes. Was it explained? The only portion explained was about the sale of the land, but not about the £4,000; that portion was not read to me. Would you have remembered it if it had been read? Yes; I should have asked for it to be paid. Where did you first hear it? On the day it was read in Court. Had not Mr. Sheehan read that agreement before it came on? No. Do you remember making an appointment with me to go to Mr. Cuff to talk over your debts? I do not remember. Did Mr. Cuff appoint a day? He appointed 12 o'clock, and I went at 11 o'clock. Was it not the second day you came? No; it was the day he asked me to dinner. Did you not meet me at Newton's corner in the afternoon, and tell me you could not keep your appointment, but would go the next day? No. Did you not tell me to bring Mr. Hamlin with me the next day? No. Was that the reason you were frightened to meet me, because you had signed another deed? No. Do you remember, after dinner at Mr. Cuff's, saying, Have you brought the deed? No; I was full of fear. Did you not say "You had better let me sign my death-warrant"? No. Why did you sign it? You gave me the document I signed, and afterwards the one to Sutton. I was afraid; I wished to see Karaitiana sign. Why did you not refuse to sign? Because you made a prisoner of me. Were we not sitting at a table, and all the windows and doors were opened? Yes, but that was at 4 o'clock. Were they not open before? Yes; but you would have shut the doors. Do you remember the deed? Yes, if I saw my name. Were there any other names to it? I did not look; I was in a hurry to get out. Were you in bodily fear? Yes; Edward Hamlin was very strong to hold the door. Why did you not go to a Magistrate? Because every one was alike; all condemned Karaitiana. Is that the deed (Deed of conveyance, dated 16th March, 1870, produced)? The deed I signed at Cuff's was much larger; this is not the one. It is my signature. When did you sign that deed? My idea was that Tareha had first signed in the deed. Was there any discussion, between the signing at Pakowhai and the conveyance at Cuff's, about the price? No. Did I not say I should want you to sign first, as the Natives looked upon you as the chief man in the block? Was there any discussion between the signing the deed at Mr. Cuff's and the final signing? No; I was in fear. How came you to sign the second deed: were you willing to sign? You asked me to sign. Did you not send for Paramena and Pahora? No; you did. Was there any pressure at the last signing? We signed in fear, because it was said Pakowhai would be taken. Did you mention to me you had received a letter? No; I saw it on the day Karaitiana received it, and the next day we came in and signed. Do you know who sent that letter? I do not know. Whose name was on the bottom? Mr. Ormond's. Do you know Ormond's writing? No. How long after the sale did you hear Karaitiana was to get £100 a year for ten years? When I had received mine for two years. Were you perfectly sober on every occasion you signed the deeds? I was sober on every occasion. Was that deed read over to you (Deed of conveyance produced, signed at Cuff's house)? I do not know. Where did you sign that deed? I do not know. Would you sign a deed without its being read over? Yes. How often have you done it? Did you not sign that order for Sutton in Sutton's shop? I signed one at Sutton's, and one at Cuff's for you to pay the £1,000. Would you know it? You wrote it, and asked me to sign it. Did you see me write it? Yes. Was that the one (Voucher No. 8)? No; that is Sutton's writing, and was written in his store. Did you not sign an order to Sutton before Heretaunga was sold? No. Where did we have your name? At the signing at Waitangi. Was the purport of the document signed at Sutton's the same as the others? I did not say so; you gave me the document, and I signed it. Are those people you intended located on the reserve? Yes. Are you satisfied with the arrangements that have been carried out? Yes. Have you not, within the last two years, asked me to sell some of my land? Yes. How much did you offer? I did not offer; I said you should pay me in land, and leave that money that you were paying, £150 a year. Was not that the first application? Yes. The same time you were arranging about the sale, you consented at the time of the sale for the 200 acres. When did you ask for the 200 acres? After the sale. You said by-and-by you would give me a document. I have asked you since, and you said my statement was untrue.

*Henare Tomoana* recalled, said:—

*Mr. Sheehan.*] No. 3 voucher, £53 10s., Maney? The signature is mine; I am not quite clear of the money. No. 5 voucher, £194 10s. 6d., Peacock? I know that I was indebted to Messrs. Peacock in that amount. No. 6 voucher, £450, D. Lindsay? That is correct, and my signature. No. 8 voucher, £1,119 3s. 5d., F. Sutton? That is my signature; I do not know how the account reached the £1,000. No. 9 voucher, £39, E. W. Knowles? That is correct. No. 10 voucher, £87 10s., R. D. Maney? That is correct. No. 15 voucher, £130 15s., Luxford? That is correct. Cash payments—Cheque, March 19th, £10, from Mr. Ormond? That is correct. Three cheques, £207, £11 16s., £781 4s., drawn on the same day, 24th March, 1870? I do not remember receiving three cheques on the same day, or there being £781 in one. Do you recollect £207? No. Do you recollect £11 16s? Yes. Do you recollect any other cash payments besides the £10 and £11 16s? I recollect receiving a cheque of £100 on account of the rent. Outside of these do you recollect any other cheques or money? The annuity money is the only other money I have received. How much was the amount of Maney's account? £84. What was it for? Posts. What did he recover? £12.

*Mr. Lee.*] Do you not remember Sutton suing you for £930 in August, 1869? Yes. Do you not know there was judgment because you did not appear to it? What time did you come back from Taupo? About November. Was not that order given to pay Sutton? I signed that document. Did you not know what your account was? Did you not know there was judgment against you? I do not know. The only action I know of was that stayed by Mr. Ormond. Was not that order (No. 8) written by Mr. Sutton at his desk? Yes. Was not Sutton's book open at the time? No. Did you not run up the figures in the column? No. Do you remember being summoned by Douglas and Hill in November, 1869? I may have been. I do not remember now. How much was the amount? £200 odd. How was it settled? It was paid for out of the Heretaunga. How much was paid for out of Heretaunga? The account was not shown; I was only informed each person's debt was paid. Was I not pressing you for money for Douglas and Hill? Perhaps so. Do you

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