

Enclosure 1 in No. 10.

Judge FENTON to Mr. MACCORMICK.

SIR,— Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 1st July, 1875.
I understood Sir George Grey, on his visit to my office in company with yourself, to say that he and Mr. Swainson should have been examined as witnesses in the Meurant case. I should not have thought it becoming to call Sir George Grey, even if there had been no counsel, and I had to exercise the discretion myself. But as he has, as I understood him, expressed a wish to give evidence, I will sit on Saturday next at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing him and Mr. Swainson, if that time will suit you. I beg that you will reply as soon as possible, in order that I may inform Mr. Hesketh.

I have, &c.,
F. D. FENTON.

J. C. MacCormick, Esq., Solicitor, Auckland.

Enclosure 2 in No. 10.

Judge FENTON to Mr. HESKETH.

SIR,— Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 2nd July, 1875.
Sir George Grey having intimated that he and Mr. Swainson should be examined in the matter of the claim of Mrs. Meurant, I have the honor to inform you that I have fixed Saturday, the 3rd instant, at 10 o'clock, at my chambers, for the purpose.

I have, &c.,
F. D. FENTON.

E. Hesketh, Esq.

Enclosure 3 in No. 10.

Mr. MACCORMICK to Judge FENTON.

SIR,— Wyndham Chambers, Auckland, 2nd July, 1875.
In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, which I received in the evening of yesterday, I have the honor to state that I consider the inquiry with the Meurants' case before you was closed in February last, when Mr. Hesketh, as counsel for the claimants, and I, as counsel for the General Government, addressed you upon the case, and that I cannot now ask for the attendance of Sir George Grey or Mr. Swainson. Sir George Grey has not expressed to me any wish to be examined in the matter, but I did understand him to say, after he had referred to Mr. Carleton's letters, that he thought he ought to have been examined.

I have, &c.,
J. C. MACCORMICK.

His Honor the Chief Judge, Native Land Court.

Enclosure 4 in No. 10.

Messrs. HESKETH and RICHMOND to Judge FENTON.

SIR,— Auckland, 2nd July, 1875.
We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, intimating that Sir George Grey and Mr. Swainson will, in all probability, be examined in this matter to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

We have to request that we may be informed why these gentlemen are now to be examined, and upon whose application and upon whose behalf this course is being taken.

On behalf of the claimants we must strongly object to such a course being adopted at this stage of the proceedings, and for the following reasons:—The claimants and the Government were each represented by counsel at the inquiry held before you, each having the right of calling such persons as could testify to the matters involved in the inquiry.

The counsel for the Government did not choose to exercise this right, although the claimants' counsel did so.

The inquiry was adjourned from time to time for the convenience of the parties, and to obtain evidence.

The gentleman in question have always been at hand, and could have been readily obtained.

The whole of the evidence has been closed by the counsel engaged, and they have each addressed you upon that evidence and the case generally, and the matter has been left with you to decide and report upon.

Your report is, as we are informed, now made and completed, and we must object that, after all this has taken place, our clients, who are not able to bear any further expense, should have to appear again to reopen the matter.

Our Mr. Hesketh will attend to-morrow morning, but only to object to the matter being re-opened.

We have, &c.,

His Honor the Chief Judge, Native Land Court.

HESKETH AND RICHMOND.

Enclosure 5 in No. 10.

Judge FENTON to Mr. MACCORMICK.

SIR,— Native Land Court Office, 30th June, 1875.
I enclose extract from a letter written by me to the Hon. Mr. Atkinson, Land Claims Commissioner, relating to the conversation I had the honor of holding with Sir George Grey yesterday, and I beg that you will inform me whether my statement of the conversation is correct.

I have, &c.,
F. D. FENTON.

J. C. MacCormick, Esq., Solicitor.