

WEDNESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1875.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT:

Sir G. Grey in the Chair.

Hon. Major Atkinson,	Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Bradshaw,	Mr. Rolleston,
Hon. Sir D. McLean,	Mr. Sheehan,
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Thomson.

The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir D. McLean in attendance, and examined on oath.

Colonel McDonnell in attendance, and examined on oath.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Rolleston, That all original correspondence in reference to the purchase of the Te Aroa, Waiharakeke, and Hungahunga blocks be brought before the Committee, including the correspondence between the Government and Mr. Mackay, and between Mr. Mackay, as representing the Government, and Mr. Thomas Russell.

Resolved, on motion of the Hon. Major Atkinson, That the examination of Colonel McDonnell be postponed till Friday, the 20th August, when Mr. Brissenden will be present.

Resolved, on motion of Sir G. Grey, That the Committee do adjourn till Friday, 20th August, at 11 o'clock.

The Committee then adjourned.

FRIDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1875.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT:

Sir G. Grey in the Chair.

Hon. Major Atkinson,	Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Bradshaw,	Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Sheehan,
Hon. Sir D. McLean,	Mr. Thomson.

The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Sir D. McLean handed in the original correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Russell, and between Mr. James Mackay and Mr. Thomas Russell, with reference to the Shortland Saw-mill Company.

Mr. Clarke, Under Secretary for Native Affairs, in attendance, and examined on oath.

Mr. Clarke handed in papers relating to Hungahunga and Waiharakeke blocks, Russell's purchase.

Mr. Rolleston proposed, That the original papers with regard to the illegal issue of miners' rights at Ohinemuri, which have been stated to have a bearing on the method of conducting land purchases, be brought before the Committee, to enable the Committee to judge whether they are relevant to the present meeting.

And the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes</i> , 4.	<i>Noes</i> , 3.
Mr. Bradshaw,	Hon. Major Atkinson,
Mr. O'Neill,	Hon. Sir D. McLean,
Mr. Rolleston,	Mr. Richmond.
Mr. Sheehan.	

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Mr. Clarke thereupon handed in the papers relating to the Ohinemuri Miners' Rights Inquiry, 1875.

Mr. Mackay was called to make a statement regarding the alleged non-fulfilment of promises, with reference to the examination of witnesses made to him by the Committee.

The Chairman then handed in the following letter:—

"SIR,—

"Wellington, 20th August, 1875.

"I have the honor to most respectfully request that Sir G. Grey, K.C.B., and Mr. George T. Wilkinson, Licensed Interpreter, at Grahamstown, may be examined before the Tairua Investigation Committee, as I believe they can give material evidence on my behalf in the questions submitted to the Committee for investigation.

"I have, &c.,

"The Chairman, Tairua Investigation Committee."

"JAMES MACKAY.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Rolleston, That the Committee do adjourn till Wednesday, 25th August, at 11 o'clock.

The Committee then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1875.

The Committee met pursuant to notice at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT:

Sir G. Grey in the Chair.

Hon. Major Atkinson,	Mr. Richmond,
Hon. Sir D. McLean,	Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Reid,	

The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.