

No. 48.

Captain PORTER to Mr. J. A. WILSON.

SIR,—

Militia Office, Gisborne, 23rd June, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 442, of 22nd instant, and in reply to state that the conversation alluded to, although perfectly true, I am averse to placing on official record unless upon Government inquiry into the circumstances of the case. I consider what transpired yesterday as non-official.

I have, &c.

J. W. PORTER,

Captain, Adjutant.

J. A. Wilson, Esq., Land Purchase Commissioner, Gisborne.

No. 49.

Copy of Remarks made by Judge ROGAN before giving Evidence, 11th November, 1876.

Re J. A. Wilson's Charges.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT,—

At fourteen years of age I obtained an appointment on the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, in Drogheda, in, I think, the year 1835, when I entered the calculating-room, which was the Junior Department. In two years' time I was promoted to the Drawing Department; and I can produce a testimonial from the Chief of the Engineers' Department, written in 1837, to the effect that I was steady, persevering, and industrious, and that I could draw plans pretty accurately. I left for Bangor, in Wales, and took to surveying on the Tithe Commission Survey. I proceeded to London, and became engaged in outdoor calculations for the Tithe Commission Office, Somerset House.

In 1840 I received an appointment as Second Assistant Surveyor for the Plymouth Company of New Zealand, when I sailed for this country with Mr. Carrington, the Chief Surveyor. I was engaged in the capacity of Assistant Surveyor for about five years, until the New Zealand Company's operations ceased. Afterwards I was employed at intervals as Clerk and Surveyor and Overseer on roads, until the year 1852 or 1853, when the Hon. Donald McLean (then Mr. McLean), the Land Purchase Commissioner, came to Taranaki, and asked me to conduct some sketch surveys for him at Mokau. I have a lively recollection of this business, as I returned £10 in debt, being at the rate of ten shillings a day. I merely mention this because one of the Commissioners of this Court, who was afterwards Superintendent of Taranaki, then expected me to conduct a survey on the same terms, which I, however, declined. Subsequently I received a permanent appointment from the Government as Land Purchase Commissioner. I need hardly remind the Court that I was successful at Mokau, Raglan, Aotea, Mahurangi, Whangarei, Waikato, and Kaipara. No one in New Zealand knows better than the present Native Minister, Sir Donald McLean, the value of my services as a subordinate Land Purchase Commissioner. It is not necessary for me to enumerate the various blocks of land I have purchased for the Government in the different districts already named, for full particulars relating to them will be found embodied in the public records of the time.

No. 50.

COPY of Telegram forwarded to CHIEF JUDGE, 9th July, and Chief Clerk's Reply *re* Waingaromia.
No. 1, 2, 3, and Haumatuku.

Gisborne, 9th July, 1875.

THE following blocks of land have been surveyed complete. It is important to the owners and the public to have these two blocks gazetted for hearing during the sitting of the present Court, and before the end of the month it is recommended that these be gazetted at once.

Haumatuku.

Boundaries commencing at Taumata te Whakapakihau, Hau Matuku, Whare o Rahire, Te Rere, the boundary line of Rangatira Block to Mareturatu.

Ngatimaru Hapu.

Wi Mahuika, Patariki Pahura, Tiopira Tawhia.

Boundaries of Waingaromia No. 1.

Taromiro, Arakihi, Parikanapa, Makaha Kaha; thence to Waingaromia.

Waingaromia No. 2.

Arakihi, Paraheka, Tangihanga, Whakaumu, Te Waiau, Mangamaunu, Makerokero, Mangatuamaru, Waingaromia. (Applicants: Pita te Huhu, Hone Kewa, Apirana, Moa Kaihau, Toromiro, Matai); thence to Urumatai Stream, to Waihora. (Applicants: Pita te Huhu, Hone Kewa, Paora Haupa). All applicants, Aetanga-a-Mahaki tribe.

J. ROGAN,

Judge, Native Land Court.

The Chief Judge Native Land Court, Auckland.