

*Hupata te Kaka.*

March 17, 1879.

1190. *Mr. Lundon.*] Is your name in more Crown grants than one?—My name is in the Crown grant of Matarau. There are two blocks of land for which Crown grants are issued, and in which my name is—namely, Maimaru and Matarau.

1191. Have you sold any of that Maimaru Block to Mr. Simpson?—I did sell a portion.

1192. What did you get an acre for it?—Ten pounds an acre.

1193. How much did you sell of that land?—Two acres.

1194. Could not you sell more if you liked at the same price?—If any one wanted to purchase at the same price I would let him have a piece.

1195. Did not Mr. Simpson want more?—No.

1196. Is Conrad's house a wooden or a raupo house?—It is a raupo house.

1197. Is he in occupation of my house?—He does live in your house.

1198. Do you not think he is on the roll for that house, instead of a raupo house?—I do not know.

1199. Have you not made several applications for the last ten or twelve years to be on the roll for Matarau and Maimaru? When did you first apply to be placed on the roll for these properties?—I think it was before the election of Mr. McLeod and Mr. Lundon, or it was about that time.

1200. Was it not the election between me and Mr. Carleton?—I have forgotten the date. I do not know when it was.

1201. *The Commissioner.*] Did you apply to be on the roll year after year?—Yes; because I was anxious to have my name inserted on the roll.

1202. When did your name first appear on the roll of voters?—I am not aware that my name is on the permanent roll.

1203. It is on the roll now?—At the commencement I did not know that.

1204. When you made your application last year had your name ever been on the electoral roll before that time?—I am speaking in the dark.

1205. *Mr. Lundon.*] Are you acquainted with Heteraka Taumataiti's family?—I am.

1206. How many sons has he got?—Two.

1207. What age are they?—I do not know their ages. All that I know is that they are grown up. Both of them are married.

1208. Do you think they are more than twenty-one years of age?—They are over twenty-one. I think one is thirty.

1209. How many children has he got?—My elder brother has five children.

1210. Then, if anybody said the two sons are minors that statement is incorrect?—It would be incorrect.

1211. And it is also incorrect if anybody said Heteraka had a numerous family?—That would be incorrect, if any one said he had a large family. It is quite untrue that he has many children.

1212. Is Heteraka related to you?—Yes.

1213. Had Heteraka a wooden house in the Awanui?—He had.

1214. Was Mr. White ever in it?—He saw the house, and entered it.

1215. Did Mr. White store two casks of rum there for a long time that had been seized and put in that house?—Yes.

1216. *The Commissioner.*] Have you noticed the names of any minors upon the electoral roll?—I did not notice any minors.

1217. Have you carefully examined the names of all the people on that roll with whom you are acquainted?—I only looked at it the day before yesterday for the first time.

1218. Have you examined it sufficiently to be able to say that none of the names of your acquaintance upon it are minors?—There are none of them with whom I am acquainted under the age of twenty-one; for instance, there is a younger son of Heteraka: his age is not under twenty-one. He is a young man, and I do not think he is as low as twenty-one. He is more than twenty-one.

1219. *Mr. Lundon.*] Is he older than Nopera?—Yes; Heteraka's younger son is older than Nopera. Heteraka's younger son is stunted.

1220. Is it not usual for Natives to ask one to sign for the lot of them?—I do not think that is a Maori custom.

1221. *The Commissioner.*] Have you seen many Natives sign this electoral roll?—No; I have only seen these people belonging to my own place sign.

1222. Did they sign separately, or was one man put forward to sign for the lot?—Each man signed his own application; that is, those who came under my observation.

1223. *Mr. Lundon.*] Do you know whether William Bates has been frequently in this district?—Who is that man?

1224. The man who came with Patrick Lundon to get a petition signed?—I only saw him once at the Awanui.

The Court adjourned until 2.30 p.m., at which time it resumed.

*Mr. Lundon* intimated that he would like to have Wiremu Kanara's evidence continued, and the witness was accordingly re-called.

WIREMU KANARA recalled.

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*The Commissioner:* If you do not feel strong in health, I have no wish to continue your evidence. I do not attach any particular importance to it.

*Witness:* I wish to continue my statement.

1225. *The Commissioner.*] I will repeat my last question. You did not see Wata Mohi sign?—No, I did not.

1226. How came you to sign this statement that you had seen him sign?—Because we signed that name. The person himself was not there.

1227. Whom do you mean by "we"? Wata Mohi was not there? Who actually signed his name?—Ho Tararu; because we knew he had a proper qualification—a house and a Crown grant.