

*Mr. von Stürmer.*

March 24, 1878.

1550. Did you and the Resident Magistrate of the Bay of Islands sit on a case of Offord's?—  
[The Commissioner ruled that the question had no relevancy to the investigation.]

1551. Do you recollect going with Mr. John Williams to Mr. Cochrane, sen., to induce him to vote for Mr. Williams?—No. I never went with that view. We went to Mr. Cochrane's, and when Mr. Williams began to talk about the election I immediately walked to the door. Mr. John Williams is in Court, and will be able to support my statement.

1552. Did you go together to Hardiman's?—We were going round to have a glass of beer, and Hardiman was standing at the door. We had a glass of beer. I believe Mr. Williams did speak to Hardiman about the voting, but I did not.

1553. Was any one else present?—I cannot recollect. We had our glass of brandy or beer, and went away.

1554. Was Mrs. Hardiman present?—I cannot say.

1555. You say that Hone Toia is fifty years of age?—Yes.

1556. If any person has sworn in another place that he was a minor, he would be swearing what was not true?—Yes, if he deliberately swore it.

1557. If the Resident Magistrate at the Bay of Islands swore it, would that be wrong?—If he had made a statement that he saw him and that he was under twenty-one, and he was over twenty-one, it would be perjury.

1558. *The Commissioner.*] That is not a proper way to put it. If it were stated in Court that that man was a minor by the Resident Magistrate, would that be correct or incorrect?—It would be incorrect; but Mr. Iundon was putting it in another way altogether.

1559. *Mr. Iundon.*] Are you acquainted with Hapeta Wi Whangaroa, No. 252 on the roll?—I know the name very well. I would not say I know the man.

1560. Would you say he is a minor?—If he is the man I imagine, he is not a minor.

1561. Have you seen the list of objections for last year?—That is the list we have been speaking of all the time.

1562. Is there any person at Waimate or Pakaraka objected to?—I have not gone into that matter. I have kept within my own district.

1563. You are aware of a large number of objections for the Mongonui County?—Yes.

1564. Does it not appear strange that objections have been made for Mongonui and Hokianga, and not for Waimate and Pakaraka? Did you notice that the Waimate appears to be somewhat free from objections?—I did not; but I noticed it was rather free from the list of people put on the roll. There were not so many put on for those districts as for others.

1565. *The Commissioner.*] Are you aware that there are people on the roll for Waimate without any title?—No, I am not.

1566. *Mr. Iundon.*] Have I repeatedly told you that there were over a hundred on the roll for that district holding in common?—Within the last few months I have heard you make many statements. I have heard them, and simply heard them, and taken no notice of them. It is possible you may have said this. I have heard you say so many things that I am sorry to say I cannot recollect them. I have heard you make very bitter complaints.

1567. Do you know the schoolmaster at the Kohukohu?—Yes.

1568. Is he on the roll?—Yes.

1569. What is the nature of his qualification?—I do not know his house; it is in the bush. It was formerly a weatherboard house.

1570. Do you know old John Wright?—Yes.

1571. Are you not aware he is on the roll?—I am not aware. He was formerly on the roll.

1572. What was the nature of his qualification?—He had a large house.

1573. *The Commissioner.*] How did he come to be removed from the roll?—His house fell into disrepair, and he left the district.

1574. *Mr. Iundon.*] Are you aware the Clerk of the Court was removed from his position for voting for me?—He was not.

1575. Are you not aware that Mr. Carleton made an objection to his voting for me?—I am aware that he had notice four months before the election took place.

1576. And he was not removed in consequence of an objection lodged by Mr. Carleton?—He had this notice four months before the election; that is an answer.

1577. *The Commissioner.*] Did Mr. Carleton lodge an information against him?—He did—for betting, and interesting himself in the election.

1578. Is that contrary to the Civil Service Regulations?—I presume that to interest yourself in an election would be contrary to the Civil Service Regulations.

1579. *Mr. Iundon.*] Did not the nephew of the sitting member make an application for the situation?—Yes; he applied for the appointment before the election, and he was refused.

1580. Do you know Wiremu Titore?—I do.

1581. Do you know whom he voted for last election?—I do not.

1582. Do you know that his name was objected to?—I do not know whether it was or not. If he held in common I should have objected to him.

1583. Are you aware he is on the roll?—I believe he is.

1584. *The Commissioner.*] Do you know when he got on the roll?—No.

1585. *Mr. Iundon.*] You are aware he voted last election?—He was on the Point (Herd's) last election; but I do not know whether he voted or not.

1586. Are you aware that some of the Omanaia Natives voted for Mr. Williams?—I cannot say how they voted.

1587. Are you aware that some of them voted for me?—I am not aware how they voted.

1588. Have you heard that those who voted for me were objected to and put off the roll?—I have heard you say so.

1589. No one else?—No.