

Then there is the advice of the great people who are dead, Apihai te Kawau, Potatau te Whero-where, Ihikiere te Tinana, Paikea te Hekeua, and Te Waaka Nene, and all the chiefs. We their descendants will hold fast to the covenant of the Treaty of Waitangi and Kohimarama—that is, to all that was laid down by Governor Hobson at Waitangi, and the words spoken by Governor Browne at Kohimarama. He expressed his wish that the pakehas and the Maoris should be united. We intend to abide by this advice of the Governor. We are also of opinion that the settlement of all difficulties should be left to Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan, who will redress all our grievances, and allow the *mana* Maori to remain over our lands. We also ask that the member for this district should be elected at this meeting. This is from the runanga of Te Taou, of Ngatiwhatua.

Paul: My opinion is, that the people who approved of that document which you have read should have signed it.

Tamihana: I shall refer to what Te Otene has said about the Treaty of Waitangi. I say that treaty is not wrong. The wrong was brought about by men. The treaty was entered into in a time of peace, not in a time of war or evil. I think a member of Parliament should be elected for this district, in order that he may make known our wants. I want a member belonging to our district of Kaipara, one of our own people, in order that he may understand the questions that affect us. It should not be allowed for a foreign person to sit in judgment. I am very strong in my desire that a member should be elected for the Kaipara and Waitemata Districts. Then our wishes would be carried out. That is all I have to say.

Hori Winiata: Salutations to you who convened this meeting. Our friend Mr. Kemp, the Commissioner, salutations to you also. Welcome. Come here, people, from each side, that you may see the treasures this day. I shall submit to the authority of the Government now. When the Government came to Waitemata I was loyal, and I am still loyal.

Paul: We fully discussed this question yesterday. Let us now discuss the Treaty of Waitangi. As to what has been said about the lands, it is quite right in some instances. Formerly people sold their lands because they desired the pakeha to buy them, and now they complain. They sold their lands of their own will, and now they come to this Parliament and complain. Neither the Government nor the Queen are to blame. The Maoris themselves are to blame for this state of things. We are guilty of a great wrong when we accuse the Government of having been the cause of these misfortunes. Why, the Maoris brought these troubles upon themselves by opening their mouths for money. They sold their lands to the Government, and when they had spent the money they began to make these complaints.

Te Wiremu Reweti: Salutations to you, my father who erected this Parliament House during the Ministry of Grey and Sheehan. You erected this house in order that we may meet and look into our troubles. If anything is decided by this Parliament the resolutions will be submitted to Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan. With reference to what has been said about a member for this district, my desire is that Paora Tuhaere should be our member to carry out these things. He should make known the resolutions of this meeting to Grey and Sheehan, because by writing it would be very difficult to explain it all to them. I think that Paul Tuhaere should speak to them first. I am not speaking of the stipulations in this Treaty of Waitangi. I do not think I was born at that time. I wish Paul to be our member in order that our grievances may be made known and redressed. The other people never thought of convening meetings like this for that purpose. They discussed the matters in this document about the advice given by the old people and the Treaty of Waitangi. It was Paul who first thought of meetings like this. He then decided to build this house. Therefore I say that he ought to be the member to lay the resolutions before Sir George Grey and the Parliament. That is all I have to say.

Herewini Mauwi, of Ngatiwhatua, Babylon, Kaipara: Salutations to you, Paul Tuhaere, Chairman of this Parliament. Salutations to you and your runanga. I intend to support what the Chairman said in reference to the Treaty of Waitangi. With regard to the Treaty of Kohimarama, life and death came out of that treaty. The death was brought about by the Maoris themselves, and the life by the Maoris also. The cause of the death was the surveying of land and the issue of Crown grants. I possess my own piece of land, 7,000 acres, and my object in coming to this Parliament was in order that you might hear about my acres—that my *mana* should remain upon them, because this land has not yet been surveyed. Therefore I determined to bring the matter before this House. Let me have the *mana* over that land alone; also, over the fisheries and pipi-grounds therein. I will now speak of the words of the last speaker—that we should elect some member at this meeting to represent us in the Parliament at Wellington. I am of opinion that our member should be Paul Tuhaere. He is the member to convey my words to Grey and Sheehan in order that I may get a reply.

Kipa: Salutations, my father, the person who has revived the old tikangas by erecting this house for a similar purpose to that of the Conference at Kohimarama. I support what Te Hemara says. I support that, because I think it is right. With respect to our grievances about the fisheries, the forests, and the lands, let Paul have the *mana* over all these things. I once applied to the late Sir Donald McLean for a piece of land called Tehipekapeka. That piece of land I want Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan to restore to me during the time of their administration. Therefore I say, let the resolutions of this meeting be given effect to by the Chairman. That is a confirmed word of mine.

Waata Tipa: My reason for getting up is to say a few words on the subjects mentioned by the Chairman. He said there were three matters which we are to discuss to-day; but since we have been here the people have been talking on several other subjects. They spoke of the ministers; but I do not condemn them. The reason that I do not condemn the ministers is that they do not buy land; it was granted to them by the Committees. I am a loyal subject; but I will tell you some of the faults of the pakeha. With regard to what the Chairman said, that the Queen in the Treaty of Waitangi promised that the Maoris should retain their *mana*, that word is correct, because the Queen accepted us as her subjects, and she said to the Maori belonged the *mana* over his pipi-grounds. I have never seen any trouble arising from this. The Queen also said that the Maoris should retain their *mana* over the sea; but I have seen trouble arise from this. When vessels anchor they have to