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# H. R. RUSSELL V. GRINDELL AND DIDSBURY

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO UNPAID WITNESSES' EXPENSES IN THE CASE OF).

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

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## No. 1.

Mr. ORMOND to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Wellington, 10th December, 1879.

The enclosed letter, from a settler of the name of Dean, resident at Te Aute, Hawke's Bay, relates to a claim he and others have for expenses as witnesses in the *Waka Maori* case. Mr. Dean alleges that no allowance was made him and the other witnesses he refers to, although he and they have applied for the same. They petitioned the House for redress, and the Native Affairs Committee reported against their claim, but, as far as I can learn, without having made any inquiry into the case.

I have no personal knowledge of the case, but, if it be correct that these people were summoned as witnesses, I conclude they should receive some allowance for their expenses. Will you be good enough to have the case inquired into, with a view to giving such redress as the circumstances deserve?

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

J. D. ORMOND.

## Enclosure in No. 1.

Mr. DEAN to Mr. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Te Aute, 27th November, 1879.

Having sent a petition to you to present to Parliament, and having heard nothing from you as yet, I take the liberty of writing to you concerning it. It was a petition to recover our expenses in the case *Russell v. Waka Maori*. I am informed that all expenses have been paid over to Dr. Buller, and, I think, it is very unjust that we have not been paid long before this. As it is over two years since, it put me, for one, to a great deal of expense; as I was obliged to keep my team idle for eighteen days, and I myself staying in Napier and paying hotel expenses. I am quite £30 out of pocket by it, and I think we ought to get some redress. Hoping that you will give me, and all of us, your aid to recover our expenses,

I have, &c.,

J. D. Ormond, Esq.

EDWIN DEAN.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GENTLEMEN,—

We, the undersigned, beg to petition that you will kindly entertain our claims for compensation for loss of time and expenses incurred in attending to give evidence in the case of H. R. Russell v. Grindell and another for libel, taken at Napier, July, 1877; and, as we have applied to Mr. Grindell, the Hon. J. Sheehan, and Dr. Buller, without being able to obtain any redress, should esteem it a great favour if your honourable Assembly would kindly direct that the case may be inquired into, and our claim satisfied.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

EDWIN DEAN.

WM. A. CANNON,

(on behalf of wife, Hokemata Hauraki Kautewhata.)

NGAUEKI NGUHA.

KA WHENA.

HABATA.