

rotten or sold, my egg remains. When it is hatched it will come forth. It matters not about the disputed boundary of Ngatimaniapoto, and they should shift your boundary. Listen! This is the day my egg shall be hatched, it matters not whether through a lease, a sale, or adultery. My boundary is the former one. If my egg is not hatched to-day I shall talk to the whole of us; I shall not throw it away. Rotten men and rotten land should be buried in a graveyard. This is the day the king is to be established.

*Paurini* (of Whanganui): My mind is at rest. Topia called this meeting, and we are here present; and he has asked us to submit our minds, bodies, and lands to the king. Yes, I say; yes; if it is satisfactorily concluded, yes. I agree that Hori should speak, as we have already settled the question. I shall have something to say *re* boundary; but I have not yet heard what took place *re* the mission to England. I shall speak with respect to two questions in my mind: one is the meeting of the people here, and the other the arrival of Hori from England. If these are satisfactorily settled I shall be satisfied.

*Whakaiti*: We have been discussing these questions for two days, and I have not spoken. I am an old disciple of Potatau's. I am waiting for something new. I have only discovered that Tawhiao is king.

*Matuahu*: Yesterday was the day for having sins forgiven by ministers. If it were possible to open a man's inside without pain we should see that his mind was not made up, and that the words outside were not the same as those inside. We talked nonsense yesterday; we left the subject outside and arrived at nothing. Wise people become possessed of all good clothes; I think it is because of their minds. If it were not for the good clothes, and if we all wore the clothes of our ancestors, I should agree with all that has been said, but not now. We must not say that this refers to Hori, let him wear his good clothes. Hori is taking up European difficulties, but I think the real difficulty is between Te Heuheu and myself; Okahakura is one. If you can get us out of this difficulty I shall uphold you as a man of wisdom. I wish to know if all the people are to be of one mind; but if you wish to go your own way, go, by all means. What does it matter? I have little to say *re* "Rohe-potae." I did not make it, others did. I have laid my troubles before Hori, and said "Relieve me of them." I am not anxious to seek support from Europeans.

*Heperi Pikirangi*: Some people say that the King should reign and a Native Committee under him, and that members (Natives) of Parliament and Land Courts should be abolished. I do not know whether you agree with these questions, but Hori said they would be discussed to-day.

*Ngatau* (of Ngatimaniapoto): I agree with Heperi.

*Te Keepa Puataata*: I agree with Te Heuheu and Matuahu.

*Te Moana* invited the people to bring their troubles and lay them at Hori's feet. Wahanui ruled this boundary more for the purpose of gaining power with Europeans than of following the king.

*Hitiri Paerata*: *Re* those lands commencing at Whangamata and going on to Lake Taupo, Poihipi, Hohepa, and others have been strong enough to prevent this land being invaded by others. I think all Natives who are dissatisfied with their leases there should give them into the hands of the Native Committee.

*Kiniapa te Hauairo* (of Waihi): Bring forward your difficulties.

*Hori Ropiha*: I am only speaking *re* lands &c., which have been passed through the Court. Get the map and keep it. Do not pass that land through the Court. If you are dissatisfied with the lease, leave that with me. Objectionable leases formerly made contained improvement clauses. We have no objection to roads and railways, provided they do not encroach on Native land. Our great desire is that we should have Native government for Native localities. The Queen has power to give this. What I say is that peace shall reign over all the world. Do not be foolish. We must be one. There is a oneness of the pakeha and a oneness of the Maori. It matters not whether European customs or laws or Maori ones shall be the same. I also wish to say something about gold-digging, and I wish you to prevent people from prospecting, as I do not agree that the gold should be worked. I say the land, the gold, and the men are mine. Do not be foolish enough to kill men or to go to Court. Leave these things to me. *Re* former leases, if there are improvement clauses they are objectionable; if the Government wish to open up country for roads, Natives have no objection, but they fear lest the chiefs should be deprived of the power given by the Treaty of Waitangi. My great desire is that, *re* roads and railways, Natives should have Native government. I support the king and this document which is to support him. I and Topia went to England for this purpose.

A document was then placed before the meeting for signature, representing their adherence to the resolutions placed before the meeting, and declaring their submission to the king. It was signed on behalf of the people present by the following chiefs: Topia Turoa, Kingi Herekiekie, Matuahu, Hitiri Paerata, Tini Waata, Te Ahi Pu, Te Heuheu Tukino, Te Whakaiti, and Tureiti te Heuheu.

*Te Potatau* (of Manganui-te-Ao, Tuhua): I know the king reigns, and I am under him. I do not believe in the distinction between chiefs and common people. I think all should sign alike, and then we should pull together. I am opposed to surveys, &c., and will not have my land interfered with at all.

*Te Rangi Koiaohi*: One wrong done to us by the Europeans was that they put up a trig. station in a graveyard. I was afraid to use force, lest I should be taken up for doing so.

*Te Moana*: Leave the land as it is. Let those who are kingites be so, and those who are not, let them do otherwise; but let us agree. Hohepa says that he is right, but how do I know that he is? I support Te Heuheu and Topia, also Potatau and Tawhiao.

*Tapihana* (of Te Ore, Tuhua): Tawhiao holds the people and the land. I agree with what Hori said. I have nothing to say *re* Land Courts, leases, or Parliaments, as I never had anything to do with any of them.