

150. How did you propose to keep that promise?—I have no power by me.

151. What would you do if you had the power?—I think a minimum of 14 acres a head, if I were a member of the Government, not as satisfying my own honour as a private individual.

Memorandum by Mr. Kemp.

MR. FENTON,—

In reply to the inquiries made by you in reference to the petition from the Natives in the Middle Island assembled at Kaiapoi on the 25th March, 1874, I beg leave to state as follows:—

1. That I am not aware that I made use of any threat or intimidation whatever on the occasion of the cession of the land comprised within what is commonly known as Kemp's Deed.

2. That I do not remember that the system pursued by the New Zealand Company in the first instance, of devoting a tenth of the lands ceded to the use of the Natives, was made applicable in this case, but, on the contrary, my dealings with the Native sellers were very much governed by the arrangements adopted by Sir George Grey when making the purchase of the Wairau from the Ngaitoa, viz., that of making sufficient reserves for their present and future wants.

3. And in reference to that part of the deed which refers to the setting apart of further reserves by the Government, I think that the impression on my mind, and on the minds of the Natives made at the time, was, that the provision hereafter to be made was one which was to be carried out in a liberal spirit, and in such proportions as to meet the wants and provide for the general future welfare of the Natives resident at the different settlements at the time the purchase was made.

Civil Commissioner's Office, Auckland, June, 1876.

H. T. KEMP.

NO. 25.—STATEMENT BY H. K. TAIAROA, M.H.R., ON THE REPORT BY JUDGE FENTON ON THE PETITION OF THE NGAITAHU TRIBE.

KO TE PUKAPUKA a H. K. TAIAROA, M.H.R., hei whakahoki i nga korero o te Panui a Penetana, Tumuaiki o te Kooti Whakawa Whenua Maori (ko te nama o taua Pukapuka G.—7A. 1876).

Ko taua panui a Penetana i tuku ai ki te Kawanatanga he pukapuka ia mo te Paremata hei titiro ma nga mema o nga Paremata hei rapu hoki ma nga tangata katoa o te ao nei. Ko nga korero o taua pukapuka a Penetana he roa noa atu, e maharatia ana i pau katoa nga whakaaro nui o Penetana i a ia e mahi ana i aua kupu kia hoki ai ka kupu o te pukapuka inoi a Ngaitahu.

I tinata te korero a Penetana mo te wahi whakatekau. I penei tana korero: "I whakaaria ki nga Maori na ratou i hoko nga whenua i te Waipounamu ka whakahokia ki a ratou kotahi eka i roto i ia tekau eka, i tetahi whakaritenga a ratou ko Wairawake i te tau 1844."

1. Ka whakahokia e au te kupu a Penetana mo te whakatekau. Ki toku mahara kahore rawa a Penetana i whai kupu mo taua whakatekau. I mahara ahau kua kaiponutia e Penetana tana mahara mo taua whakatekau, kua mahue pea i tona matauranga; otira maku e ki nana ranei te take i mahue ai, na ana kai-tohutuhu ranei, me whaaki atu e ahau kia rongono nga taringa o Penetana, kia kite ano ana kanohi. I mea au kia ki penei atu au i te tau 1844 ko te iwi Maori o Niu Tireni i kuare katoa ki tenei mea ki te hoko whenua; kahore ratou i mohio e pehea ana ratou inahoki i taua wa tera ka Maori e hoatu noa i Niu Tireni mo te kupu anake—mo tetahi toki matau ranei. I taua wa kahore hoki i matau ki te tuihitihi pukapuka ki te korero ranei i te pukapuka. Otira i te hokonga o te Poraka o Otakou—i mea ratou i roto i a ratou pukapuka-inoi ki te Paremata o te tau 1874 me te pitihana o te tau 1875—i mea te kupu i roto i te pukapuka-inoi i tohe ano ratou ki a Wairawake raua ko Haimona kia nui te utu mo to ratou oneone. Kahore a Wairawake i pai, ka mea nga Maori me whakakahore taua hoko. Katahi ka riro ma Wairawake e tohe kia whakaee nga Maori, ka mea ka Maori e kore ratou e pai. Ka tohe tonu a Wairawake, katahi ka mahara a Wairawake akuanei kore ai e riro i a ia taua whenua ka puta te kupu a Wairawake me whakaee nga Maori kia kotahi pihi ma te Maori kia kotahi pihi ma te Pakeha, haunga ia nga whenua i wehea ki waho mo nga Maori ake. I tohutuhu ano hoki a Wairawake ratou tahi ko ona hoa i aua kupu ki nga Maori, i tohutuhu ano a Wairawake ma ki tetahi pukapuka i a ratou e korero ana, i haehaea peneitia te pukapuka kia marama ai nga Maori: [1 | 2 | 3 | 4] Ko te nama 1 he pihi Pakeha, ko te nama 2 he pihi Maori, ko te nama 3 he pihi Pakeha ko te nama 4 he pihi Maori pena tonu pau noa te Poraka i Otakou. Na nga Pakeha nei tenei kupu kotahi eka i roto i nga tekau eka hei wehe mai hei painga mo nga Maori, e mohio ana ahau ki nga korero a nga Maori mo te tika o aua kupu. E ki ana hoki nga Maori i te panuitanga mai o te pukapuka hoko i panuitia mai ano hoki aua kupu "kotahi pihi Pakeha, kotahi pihi Maori" i te ra i tuhia ai nga ingoa ki te pukapuka o te hoko. Otira e nui noa atu ka korero hei whakakaha i aua kupu mehemea ka pai te ngakau o te tangata Pakeha ki te rapu i te tika. Tirohia koia te pukapuka a Kapene Haimona o te 2 o Hepetema 1844, e ki na i whakarerea e ia te whakahua he oneone ke atu ma Ngaitahu i roto i te Tiiti i runga hoki i te tono a Wairawake kia whakarerea taua whakahuatanga. Ka kitea ano e koutou te pukapuka a Wairawake ki te Whakaminenga o taua tau ano 1844 e ki ana i whakarerea e ia te whakahua he oneone ke ma Ngaitahu i runga i te kore kai ruri hei wehewehe i aua eka mo nga Maori i taua wa. Tirohia ano e koutou te Ture o te whakamananga o Te Ture Whakarite Tikanga mo Niu Tireni 15 me 16 Vict. c. 72, a te Paremete Nui o Ingarangi hei whakahaere tikanga ma taua Kapene hoko whenua ki Niu Tireni; me nga kupu tohutuhu mai ano a taua Paremata o Ingarangi kia tika kia pono te mahi a te iwi Pakeha ki nga Maori me ta ratou hoko hoki i nga whenua kia tika rawa ki taua ture a taua Paremata o Ingaraki.

Me whakahoki e au te kupu tuatahi a Penetana mo te whakatekau i tuhia i te kupu tuatahi o te pukapuka a Penetana.

Kahore rawa ahau e whakapono kahore tetahi tangata ngakau pono e whakapono, kahore i te rangi, i runga o te whenua ranei i raro i te wai ranei i raro i te whenua.

Ko te whakahoki mo te kupu tuatahi a Penetana—Kahore rawa he pono o tenei kupu e mea nei kua pohehetia nga Maori o Ngaitahu. Ki toku mahara kahore i pohehe ki nga hoko o mua me nga hoko o muri iho; ekari ko Penetana kei te pohehe ki ana korero i tuku ai ki tenei Paremata. Kei te panui kuare hoki ia i ana korero i runga i tona kore matau ki aua ritenga. Ki te kiia he tika