

WANGANUI, 27TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Native Land Courthouse at 11.30 a.m.

Present : Messrs. J. Carroll, M.H.R., and Thomas Mackay.

A number of Natives of the Whanganui Tribe were present. Mr. Carroll addressed them in Maori, and Takerangi Mete Kingi, Te Waka Hakaraia, Te Aro, and Kahukaka te Kupenga replied.

At 2.15 p.m. the Commission sat again in the same place and examined Samuel Thomas Fitzherbert, barrister and solicitor, and Gifford Marshall, barrister and solicitor.

The Commission adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 29TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Royal Hotel at 10.45 a.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), J. Carroll, M.H.R., and Thomas Mackay.

Edward Nolloth Liffiton, auctioneer and land agent, of Wanganui, was examined.

The Commission adjourned at 11.15 a.m.

NAPIER, 1ST MAY, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Supreme Court library at 2.30 p.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), and Thomas Mackay.

Captain George Augustus Preece, R.M., Government Native Agent and Trust Commissioner, and Edwin Heathcote Williams, barrister and solicitor, were examined.

The Commission adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

NAPIER, 2ND MAY, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Masonic Hotel at 11 a.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), and J. Carroll, M.H.R.

Paora Kaiwhata, a chief of Ngatikahungunu Tribe, was examined.

The Commission adjourned at 11.30 a.m.

NAPIER, 4TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Supreme Court library at 10.30 a.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), J. Carroll, M.H.R., and Thomas Mackay.

Francis Logan, barrister and solicitor; Josiah Pratt Hamlin, licensed interpreter; Matthew Robertson Miller, stock and station agent; and James Wren Carlile, barrister and solicitor, were examined.

The Commission adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

WAIPAWA, 5TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Oddfellows' Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), J. Carroll, M.H.R., and Thomas Mackay.

A large number of chiefs and people of the Ngatikahungunu Tribe were in attendance.

Mr. Carroll addressed the gathering in Maori, detailing the purposes for which the Commission had been appointed, and inviting the Natives to freely state their views, and explain their grievances.

Henare Matua, Henare Tomoana, Renata Pukututu, Hori Ropiha, Whata Korari, Pene te Ua, Arapeta Meha, Nepe te Aritu, Ihaia Hutena, Hori Niania, Wi Rangirangi, Aperahama te Kume (from Taupo), Hamiora Mangakahia, Hiraka ti Rongo (from Patea), Horomona, and Emeri te Whetu responded to the invitation. Aperahama te Kume, Hamiora Mangakahia, and Hiraka ti Rongo were also questioned by the Commissioners.

The Commission adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

The Commission sat in the Empire Hotel at 7 p.m.

Present : Mr. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman).

Robert Ward, Judge of the Native Land Court, was examined.

The Commission adjourned at 8 p.m.

WAIPAWA, 6TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Oddfellows' Hall at 9.30 a.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), and J. Carroll, M.H.R.

William Henry Grace, licensed interpreter; Captain Richard Thomas Blake, Native agent; and Alfred La Vavasour Durell Fraser, Native agent, laid their views before the Commission, and were followed by Paora Ropiha, Piripi Make, Horiana, Henare Matua, Pene te Ua, Mohi te Ataihi-koia (Chairman of the District Native Committee), Arapeta Meha, Emeri te Whetu, and Hiraka ti Rongo.

The Commission adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

DANEVIRKE, 7TH MAY, 1891.

The Commission sat in the Masonic Hotel at 8 a.m.

Present : Messrs. W. L. Rees, M.H.R. (Chairman), and J. Carroll, M.H.R.

James Allardice, hotel-keeper, was examined.

The Commission adjourned at 8.20 a.m.