

## APPENDIX A.

## PROCEDURE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF TITLE TO NATIVE LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED that, in all cases where the Natives claiming to be owners of or interested in Native land are desirous to have the title thereto investigated, the procedure shall be as follows :—

1. The leading Natives of the tribe claiming to be the owners of the land in question shall memorialise the Board in the form in the First Schedule hereto.

2. Upon receipt of such memorial the Commissioner shall instruct the District Commissioner in whose district the lands are situated to arrange with the memorialists to hold a meeting by a certain date in their runanga (meeting-house) for the purpose of electing in his presence a tribal Committee, such Committee to be composed of one leading chief of each hapu or sub-tribe claiming to be owners of the lands the subject of the memorial.

3. When such Committee is duly elected the District Commissioner shall place at their disposal the District Surveyor, to assist them in settling the external boundaries of the land in question as between their own tribe and any adjoining tribe. Should any difference arise between any tribe and another, or any hapu and another, regarding boundaries, the District Commissioner shall go into the matter in dispute *on the spot*, on a day to be fixed by him, and his decision in the matter shall be final.

4. When the boundaries are agreed upon, the District Surveyor shall make a survey of the lands and construct a map therefrom on a large scale, showing their position in the provincial survey district, their natural features, mountains, hills, lakes, rivers, streams, swamps, and forests; highest and lowest altitudes above sea-level, and general geological formation; also the sites of paha, cultivations, eel-weirs, fishing villages on the sea coast, if any, and burial-grounds in use or abandoned. Such map to be used for setting out and fixing on it the hapu or sub-tribal boundaries as between each hapu.

5. When all such boundaries are fixed and delineated on the map, and the same agreed to and signed by the Committee, a fresh map is to be made therefrom and certified by the surveyor, and such map shall be the basis of and accompany the application of the Natives to the Native Land Court expressed through the Committee in the form of the Second Schedule hereto.

6. Two copies of such application and map shall be transmitted by the Committee to the District Commissioner, who shall without delay record and forward the same with his report thereon to the Board.

7. The Board, on the receipt of duplicate copies of the application and relative maps, shall, if such are in order, forward without delay one set to the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, with the request that the application may be dealt with by a Court to sit within the district and as near as conveniently may be to the lands the subject of this application.

8. The District Commissioner and surveyor shall attend the Court at the time of the hearing of the application and render every assistance in making matters clear to the Court.

9. When the Court has finally settled the title to the lands in question, the Registrar of the Court shall, without delay, transmit to the Commissioners a certified copy of the order of the Court therein.

10. Costs of preliminary surveys and other expenses to be a first charge on the lands after the title is ascertained.

## APPENDIX B.

## PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF NATIVE LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED that, when any Native land has finally passed through the Court, and a certificate of title thereto has been issued, if the owners thereof are desirous of disposing of any land exclusive of what is amply sufficient for their own use, the procedure shall be as follows :—

1. The District Commissioner shall, in the form in the Third Schedule hereto, call upon the owners set forth in the certificate of title to authorise, in a meeting called for the purpose, the Committee first chosen, or, if deemed expedient, to appoint a fresh Committee, such Committee to be composed and elected in the same manner as the first, to act as