

managers for the whole tribe in regard to (1) the reservation of such portion of the lands of each hapu that should be considered sufficient for their respective pahs, cultivations, eel-weirs, fishing reserves, and burial-places; (2) the setting apart of whatever lands—provided he is of opinion, after due inspection and inquiry, that they are suitable for settlement—the Native owners would be disposed to lease or sell. The District Commissioner, on receiving from the Committee a request in the form in the Fourth Schedule hereto, shall again place a surveyor at their disposal (*a*) to lay off and survey the reserves they wish to retain for their own use; and (*b*) to subdivide into convenient areas and survey the lands they wish to dispose of, and also to lay off roads to give access to the same. An assent to a sale or lease once given shall not be revoked.

2. When such surveys have been completed, and a map thereof on a large scale has been constructed, two copies of such map, together with two copies of a requisition addressed to the Board in the form in the Fifth Schedule hereto, shall be placed by the Committee in the hands of the District Commissioner, who shall without delay transmit one copy of each to the Commissioner, with a report on and an estimate of the minimum value of the lands set apart for lease or sale, classifying the same into three classes, and at same time stating his opinion on the question of lease or sale, or both, of any of the lands to be so dealt with.

3. The Board, on receipt of the map and report from the District Commissioner, shall proceed to consider the same and decide on the several points set forth in the premises submitted to them. As soon as a decision is come to they shall proclaim in the *Gazette*, Maori *Kahiti*, and the local *Gazette* or newspaper circulating in the district, respectively, the lands as open for either lease or sale, as the case may be, in the same manner as is the practice with Crown lands; and direct that a sufficient number of copies of the *Gazette* and *Kahiti* be forwarded to the District Commissioner for distribution in his district.

For further action see sections 28 to 33 of “The Native Land Administration Act, 1886.”

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