

with his claims. He then asked that his claims should be laid before the Commission; and he significantly added, "I am willing to take my chances with all others." Who are the "all others" meant here? It is clear that the "all others" could only refer to British subjects. No one but British subjects had their claims submitted to the Commission; and Mr. Shortland stated in his letter of the 7th August, 1841, that if Mr. Webster did not claim as a British subject then his claim would have to be sent to Britain for advice. Is it fair now to allow him to repudiate his action at this distance of time, when perhaps necessary evidence regarding his claims may not be forthcoming? It is now nearly fifty-one years since his claims were ordered to be adjudicated upon. He did not protest against the tribunal set up for the purpose, or against the Statute by which the tribunal was guided, for he submits his claim to the tribunal. To allow him now to repudiate his own act, and deny the validity of the tribunal that decided his claims, is surely contrary to all law both international and municipal.

8. In my former memorandum, I showed the exact quantity of land that Webster claimed, and what was granted by the Commission. I put it now in tabular form, showing all the claims that were lodged in his behalf and what was done with them:—

SCHEDULE of PURCHASES of LAND in NEW ZEALAND, made by WILLIAM WEBSTER.

No. of Claim.	Date of Purchase.	Consideration allowed by Commissioners.	Consideration stated in Deed.	Locality.	Area claimed.	Award of First Commission.	Approved Award of Second Commission.	Grants issued to Webster and his Co-claimants.
		£ s. d.	£		Acres.		Acres.	
305	June 4, 1837	343 16 0	208	Coromandel ..	250	250 acres.	250	Webster .. 125
305A	Dec. 8, 1836	284 3 6	260	Coromandel ..	250	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase 250 acres.	250	Downing .. 125
305B	Nov. 23, 1839	215 15 6	102	Thames ..	1,500	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase 550 acres.	550	Webster .. 125
305C	Jan. 30, 1837	268 10 0	203	Coromandel ..	800	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase 800 acres.	800	P. Abercrombie 125
305D	1836	..	400	Coromandel ..	1,000	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase		D. E. Munro .. 550
305E	1838	..	1,200	Great Barrier Island*	20,000	No grants recommended. Withdrawn by claimant, 23rd May, 1844	..	Webster .. 400
305F	1836	..	80	Coromandel ..	200			Downing .. 400
305L	1839	..	90	Thames ..	3,000			
305G	1839	421 4 0	490	Point Rodney	10,000	1,944 acres.	1,944	Webster .. 1,944
305H	Nov. 23, 1839	169 3	450	Bay of Plenty (Tairua)	3,000	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase No grant recommended. Not purchased from the rightful owners	..	
305I	May 8, 1838	202 16 0	108	Waiheki Island	3,000	1,187 acres.	1,187	Webster .. 1,187
305J	May 20, 1839	278 0 0	948	Mercury Island	6,000	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase No grant recommended.† Maximum already received.	..	
305K	Dec. 31, 1839	1,726 8 0	1,195	Piako River ..	80,000	2,560 acres.	12,674	Webster .. 1,219
305M	1838	80 0 0	..	Waiheki Island	3,500	<i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase No grant recommended. Purchase not completed before 14th Jan., 1840	..	His co-claimants 11,455
32	Mar. 20, 1838	580 15 0	1,149	Great Barrier Island	20,000 (estimated)	No grant recommended, claimants having received maximum. <i>Bonâ fide</i> purchase	24,269	W. Abercrombie 8,119
								J. Nagle .. 8,070
								Webster .. 8,080
Totals		4,570 11 0‡	6,983		152,500		41,924	41,924§

\* See *infra*, claim 32: Abercrombie, Nagle, and Webster. † *Bonâ fide* purchase proved of a small piece of land at south end of island. ‡ The Second Commission increased this amount to a total of £7,787 13s., by adding thereto the estimate of the cost of buildings erected by Webster on the lands claimed, and interest on his outlay from the date of purchase. § Total, Webster, 13,080 acres; his co-claimants, 28,844 acres.

I may add that it will be seen by reference to this Schedule that the Committee of the Senate has been deceived, for several of the statements in the report are inaccurate.