

347. You know Block 3, where everybody got 105 acres each?—Yes; I know that.
348. Were these omitted persons we have been talking about to get as much or less than that amount?—I do not know about that. The law will decide that.
349. Who was Waiwiri—No. 14—cut off for?—That was a piece apportioned out for the Ngatiraukawa in 1886.
350. Did you ask in Court for a title for the Ngatiraukawa?—That piece of land was cut off from No. 11.
351. In whose name was it put in the Court?—Kemp's.
352. What was he to do with it?—He was to give it to the Ngatiraukawa.
353. Has he done so?—The Ngatiraukawa would not have that piece of land.
354. What became of it, then?—Then it returned to Kemp.
355. Did you agree that Kemp should keep it when the Ngatiraukawa refused it?—No; I did not consent. I wished that piece of land to return into the block from which it had been taken—No. 11. It ought to be put back into the land belonging to Ngatipariri, because it is in their country.
356. You never agreed that Kemp should keep this land for himself?—No.
357. Do you know any other member of the Muaupoko Tribe who did agree at that meeting that it should be Kemp's own?—I never heard of any one consenting that Kemp should retain it.
358. Did you ever hear Kemp asking Muaupoko to agree to leave it with him?—No, I never did. The Muaupoko gave him that piece of land in his own name; but now I say that it ought to be returned and put into No. 11.
359. Why do you say that?—Because that piece of land ought to be gathered together by this inquiry.
360. You say it was cut off and given for Kemp to give to the Ngatiraukawa; why do you say now it should be returned to No. 11?—I want this piece of land to be brought back and put under the mana of No. 11, so that it should belong to No. 11 and afterwards be divided amongst the people.
361. You told us the land had been given to Kemp; why do you ask now that it should be given back?—Because the Ngatiraukawa have not got it; so I think it should be returned to Block 11, from which it was taken.
362. Who was Block 11 awarded to at the Court of 1886?—To Kemp and Warena.
363. Was anything said to Kemp and Warena when it was given to them?—Yes; we did say something to him, but it was not of much consequence.
364. What did you say to them?—"You commenced to take care of this land from 1873, and now, in 1886, we give you this piece of land to take care of."
365. Did you say anything to Warena?—Yes; we said that to both of them.
366. But that would not be true of Warena?—In 1886 his name was put in as a caretaker; that word was turned off from its original meaning and has all gone wrong. The law has said, "None of you have any claim on this land; it belongs to Kemp and Warena." The reason we judged the law has done this is because the land has not come back to us; the caretakers had all to do with this block, so that was why we thought the law had given this block to them both. I thought, "Well, then, it is true that the block belongs to these two," and I asked Kemp, in 1886, to give the land back to the tribe and have it subdivided.
367. What did Kemp say?—He would not consent to it. He said, "I will not consent."
368. Did you ever ask him any more about it?—When we came back to Horowhenua I spoke to him again about it. There was a meeting of Natives and Europeans there, and I spoke to him about it, and he would not consent.
369. What did you say to Kemp?—I spoke in the Square at Palmerston—"Kemp, I think you and the youngster that is with you had better cease your work and let this land be given back to the people." He then said, "I will never, never consent to it." Then I spoke again; I said, "Very well, this land will be consumed"; and it turned out quite right, and it has gone.
370. You say that was in 1890?—It was at the time the Court sat at Palmerston.
371. Do you mean the first or the second Court?—The second Court.
372. Was that when Kemp and Warena were quarrelling?—Yes.
373. He would not agree at all to divide the land?—No.
374. Did you not hear at that time that he proposed to give the tribe 8,000 acres?—Yes; I did hear that.
375. When did you hear that?—At Palmerston, at the same Court.
376. Then, why do you say he would not agree at all to give you anything?—Because that would not have been right to give us 8,000 acres. He said so, but he never gave any; it was not agreed to. What he meant about this was that he would consent to this land being given to the tribe: "If your thoughts are good and clear it will be all right, but, if they are not, it will not be right." The trouble was that Fraser's name had been mixed up with it. It is not good for Europeans to have anything to do with this land; and that was the cause of the trouble.
377. Were you willing to take the 8,000 acres if you could have got them?—I should think time enough when it was offered.
378. Do you not think it would be a good speculation for you to take this 8,000 acres as an instalment, and see what more you can get?—I do not want any halves of the land—I want the whole.
379. After that, did Warena make any offer?—Yes; we heard Warena speak about this land.
380. What did he propose to do?—The land had been divided between Warena and Kemp by the Court, and Warena wanted to give the people 3,000 acres out of his share.
381. So that would be 11,000 acres with what Kemp wanted to give?—No, that is another thing altogether; Kemp wanted to give it to his people, not the Ngatipariri.