

agreed to shift it to Raumatangi. [Vol. 7, page 185, Lewis's evidence, read out.] That may have been previous to the time I have spoken of. I referred to the time Lewis went into the Court to get the section at Raumatangi confirmed. [Minutes for orders made on the 25th November, 1886, read to witness.] I have said I do not know what took place in Court. I know that Kemp lived in Palmerston's house with you at time of Court of 1886. I cannot remember seeing you at the meeting in the barn when Kemp spoke about No. 14.

Cross-examined by Mr. Stevens.

*Witness* : All the Hunia party, Te Paki, Himiona, and, I think, Ria Hamuera and others, were at the Pipiriki meeting. I cannot remember whether Ria Hamuera agreed to or opposed the giving of 3,000 acres to Warena Hunia. This was in 1891. Te Aohau was not present when the 1,200 acres at Ohau was first laid off on the plan for us. The first I knew of it was when I saw it on the plan. I don't know when it was taken into Court. It was on Lewis's second visit to Palmerston that he was told it had been agreed that we were to have the 1,200 acres at Raumatangi. Lewis had heard from the people that it was proposed to give us the land at Ohau; that is why he told Kemp that it would be wrong to give us the land at Ohau. I am not responsible for what Lewis said in Court. Kemp said to the people in the barn that he thought the land at Ohau should be left for him. Kiritotara was the only person who replied to Kemp. I frequently attended the Muaupoko meetings. I was more with them than with my own people. Ria Hamuera may have spoken at the Pipiriki meeting; many women spoke. I cannot remember them all. Kiritotara took a prominent part in the Muaupoko discussions—a more prominent part than most of the men.

*Witness* (to Mr. McDonald) : The balance of No. 11, after Warena got his share, was to go to Major Kemp and the permanent residents. I don't know who was to decide the matter as regards the owners. I think Kemp wished to decide who was to go into the land.

Cross-examined by Mr. Baldwin.

*Witness* : I remember that there were two Courts in 1886. It may have been after Lewis had given his evidence in Court that he told Kemp the land for descendants of Whatanui should be at Raumatangi. I don't wish to contradict Mr. Lewis's evidence. No. 9 was awarded after Lewis spoke to Kemp about it. The No. 9 I first saw on the map was that as shown before the boundaries were adjusted. It was after No. 9 had been given to us that No. 14 was left to Kemp. I was present at the meeting quite by accident. I remember Nicholson giving evidence before the Appellate Court at Otaki on the 23rd January, 1895. [Page 36, "An endeavour was made," &c., read out.] I did not cross-examine Nicholson on that point. I was examining him about our section only. I write Kemp's letters for him, but am not his secretary. I keep some of his accounts for him. Others his pakeha friends do for him. I can't produce any books of accounts. I have receipts for moneys paid away on account of Horowhenua. The reason I do not keep books is that he does not leave his money matters with me altogether. Kemp does not keep a banking account. He had money in the bank about the time he sold the township.

Cross-examined by Henare Apatari.

*Witness* : Many of Muaupoko were in the barn at the time of meeting I have mentioned. I have no idea how many. Te Kiri attracted my attention because she spoke. I cannot say whether Te Paki or Rhipeti were present. I don't know whether Te Paki would have had the courage to object if he had been present.

*Hamuera Karaitiana* : No questions.

Re-examined by Sir W. Buller.

*Witness* : McDonald was agent for Major Kemp at Court of 1886.

*Mr. J. M. Fraser* asked to be allowed to put a few questions to the witness on a personal matter.

*Witness* (to Mr. Fraser) : I remember that you acted for Kemp from March, 1890. You had the conduct of Kemp's affairs in connection with Horowhenua from that date down to the time of the Pipiriki meeting. I remember your advising Kemp to leave the settlement of the Horowhenua question to the Chief Judge. You asked him if you should get Fraser's and Hunia's assent to that course. Kemp agreed to your doing so. I don't know that Kemp has ever withdrawn his authority to you to endeavour to settle the matter. I don't know when I first heard that Kemp had said that he had revoked his authority to you. If he had withdrawn his authority to you I should have heard of it.

*Mr. Baldwin* asked the Court to adjourn till Monday, as he required to be in Wellington tomorrow.

None of the other *kaiwhakahaere* objected.

The Court adjourned till the 15th instant.

MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1897.

The Court opened at 10.15 a.m.

Present : The same.

No. 1, Horowhenua No. 14, resumed.

*Sir W. Buller* called Raniera te Whata.

RANIERA TE WHATA sworn and examined.

*Witness* : I reside at Horowhenua. Was born at Waikiekie, Horowhenua. I am a Muaupoko. Am one of the registered owners of Horowhenua Block. Remember the sitting of the Native Land Court in 1886. I attended it. Major Kemp and I came from Wanganui to Palmerston to attend