

surveyed prior to that, and the Natives quite understood what they were selling; it was outside of that. It was only subsequently they found out they had fixed the portion that was sold, and the plans are not extant. This plan now before the Commissioner has only just been produced, because in 1888 (the year of Te Uriroiroi fight) my elder [*i.e.*, father] went to Whangarei. It was then he saw a man named Tiwe, who had worked with Wilson. Mr. Wilson said he would produce the plan. Subsequently Wilson said he was going to Auckland, and if my father gave him £20 he would send a plan. He was paid the money, but never sent the plan. It is well known that money was subscribed to send them [*i.e.*, elders] to Auckland. After that Wiki te Paa went to Auckland, and the Maoris exerted themselves over this matter. It was just prior to the death of Wilson that Ngakuru Pana went to Whangarei again, and Wilson said he was ashamed he should have had to go, and he would only charge 10s. This was paid. Again Ngakuru went to Auckland to consult a lawyer. He paid W. Swanson £1, and £1 to the lawyer, with no result. We have always occupied the land, and taken the kauri off it to build our houses with. It was only when the land was cut up into sections by the Government that we understood it was claimed by the Government. When J. Baber came to make the survey Ngakuru caused trouble and wished to stop the survey, and it was only because the young people did not wish to take extreme measures that there was no serious trouble; and when the relics were brought from our sacred place by Morell, Ngakuru would have assaulted him, but the young people again stopped it for the sake of peace. I again assert there was a mistake. I do not know the area.

*Mr. Charles Bryers* (sworn) states: I produce this plan—the original plan made by Mr. Wilson—and also some papers relating to the land. In looking up this matter I asked the Minister what he would do for my clients. He said that we had better name a price for compensation, and I said I could not name a price, as I was merely acting as an agent. I put in this plan, and ask that the Commissioner will take great care of it.

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