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Native Land Court (Chief Judge's Office), 4th May, 1916.

Memorandum for the Hon. the Native Minister.

When I made my recommendation dated 22nd June, 1915, under section 14 of the Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1914, re the report of Judge Holland on the above petition (parliamentary paper G.-6a, 1915), I was unaware of the fact that the order made by him, and to which my recommendation referred, had been varied by himself on rehearing, and that such variation had afterwards been affirmed by the Native Appellate Court (Judges McCormick and Rawson).

Strangely enough, Judge Holland did not refer to this phase of the question in his report.

Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that the order as varied on rehearing and affirmed on appeal appointing Paeroa Nopera, Wate Tahi, and Tame Tahi successors to Waaka te Kohi (deceased)—the former for one-half, and the two latter each for one-fourth of the interest—should not be disturbed, and I therefore now desire to vary my recommendation accordingly.

Jackson Palmer, Chief Judge.

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