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NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1916.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 167 OF 1915, RELATIVE TO MAUNGATAPU
D BLOCK.

*Laid before Parliament in compliance with Section 24 of the Native Land Amendment and Native
Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1916.*

Native Land Court (Chief Judge's Office), Wellington, 26th May, 1917.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

PURSUANT to the provisions of section 24 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1916, I have the honour to forward herewith the report of Charles Edward MacCormick, Esq., a Judge of the Native Land Court, on the petition (No. 167 of 1915) of Kahukiwi Parata, praying for further inquiry *re* the ownership of area remaining in the Maungatapu D Block.

The report is very full in all particulars concerning the Au-o-Waikato Block (of which Maungatapu D is a small remnant) from the date the original title was investigated by the Native Land Court just fifty years ago.

After considering all the proceedings in the meantime as set out in the report, I beg to suggest that compensation for 7 acres, which the report fixes as a maximum, be offered in full settlement of the Parata claims, to be paid by the Waikato-Maniapoto District Maori Land Board out of the portion of the rents accruing to Riaki Tahatiki and Reo Hoani under the registered lease of 100 acres to W. R. Cossar, on an up-to-date valuation to be made for the purpose.

JACKSON PALMER,
Chief Judge.

SIR,—

Native Land Court, Auckland, 13th March, 1917.

Maungatapu D.

I have the honour to report that in terms of your reference to the Native Land Court under section 24 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1916, for inquiry and report as to the claims and allegations in petition No. 167 of 1915, by Kahukiwi Parata, praying for further inquiry *re* ownership of area remaining in Maungatapu D Block, I duly held such inquiry at Morrinsville on the 6th February last and following days.

The petitioner and party were represented by Mr. Buchanan, solicitor, and Captain Gilbert Mair; the present owners, Te Riaki Tahatika and Te Reo Hoani, by Mr. McDavitt, solicitor, and Teni Tubakaraina. The petitioner, Kahukiwi Parata, and some others of her family were personally present. They asserted rights under both parents, and propounded the following *whakapapa* :—

