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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1918.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION NO. 168/1915, RELATIVE TO REHEARING OF
SUCCESSION TO INTERESTS OF WIREMU TINI WAITAPU (DECEASED), IN PALMERSTON
NORTH NATIVE RESERVE.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in pursuance of Section 5 of the Native Land
Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1918.*

Chief Judge's Office, Wellington, 20th January, 1920.

In the matter of Petition No. 168 of 1915, in *re* Succession to Wiremu Tini Waitapu
(deceased).

PURSUANT to section 5 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act,
1918, I make the following recommendation:—

That the order complained of, dated the 28th day of February, 1888, be declared void
and of no effect, with the object of having the whole matter reheard as if such order had not
been made.

The Hon. Native Minister, Wellington.

R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

Re SUCCESSION TO WIREMU TINI WAITAPU IN PALMERSTON NORTH SECTIONS.

*Report upon Petition No. 168 of 1915, pursuant to Section 5 of the Native Land Amendment and
Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1918.*

AN inquiry into this matter was held by me at Wellington on the 12th instant, there being present
Takurangi Hapimana (child of the petitioner), Mohi Karena Hamuera te Punga (child of Ripeka
Karena), and Pirihiara Epiha (child of Apiaka Renata, deceased). Mr. Myers appeared in support
of the petition.

The allegations in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the petition were not disputed, and may be assumed
to be correct. They are as follows:—

1. That in the year 1867 His Excellency Sir George Grey, then Governor of New Zealand,
sold certain lands in the Lowry Bay District, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and
invested the proceeds of the said sale in the purchase of land in Palmerston North, described
in the schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as "the Palmerston North lands."

2. That on the 24th day of October, 1887, Sir George Grey conveyed the said Palmerston
North lands to the Public Trustee, and contemporaneously with such conveyance the Public
Trustee signed a deed of trust dated the 24th day of October, 1887, declaring that the "Public
Trustee, his successors and assigns, doth and shall and will hold and administer the said several
parcels of land under and in pursuance of and subject in all things to the provisions of the Native
Reserves Act, 1882, and any other Act that may have been or be passed in amendment thereof or