

APPENDIX.

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE THE

BOARD OF ENQUIRY ON NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I.

QUESTION No. I.

Are the Natives generally willing to sell their Lands ?

Affirmative Opinions.—Thorpe, Bolger, Searancke, Webster, Burrows, Fenton, Black, the Bishop, Ihaka Takanini, Riwai te Ahu, Wiremu Maehi, Johnson, W. White, Wilson, M'Lean (Except in certain places mentioned), J. White.

Negative Opinions.—Porter (Not willing to sell to Government), Rogan, Graham (Except Kaipara, Waikato, Tauranga, Maketu, and Rotorua), Marshall, Brown, Campbell (As far as the East Coast is concerned), Te Hira (But if they saw the money, they would sell).

Undecided Opinions.—Whiteley (Some are, some not), Joseph, Paora (Does not know), the Roman Catholic Bishop.

QUESTION No. II.

Can the Natives who desire to sell land be required to mark it out, either by a trench or in some definite manner, before the survey is commenced, and after the survey of the outline has been made ?

Affirmative Opinions.—Searancke, Hemi Taka, Black, Busby, J. White.

Negative Opinions.—The Bishop, Whiteley, Tamati Ngaporo, Wilson.

QUESTION No. III.

Would the Natives generally sell most readily to Government or to Private Individuals ?

To Government.—Joshua Thorpe, Searancke, Webster, Fenton, the Bishop, Whiteley, Rogan, Ihaka Takanini, Rewai te Ahu, Wiremu Maehi, Paora, Johnson, Wilson (But where they could get the greatest price they would sell most readily), M'Lean, J. White.

To Individuals.—Bolger, Porter, Graham.

Undecided Opinions.—Joseph, W. White (Sell to whom they like), the Roman Catholic Bishop.

QUESTION No. IV.

Would the Natives be satisfied with the Government selling their lands as agents for them, by auction or otherwise, they receiving the nett proceeds ?

Negative Opinions.—Searancke, Fenton, Black, Rogan, Ihaka Takanini, Wiremu Maehi, Graham, Marshall, Paora, Johnson, Brown, W. White, Davis, M'Lean.

Affirmative Opinions.—Joshua Thorpe, Burrows, The Bishop, Joseph, Campbell, Wilson (If the Maories understood the plan, but it appears very complicated), J. White.

Undecided Opinions.—Tamati Ngaporo, Te Hira (A few might like the plan), the Roman Catholic Bishop, Busby (witness' answer conveys no opinion).

QUESTION No. V.

Has a Native a strictly individual right to any particular portion of land, independent and clear of the tribal right over it ?

Negative Opinions.—Joshua Thorpe (Mentions one instance to the contrary), Bolger, Searancke, Webster, Burrows, Hemi Taka (Says he is an individual owner, but would have to make presents if he sold), Fenton, Black, The Bishop (But mentions rare instances to the contrary), Whiteley, Rogan, Riwai te Ahu, Wiremu Maehi, Marshall, Paora, Kapa, Johnson, Brown, Campbell, Tamati Ngaporo, W. White, Te Hira, Wilson, Davis (But mentions a few instances to the contrary), Busby (Except in extraordinary cases), M'Lean, J. White.

Affirmative Opinions.—Porter (Mentions three cases, but states that the individual Maories merely acted as agents for the tribe), Graham.