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WEST COAST ROYAL COMMISSION.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER APPOINTED UNDER "THE WEST COAST SETTLEMENT (NORTH ISLAND) ACT, 1880."

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Hon. Sir W. Fox, West Coast Commissioner, to the Honourable the NATIVE MINISTER.

Sir,—
West Coast Commission Office,
New Plymouth, 7th June, 1883.

I have the honour to forward a report on the progress and present position of the work of my Commission, and to request that you will lay the same before His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM FRANCIS DRUMMOND JERVOIS, G.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Referring your Excellency to my report of the 2nd June, 1882, laid before His Excellency Sir Arthur Hamilton Gordon, I have now the honour to report on the progress of the work done under my Commission since that date.

1. One of the most important facts to which I then called attention was the impediment presented by the state of the surveys of the Taranaki District. Shortly after the date of that report I made arrangements with Ministers for the employment of a portion of the Government survey staff to co-operate with my own by executing that part of the work which I described as being in arrear, and I was just commencing operations on this basis when the serious illness of my Chief Surveyor, Captain Skeet, which very shortly terminated in his death, threw my plans into confusion. From this difficulty I was, however, immediately relieved by the Government authorizing the entire transfer of my survey department to Mr. Humphries, the Chief Surveyor of the Taranaki District, acting under my instructions. The arrangement has worked to my entire satisfaction, and a very large amount of work has been effected under it. The large reserves on the Stony River and Opunake Blocks, the Parihaka Reserve and that on the Patua Ranges, and the Titahi Block, have all been surveyed and subdivided for the hapus, and the recommendations for Crown grants for the whole have been sent in for your Excellency's approval by me. This, with several smaller and isolated reserves, also disposed of, practically completes the whole of the work which had to be done between Waitotara River (the southern boundary of the confiscated territory) and the Waitara River, a distance of about one hundred and twenty miles, leaving only about twenty miles, from Waitara to Parininihi (the northern

boundary of the confiscation), to be dealt with. Within the latter district great progress has also been made, and much of the work is far advanced towards completion. After some preliminary operations in connection with the outside boundaries of the blocks had been effected, I spent some days in the beginning of February, with Major Parris and Mr. Humphries, on the ground, examining it with a view to its subdivision and the allocation in it of the various contemplated reserves, and of the compensation awards, for detailed work of the whole of which I found myself, with the assistance of those gentlemen, in a position to give instructions at once. I also communicated with the Natives on the several blocks, and gave them to understand what was going to be done, which appeared to satisfy them all. Since that date nearly the whole of the open land has been subdivided for the allocation of the Ngatirahiri and Chatham Islanders' reserves, and the Compensation Awards; but, the open land being altogether inadequate to provide more than a small quantity of what was required, I decided to allot only one-fourth in the open and three-fourths in the bush. As the surveys of the latter are still incomplete, and I am desirous that there should be only one grant for each award, I am unable at present to send in recommendations for them, but in the meantime have fixed choice of the awardees to the surveyed portions of sections in the open by drawing lots, an operation which will be repeated when the bush portion of the awards is ready. The remainder of the work north of Waitara is rapidly approaching completion, and, if the weather proves favourable, I know of no impediment to its being finished at an early date. The Natives entirely acquiesce in what is being done, the details necessary for the preparation of the grants are all in my hands or easy of attainment, and the survey parties are quite equal to the work that is before them. There are not, as far as I am aware, any complications or difficulties, and nothing remains to be accomplished but which will yield before a persistent continuance on the lines on which the work has hitherto been conducted.

2. I have appended to this brief report a few documents in continuation of some appended to former reports, or which appear to be of special interest, or which it is desirable to place on more prominent record than on the official files. Among these are—

- (1.) A tabulated list of all the grants recommended by me from the beginning of my work till this date, including those which were appended to my last year's report;
- (2.) A memorandum on the question of merger of compensation awards in tribal grants;
- (3.) A memorandum of proceedings at Waitotara in connection with Tapa te Waero's claims, and the illegal occupation, by him and other natives, of sections belonging to Mr. Churton;
- (4.) A memorandum laid before the Cabinet on a difficulty in connection with the confirmation of certain leases requiring the action of Parliament;
- (5.) Report on the grants recommended for Stony River Reserve;
- (6.) Report on grant to representatives of Te Puni;
- (7.) Memorandum on final payments of "takoha."

Which is with great respect submitted to your Excellency.

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

West Coast Commission Office,
New Plymouth, 7th June, 1883.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.—LIST OF ALL CROWN GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR ISSUE TO 7TH JUNE, 1883.

NATIVE RESERVES, WAITOTARA TO PATEA.

Block and Locality.	Section.	Area.	Name of Reserve.	Grantees.	Habendum.	Recommendation forwarded.	Grant received by Commissioner.	Remarks.
Block III., Carlyle	7, 8, 9, and 10	A. B. P. 2,190 0 0	Otautu ..	Taurua and 16 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	25 Feb., 1882	27 Sept., 1882	
" IV., "	Part 30		Hukatare ..	"	"	"	"	"
" VII., "	186 ..	18 2 0	"	"	"	"	"	"
" III., "	5 and 6 ..		"	"	"	"	"	"
" IV., "	29, part 30, 31, 32, and 34	1,045 0 0	"	"	"	"	"	"
" IV., "	36 ..	505 0 0	Pukorokoro or Little Taranaki	Komeke Takurangi and 24 others Wiremu Ngapaki and 23 others Miriana Hinekorangi and 17 others Taurua ..	"	"	"	"
" IV., "	33 ..	509 0 0						
" VIII., "	1 ..	303 0 0						
" IV., "	35 ..	14 0 0						
Whenuakura District, Carlyle Survey District	84 ..		Wai-o-Ture	"	"	20 Oct., 1881	12 May, "	"
Block V., Wairoa	85 ..	6 2 18	Parauui	Komeke	"	"	27 March, "	"
" V., "	87 ..	10 0 0	Potakataka	Taurua ..	"	"	"	"
" V., "	Part 98	150 0 0	"	Half-caste daughters of Betty Nicol	Without restrictions	7 June, 1888	"	"
" V., "	470 ..	217 0 0	Putahi ..	Ngairo and 36 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	11 Jan., 1882	18 May, "	"
" V., "	141 ..	260 0 0	"	"	"	"	16 June, "	"
" VI., "	Part 98	59 0 0	Haututu ..	Wiremu Ngapaki and 44 others	"	"	"	"
" VI., "	Part 218	122 0 0	Oika ..	Rawiri and 18 others	"	"	"	"
" VI., "	Part 218, 361 ..	256 2 0	"	Wiremu Ngapaki and 31 others	"	"	16 Aug., "	"
" V., "	370 ..	582 0 0	"Oho ..	Ngairo and 32 others	"	"	16 June, "	"
" V., "	75 ..	50 0 27	Waipipi ..	Ngapaki and 13 others	"	"	27 March, "	"
" VI., "	177 ..	52 3 29	Te Hapua ..	Raumati and 8 others	"	20 Oct., 1881	"	"
" VI., "	145 ..	209 2 0	"	Te Mawae and 4 others	"	"	"	"
" VIII., Wairoa	134 ..	51 3 16	Te Popoti	Poharama Takurangi and Ngairo	"	11 Jan., 1882	16 June, "	"
" XI., "	64 ..	65 2 24	Ngamotu	Wirihama Rangitukihono and 3 others..	"	22 Sept., 1881	27 March, "	"
" VII., "	16 ..	37 3 0	Herenaue	Ngapaki and 7 others	"	"	"	"
" VII., "	39, 40 ..	63 0 20	Oturi ..	Ngairo and 3 others ..	"	"	"	"
" VII., "	43 ..	29 2 0	Te Oreore	Rahira Kahukaka and 3 others	"	"	"	"
" XI., "	418 ..	405 1 27	"	Hare Tipene and 33 others ..	"	"	"	"
" XI., "	419 ..	505 3 29	"	Tahua and 9 others ..	"	"	"	"
" IX., "	417 ..	406 3 0	"	Hakopa Te Puku and 20 others	"	11 Jan., 1882	16 June, "	"
" IX., "	7 ..	305 0 0	"	Te Retiu Mahutonga and 10 others	"	22 Sept., 1881	27 March, "	"
" XII., "	352 ..	52 3 0	Okoia ..	Taurua and 8 others..	"	"	"	"
" XI., "	308, 344, 301, 302	927 2 0	Inupuku ..	Aperahama Tamaiiparea and 17 others..	"	"	"	"
" XI., "	Part 465	62 2 0	Okahu ..	Te Whakarua and 5 others ..	"	"	"	"
" XII., "	Part 465	5 0 0	Hauriri ..	Aperahama Tamaiiparea and 17 others..	"	11 Jan., 1882	16 June, "	"

"Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1878," Schedule, section 10.

APPENDIX I.—LIST OF ALL CROWN GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR ISSUE, ETC.—continued

NATIVE RESERVES, WAINGONGO TO PATEA.

Block and Locality.	Section.	Area.	Name of Reserve.	Grantees.	Habendum.	Recommendation forwarded.	Grant received by Commissioner.	Remarks.
Block II., Ngaire	13	705 0 0	Stratford	Heke Pakeke and 34 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	11 Jan., 1882	13 May, 1882	
" XIV., "	10	300 0 0	"	"	"	22 Sept., 1881	16 June, "	
" X., "	38	100 0 0	"	"	"	"	13 May, "	
" XIII., "	15	100 0 0	Ngatirakei hapu	Wati Tunupou and 3 others	"	11 Jan., 1882	18 May, "	
" II., Hawera	5		"	"	"	"	"	
" III., "	3	3,614 0 0	"	Ngatau and 147 others, Ngatitanewai hapu	"	25 Feb., "	29 Aug., "	
" IV., "	4		"	"	"	"	"	
" VI., Ngaire	12	3,257 0 0	Tiroiroanoa	Te Ika, Tereanui and 131 others, Ngati-tupaea hapu	"	"	"	
" II., Hawera	3 and 4		"	"	"	"	"	
" XIII., Ngaire	54		"	Tukaragatai and 182 others, Te Ahitahi hapu	"	"	"	
" XIV., "	8, 9, and 11	3,129 0 0	"	"	"	"	"	
" I., Hawera	55 and 56		"	"	"	"	"	
" I., "	1 and 2		"	"	"	"	"	
" I., "	57	10 0 2	"	Heke Pakeke	Without restrictions (as from 8th May, 1874)	19 Dec., "	20 April, 1883	
" II., "	6	101 0 36	Te Rauna	Katene Tuwhakaruru and 3 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	11 Jan., "	18 May, 1882	
" I., "	6 and 7		"	"	"	"	"	
" I., "	18 and 19	492 0 0	Kanihi	Heke Pakeke and 39 others	"	9 March, "	16 June, "	
" I., "	20	289 0 0	Okahu	Katene Tuwhakaruru and 7 others	"	11 Jan., "	"	
" I., "	"	24 0 0	Rangatapu	Tukaragatai and 5 others, in trust for Kanihi and Ahitahi hapus	Absolutely inalienable	16 Jan., 1883	"	
" I., "	"	4,293 0 0	"	Te Kahuchatonga and 182 others, Hapotiki hapu	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	9 March, 1882	"	
" I., "	"	4,162 0 0	Whareroa	Tama Ohungia and 167 others, Hamua hapu	"	"	"	
" I., "	"	2,036 0 0	"	Rongo Hurumanu and 80 others, Ngatihawe hapu	"	"	"	
" I., "	"	434 0 0	Waokena	Hone Pihama te Rei Hanatana	"	25 March, 1881	9 May, 1881	
Block VII., Hawera	255A		"	"	"	"	"	
" VIII., "	6, 7, 8		"	"	"	"	"	
" XI., "	1	4,800 0 0	Mokoia	Tautahi and 170 others	"	10 April, 1882	4 Aug., 1882	
" XII., "	6, 7, 8		"	"	"	"	"	
" XII., "	32		"	"	"	"	"	
" XII., "	5		"	"	"	"	"	
" XII., "	586	63 2 0	Takiruhine	Wharematangi and Paetai	"	11 Jan., "	18 May, "	
Patea District, Hawera	587	246 0 0	Okotari	Matu and 7 others	"	"	"	
Patea District, Hawera	"	73 0 0	Tangahoe	Natanahira Ngahina	"	"	"	
Block XII., Hawera	33		"	"	"	"	"	
" XV., "	2	2,800 0 0	Taumaha	Haumatao and 88 others	"	10 April, "	4 Aug., "	
" XIV., "	1		"	"	"	"	"	
Patea District, Hawera	361	127 0 0	Tamahere	Rangiwhia and Riria Rangiwhia	"	11 Jan., "	18 May, "	

Patea District, Survey District	Carlyle	516	..	30	1	14	..	Mere Taurua	..	Without restrictions	..	22 Sept., 1881	13 May, 1882
Patea District, Survey District	Carlyle	515	..	9	3	9	Burial-ground	Nganeko	..	"	..	20 Oct., "	"
Patea District, Survey District	Carlyle	2, 3	..	1,200	0	0	Otoa	Tutanga and 12 others	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c., alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	..	10 April, 1882	4 Aug., "
Patea District, Survey District	Carlyle	642	..	15	0	0	Whitikan	Maruera and 12 others	..	"	..	19 Dec., "	20 April, 1883

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Block II., III.,	Oco	1 and 2	..	1,884	0	0	..	Hone Pihama te Rei Hanatana	..	Inalienable by sale, lease, or mortgage, except with the consent of the Governor being previously obtained	..	24 Jan., 1881	14 Feb., 1881
"	"	4	..	..	..	..	..	Turahui, in trust for Ngatimanu hapu	..	Absolutely inalienable	..	18 May, "	5 Sept., "
"	Waimate	2	..	45	0	0	..	Terewhiti and Tainuikino	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c., alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	..	26 April, "	30 May, "
"	"	99	..	39	1	32	..	..	..	"	..	"	"
"	"	14	..	43	0	0	..	Rama	..	"	..	"	"
"	"	100	..	9	0	0	..	Rama, in trust for Ngathana hapu	..	Absolutely inalienable	..	18 May, "	5 Sept., "
"	"	5	..	104	0	0	..	Manaea Hukanui, in trust for Ngatitu hapu	..	"	..	"	"
"	"	12	..	26	0	0	..	Tawake	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c., alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	..	26 April, "	2 June, "
"	"	70	..	39	0	0	..	Rukakato and Ngaonepu	..	"	..	"	"
"	"	71	..	21	0	0	..	Rukakato	..	"	..	"	30 May, "
"	"	67	..	12	0	0	..	Pukia	..	"	..	"	2 June, "
"	"	68	..	10	0	0	..	Ropiha Raveru and Ngaonepu, in trust for Ngaitonga hapu	..	Absolutely inalienable	..	18 May, "	5 Sept., "
"	"	66	..	11	1	35	..	Rangiwakarewarewa	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c., alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	..	25 March, "	9 May, "
"	"	69	..	20	1	0	..	Ngatai Himiona and Rangiawe, in trust for Ngatitu hapu	..	Absolutely inalienable	..	18 May, "	5 Sept., "
"	"	21, 2	..	26	0	6	..	Ngatai Himiona	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c., alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	..	25 March, "	9 May, "
"	"	9	..	352	0	0	Te Kauae	Manaea Hukanui	..	Absolutely inalienable	..	24 March, "	14 April, "
"	"	129, 113, 111, 112, 25, 28, 34, 27, 25, 36, 28, 37, 29, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44	..	1,148	0	0	..	Manaea Hukanui	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c., alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	..	"	9 April, "
"	"	130	..	7	2	0	..	Karewa	..	"	..	26 April, "	30 May, "
"	"	30	..	67	0	0	..	Patukopa	..	"	..	"	"
"	"	128	..	33	0	0	..	Manaea Hukanui, Titokowaru, and Rangiawe, in trust for Ngatitu and Ngathawe hapu	..	Absolutely inalienable	..	18 May, "	5 Sept., "
"	"	88	..	8	0	0	..	Titokowaru and Kokiri, in trust for Ngatimanuhiakai	..	"	..	"	"

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NATIVE RESERVES, WAINGONGO TO TAUNGAHARA—continued.

Block and Locality.	Section.	Area.	Name of Reserve.	Grantees.	Habendum.	Recommendation forwarded.	Grant received by Commissioner.	Remarks.
Block VIII., Waimate	31	A. R. P. 20 3 0		Heke, Wharerata, Patuwairua, and Tauke, in trust for Kanihi, Umutahi, and Inuawai hapu	Absolutely inalienable	18 May, 1881	13 May, 1882	
" " XIV., Opunake	12	1,706 0 0		Hone Pihama te Rei Hanataua and 60 others, Ngatitamaahuroa hapu	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	27 July, 1882	6 Nov.,	
" " II., Oco	24, 11							
" " XIII., Kaipokonui	33	2,081 0 0		Kokiri and 22 others, part Ngatimanuhiakai hapu	"	"	"	
" " I., Waimate	29							
" " XV., Kaipokonui	41							
" " III., Waimate	65, 64	3,582 1 0		Titokowaru and 56 others, part Ngatimanuhiakai hapu	"	"	"	
" " IV., Waimate	132, 133							
" " XIII., Kaipokonui	34	2,772 0 0		Te Rama and 49 others, Ngatihaua hapu	"	"	"	
" " I., Waimate	30, 37							
" " XIV., Kaipokonui	43							
" " XV., Waimate	14	5,944 3 0		Manaia Hukanui and 75 others, Ngatihu hapu	"	"	"	
" " IV., Waimate	10							
" " IV., Waimate	181	2,160 0 0		Wiremu Katene and 78 others, Inuawai hapu	"	"	"	
" " I., Hawera	60							
" " XVII., Kaipokonui	51							
" " XIII., Ngare	55	2,103 0 0		Wairau and 80 others, Umutahi hapu	"	"	"	
" " I., Hawera	59							
" " II., Oco	5, 6	200 0 0		Ngapaki and 5 others (children of Te Puni)	Without restrictions	12 July, "	20 Nov., "	In fulfilment of promise of Hon. Mr. Richmond, in 1867, of 200 acres to Te Puni " for his loyalty, and long and faithful services."
" " III., "	1	100 0 0		Charles Wallace (half-caste)	"	31 May, "	"	In fulfilment of promise of Hon. Mr. Richmond, in 1867, of 100 acres to Horn Parai " for having remained in Wellington."
" " III., "	2	68 0 0		Tamati Kawera	"	"	"	
" " I., "	1	763 0 0		Tamati Kawera, Tuaruhe, Pehira Takomako, Ihala Ngakirikiri, and Hone Pihama, in trust for Ngatitamaahuroa hapu	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	19 May, 1881	5 Sept., 1881	
" " I., "	66	118 0 0		Hakaraia Tangaika	Without restrictions	29 July, 1882	29 Nov., 1882	
" " XIII., Opunake	25, 26	113 0 0		Taikomako and 20 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	"	2 Nov., "	
" " I., Oco	73	6 0 0		"	Absolutely inalienable	"	"	
" " XIV., Opunake	6	219 1 12		"	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	"	"	

Block XIV., Opunake	.. 11 ..	..	24 0 0	..	..	Taikomako and 20 others	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	29 July, 1882	2 Nov., 1882
" XIII., "	.. 8 ..	..	218 0 0	..	..	" Hone Pihama and 3 others, in trust for Titahi and Ngaitiamahuroa hapus	..	" Absolutely inalienable "	" "	" "
" I., Oeo	.. 70 ..	..	11 0 0	..	Otumatua	Taikomako and 20 others	..	" Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	16 Jan., 1883	" "
" XIV., Opunake	.. 41, 43 ..	..	144 0 0	..	..	Taikomako and 5 others	..	" Inalienable by sale, or by lease, or by exchange, or by mortgage, without the consent of the Governor being previously obtained	" "	" "
" XIV., "	.. 27, 28, 29 ..	..	393 0 15	..	..	..	..	..	" "	" "

NATIVE RESERVES, TAUNGATARA TO MOUTOTI.

Block XII., Town of Opunake	4, 5 ..	..	0 1 27	..	..	Tamati Kaweora, in trust for Ngaitiamahuroa hapu	..	Inalienable by sale, or by lease, or by exchange, or by mortgage, except with the consent of the Governor being previously obtained	16 Jan., 1883	..
" XII., "	.. 1, 2 ..	..	0 1 37	..	..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri, in trust for Ngaitiamahuroa hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
" XII., "	.. 3 ..	..	0 1 0	..	..	Wiremu Hohoaia, in trust for the Ngaitiwenga hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
Opunake Suburban	.. 32 ..	..	4 3 0	..	Orimupiko	Tamati Kaweora and 6 others, in trust for Ngaitiamahuroa hapu	..	" Absolutely inalienable "	" "	" "
" "	.. 43 ..	..	0 3 0	..	..	Wiremu Kingi te Matakatea and Tuwahipa, in trust for the Ngaitiamarongo hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
Block IV., Opunake Survey District	.. 17 ..	..	10 0 0	..	..	George Taylor (half-caste)	..	" Without restrictions "	" "	" "
" VII., "	.. 1, 2 ..	..	6,921 0 0	..	Orimupiko	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and 49 others, Ngaitiamahuroa hapu	..	" Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	2 March, "	" "
" VIII., "	.. 1 ..	..	7,531 0 0	..	Pukekohatu	Tamati Kaweora and 50 others, Ngairuahine hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
" X., "	.. 1 ..	..	2,463 0 0	..	Matakahawai	Pirihira Parai and 16 others, Waitama hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
" XII., "	.. 2 ..	..	15,070 0 0	..	..	Hohoaia Whakarongomaiwaho and 67 others, Ngaitiamahuroa hapu	..	" "	3 May, "	" "
" XIII., "	.. 2 ..	..	7,223 0 0	..	..	Wiremu Kingi Matakatea and 20 others, Ngaitiamahuroa hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
" XIV., "	.. 3	6,186 0 0	Wiremu Kingi Matakatea and 30 others, Ngaitiamarongo hapu	..	" "	" "	" "
Opunake District	.. 27

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NATIVE RESERVES, MOUTOTI TO WAIWERAU.

Block and Locality.	Section.	Area.	Name of Reserve.	Grantees.	Habendum.	Recommendation forwarded.	Grant received by Commissioner.	Remarks.
Block IV., Cape Survey District	15	A. 4 2 0	Tuiraho	Ruakere Moeau and Whatarau	Absolutely inalienable	27 July, 1882	6 Nov., 1882	
" VIII., "	2	31 0 0	Turakihī	"	"	"	"	
" VIII., "	126	6 2 0	Ihutangi	Warehoka and Whatarau	"	2 March, 1883	"	
" VIII., "	93	0 2 0	Wanganui	Tuteuroho	"	27 July, 1882	6 Nov., 1882	
" VIII., "	92	1 0 0	Okawa	Ruakere Moeau and Whatarau	"	"	"	
" VIII., "	94	1 0 0	Ikaroa	Whatarau Ariki	"	"	"	
" VIII., "	95	2 2 0	"	Hone Mutu	"	"	"	
" XII., "	4	21 0 0	"	Warehoka	Without restrictions	19 Dec.,	20 April,	
" XII., "	23	460 0 0	"	Hone Mutu and 27 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	27 July,	6 Nov.,	
" XII., "	31	100 0 0	"	Wi Tako Ngatata and Ihaka te Rou, heirs and successors of Mohi Ngeponga	Without restrictions	31 May,	20 Nov.,	In fulfilment of promise of Hon. Mr. Richmond, in 1867, of 100 acres to Mohi Ngeponga, "because, though an absentee, he established a better claim than others."
" XII., "	39	112 0 0	Waitara-tū	Hon. Wiremu Tako Ngatata, M.L.C.	"	"	"	
" XII., "	56	10 0 0	"	Tuterakenga	Absolutely inalienable	8 Feb.,	27 May,	In fulfilment of promise of Hon. Mr. Richmond, in 1867, of 100 acres to Wi Tako, "on account of services recently rendered."
" XII., "	54	3 0 0	Tipoka	Warehoka and Wharavharanui	"	27 July,	6 Nov.,	
" XII., "	55	15 0 0	Wairua	Marearea and Tuterakenga	"	"	"	
" XII., "	57	9 0 0	Otuakata	"	"	"	"	
" XII., "	51	23 0 0	"	Miru	"	"	"	
" XII., "	101	25 0 0	"	Kerenene	Without restrictions	12 July,	20 Nov.,	
" XII., "	99	1 0 0	"	Miru	Absolutely inalienable	27 July,	6 Nov.,	
" XII., "	73	7 2 0	"	Whatarau te Manu	Without restrictions	31 May,	20 Nov.,	
" XII., "	41	50 0 0	"	Hanuera Ranguru	Absolutely inalienable	12 July,	20 Nov.,	
" XII., "	102	132 0 0	"	Kahui Karehe, Hemi Pua, and Kama	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	27 July,	6 Nov.,	
" XII., "	81	13 0 0	"	"	Without restrictions	31 May,	20 Nov.,	
" XII., "	71	25 2 0	"	Erūni	Without restrictions	"	"	
" XII., "	72	25 2 0	"	Kerepa Taharangatira	Absolutely inalienable	"	"	
" XII., "	84	32 0 0	"	Ihaia Ngakirikiri	"	"	"	
" XII., "	88	43 0 0	"	Rangitehinga	"	27 July,	6 Nov.,	
" XII., "	90	46 0 0	"	Kahui	Inalienable by sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage, without the consent of the Governor being previously obtained	19 Dec.,	20 April,	
" XII., "	95	41 2 0	"	Matiu Raunati and Rona Raunati	Without restrictions	31 May,	20 Nov.,	
" XII., "	96	42 0 0	"	Rangitehī	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	27 July,	6 Nov.,	
" XII., "	1	10 0 0	"	Rangitehinga	Absolutely inalienable	27 July,	"	

V., Cape Survey District	5	0 2 0	Paparoa	Whakarongo	"	"	"	16 Jan., 1888	"
IX., Cape Survey District	31	105 0 0	Tapumikau	Whakarau Anki and 5 others, in trust for the Ngatihinepare, Ngatitukiriana, and Ngatiamaru hapus	"	"	"	"	"
Opunake Survey District		2,259 0 0		Rangitehinga and 54 others, Ngatituheterangi hapu	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	"	17 May,	"	"
Cape and Opunake Survey Districts		5,745 0 0		Te Kahui and 146 others, Ngatihuapoto hapu	"	"	"	"	"
Cape Survey District		1,895 0 0	Parts of the Panihaka Reserve	Wharawharani and 46 others, Waio-tama hapu	"	"	"	"	"
"		2,720 0 0		Eructi te Whiti and 66 others, Upoko-mutu hapu	"	"	"	"	"
"		4,724 0 0		Eructi te Whiti and 116 others, Ngati-moeahu hapu	"	"	"	"	"

NATIVE RESERVES, WAIVERANUI TO OMATA.

Block V., Cape Survey District	3								
Block XI., Cape Survey District	2	697 0 0		Minarapa Kahu and 12 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	"	12 Jan., 1888	"	"
Block IV., Section 1; Block V., Section 4; Block V., Section 2; Block X., Section 4; Block XI., Section 1, Cape Survey District		4,473 0 0		Komene Tupeki and 44 others	"	"	"	"	"
Block IV., Section 2; Block V., Section 5; Block V., Section 7; Block X., Section 6; Block XI., Section 3, Cape Survey District		2,262 0 0		Taihaere and 24 others	"	"	"	"	"
Block IV., Section 3; Block V., Section 8; Block IX., Section 30; Block X., Section 3, Cape Survey District		3,144 0 0	Stony River Block, Ngama-hanga hapu.	Paora Tutaha and 39 others	"	"	"	"	"
Block IV., Section 4; Block V., Section 9; Block IX., Section 28, Cape Survey District		1,561 0 0		Ruakere and 24 others	"	"	"	"	"
Block IV., Section 5; Block IX., Section 29, Cape Survey District		1,206 0 0		Porikapa te Wareware and 23 others	"	"	"	"	"
Block V., Cape Survey District	1								
Block VI., Cape Survey District	1	1,506 0 0		Hoani Wharekawa and 25 others	"	"	"	"	"
Block X., Cape Survey District	5								

APPENDIX I.—LIST OF ALL CROWN GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR ISSUE, ETC.—continued.

NATIVE RESERVES, WAIWERANUI TO OMATA—continued.

Block and Locality.	Section.	Area.	Name of Reserve.	Grantees.	Habendum.	Recommendation forwarded.	Grant received by Commissioner.	Remarks.
Okato Township	2	A. 1 0 0		Porikapa te Wareware	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	28 July, 1882	8 Dec., 1882	
"	111	1 0 0		"	"	"	"	"
"	49, 50	2 0 0		"	"	"	"	"
"	106	1 0 0		Kerenene	"	"	"	"
"	96, 100	2 0 0		Harita Rawiri	"	"	"	"
"	112	1 0 0		Tamati Peka	"	"	"	"
"	104, 108	2 0 0		Ruhira Tuhoto	"	"	"	"
"	110	1 0 0		Renata	"	"	"	"
Okato District, Cape Survey District	2	127 0 0		Porikapa te Wareware	"	"	"	"
"	119, 120	29 0 0		James Harrison (half-caste)	"	"	3 Jan., 1883	
"	108	14 2 16		Kerenene	"	"	8 Dec., 1882	
"	45	50 0 0		Porikapa te Wareware	"	"	"	
"	41	51 0 0		Tamati Peka	"	"	"	
"	54	53 0 0		Porikapa Te Wareware	"	"	"	
"	99	52 2 0		Ruhira Tuhoto	"	"	"	
"	101, 105	104 0 0		Ani Ngareru	"	"	"	
"	123	51 0 0		Keremeta te Marae	"	"	"	
"	129	50 0 0		Ihaka te Manu	"	"	"	
"	143	50 0 0		Tonia	"	"	"	
"	148, 149	65 0 0		Kerenene	"	"	3 Jan., 1883	
"	137, 141	71 0 0		Harita Rawiri	"	"	8 Dec., 1882	
"	151, 152	95 0 0		Tamati Peka	"	"	"	
"	168	1,430 0 0		Porikapa and 18 others	"	19 Dec.,	"	
"	169	1,300 0 0		Komene and 10 others	"	"	"	
Okaura District, Cape and Egmont Survey Districts	170	5,800 0 0	Patua Ranges	Popata Ngarongomate and 42 others	"	"	20 April, 1883	

NATIVE RESERVES, BELL BLOCK TO WHITE CLIFFS.

Waitara West District, Paritutu Survey District	52	33 0 0	Ngahuinga	Te Wetere Kauakina and 11 others	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	27 July, 1882	28 Jan., 1883	
"	133	578 0 0	Kaipakopako	Roera Rangī and 42 others	"	"	"	
"	100, 101	162 2 30	Ngapuketurua	Rameka te Anai and 22 others	"	"	"	
Huirangi District, Paritutu Survey District	186	204 0 0	Manutahi	Te Take Ngahuru and 23 others	"	"	"	

Huirangi District, Paritutu Survey District	38, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 122	492 0 0	Kairoa	..	Tawake Ria and 29 others	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	27 July, 1882	..	23 Jan., 1883
Waitara West District, Waitara Survey District	132 ..	156 3 0	Kairau	..	Aperahama Ngataua and 31 others	..	"	"	"	"
Waitara West District	135 ..	595 0 0	Matarikoriko	..	Wi Piti and 46 others	..	"	"	"	"
Waitara West District	163, 168, 170, 171, 172	235 0 0	Pekatu	..	Aperahama Ngataua and 32 others	..	"	"	"	23 Jan., "
Waitara West District, Block III., Paritutu Survey District	179 ..	52 0 0	Te Aroi	..	Te Teira Manuka	..	Without restrictions	30 June, "	"	27 Sept., 1882
Block CX., Town of Waitara West	..	0 3 20	Huirapa	..	Paranihi and 4 others	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	"	"	"
Block XXXV., Town of Waitara West	5, 6, 7, 8	1 0 19	"	..	"	..	"	"	"	"
Block XXXIV., Town of Waitara West	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	2 0 0	"	..	Teira Manuka and 3 others	..	"	"	"	"
Huirangi District, Paritutu Survey District	1, 184	46 2 0	..	..	Rocra Rangi	..	"	27 July, "	"	23 Jan., 1883
Waitara West	10 ..	25 0 0	Manukorihi	..	Enoka Tatairau and 4 others	..	Absolutely inalienable	"	"	"
Block XVI., Waitara East	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	3 0 0	..	..	"	..	Inalienable by sale, gift, mortgage, &c.; alienable by exchange or lease for 21 years	"	"	3 Jan., "
Block XVII., Waitara East	5, 7, 9, 11	..	..	..	"	..	"	"	"	"

APPENDIX II.—MEMORANDUM ON THE QUESTION OF MERGER
OF COMPENSATION AWARDS IN TRIBAL GRANTS.

No. 1.

The Hon. Sir W. Fox to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

West Coast Commission Office, New Plymouth, 5th June, 1883.

I have the honour to forward a memorandum on the merger of compensation awards in the reserves recommended by me in the West Coast confiscated territory, and to request that you will lay the same before His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM on the Merger of COMPENSATION AWARDS in the Reserves recommended by the West Coast Commissioner.

THE question how far the unallocated awards issued by the Compensation Court would merge in the abandonment of confiscation of some blocks, and the granting of tribal reserves on others, occupied much of the attention of the Commissioners of 1880, and was frequently discussed by them. In their Second Report, page xxxvii., they stated briefly the reasons for and against such a course, but did not express any categorical opinion upon it. Two points, however, they were clear upon—

1st. That no loyal Native should be compensated twice over; and

2nd. That in the settlement of the question it would be unavoidable to give discretionary power to those who were to settle it.

Since the date of these remarks the more intimate acquaintance which the present Commissioner has made with the details of the West Coast complications has confirmed him in the adoption of the above suggestions, and satisfied him that, whether there be any technical considerations to be met or not, the principle of merger is quite consistent with the equitable settlement of the Native difficulties, to secure which was the object of the legislation of 1879 and 1880, under which his Commission was issued, and in accordance with which he has felt it his duty hitherto to guide his recommendations to His Excellency.

After the announcement made by the Government in March and September, 1866, relative to the abandonment of confiscation at Stony River and Opunake (see references in margin, Second Report, 1880, page xxxix., and Evidence, Q. 717, *et seq.*), it was quite understood, both by the Natives and the Government, that the confiscation would not be maintained in those districts. Notwithstanding this, the Compensation Court is found dealing with these blocks in October, 1866, on the 26th of which month, and under the provisions of the Act of 1865, agreements were entered into with the loyal Natives by the Crown Agent for the commutation of their claims from Hangatahua to Kaipokonui, a very large part of which related to the Stony River and Opunake Blocks. As far as these blocks were concerned this ought not to have been done, as the Government had already, and quite recently, declared its intention of abandoning the confiscation over them. The matter, however, was further complicated by the Compensation Court, three years afterwards (in March, 1869), issuing "compensation awards" to the persons and for the quantities apparently designated in the "agreements," and the parties to which had, as in all such cases, requested the Court "not to proceed any further in them"—that is, not to make any such awards.

The result was that a large number of loyal Natives received awards and obtained scrip to be selected in blocks of land which had never been, in fact, taken from them, or over which the confiscation had been practically abandoned. What ought to have been done in these cases was not to have given compensation either in the shape of agreements or awards, but to have issued a Proclamation under the Act of 1867, which was passed for the very purpose of giving legal validity to the abandonment, but repealed in 1878 without it being done. (Second Report, 1880, page xxxix.)

The cases of Parihaka and Waimate Plains differ from those above mentioned. In them the confiscation was always maintained, and the proper course was to make specific awards to the loyal Natives, either by decision of the Court or by agreements under the Act of 1865. Unnecessarily both courses were pursued: agreements were entered into in 1866, and awards made in 1869; but neither fixed the locality of the awards further than the general limits of the tribal districts within which the specific quantity of each awardee was to be taken; while any actual allocation on the ground has, till lately, been prevented by the opposition of the Natives themselves, their denial of the validity of the confiscation, and their physical obstruction of the necessary surveys. Then, after several years, comes the adjustment recommended by the Commissioners of 1880, followed by the grant of very liberal reserves to the tribes resident in the districts, including the holders of the awards, every one of whom has his name inserted in one grant or another.

It becomes my duty to decide how far the compensation awards made under the circumstances above related are now to be recognized.

In all the cases it appears perfectly clear that they must be held to have merged in the reserves lately made. As regards the Stony River and Opunake Blocks, not an acre of land of loyal Natives has been retained by the Government except the 1,400 acres of Opunake Township (by an arrangement with the Natives); and the foundation of every right to compensation on the part of individual Natives necessarily falls through. The very territory out of which such awards would have been satisfied has been wholly disposed of by its restoration to the Natives in whose behalf such awards were mistakenly made. To give the awards effect in some other district while they had their original lands untouched by confiscation, would either be to compensate them twice over, or to compensate them for a loss which they never suffered—a proceeding for which there is no shadow of reason. As regards the other blocks—Parihaka and Waimate—practically the case is much the same. The reserves are very large and liberal, amply sufficient for the wants of the resident Natives in every case, and capable of bringing in a large revenue besides by leases under the Act of 1881. The reserves were intended as a provision for the whole tribe, loyal and rebel. The compensation awards were only made in favour of the loyal members of it, and at the time they were made did not contemplate their participation in any tribal reserves or any other portion of the confiscated lands beyond the particular piece awarded in each case. If the Commissioner had understood that the awards were to be satisfied outside of the reserves, the quantity recommended by him for the reserves would have been reduced by at least the amount of the awards, and the names of the awardees would have been excluded from the grants.

It should be further borne in mind that the awards never had any technical validity, having been issued in a form directly at variance with that prescribed by the Act of 1867, a defect which, as observed by the Commissioners of 1880, reduced them to a mere "promise or engagement binding in good faith on the Government." (See Second Report, 1880, page xxxvi.) In making the recommendations for reserves the Commissioner has considered them as fulfilling all such "promises and engagements" and a complete discharge of all obligations on the part of the Government.

Appended hereto is a tabulated statement exhibiting every individual case of merger between Omata and Waitotara River, and specifying the particular block in which it has occurred, in order to prevent any claim which might hereafter be made on behalf of any Native whose award has been so dealt with.

There is one other case, that of the Ngatirahiri, North of Waitara, in which a portion of the territory of loyal Natives was taken for the purposes of military settlement, and the confiscation virtually abandoned over the rest of it, but in which no compensation has so far been made for the portion taken. The Commissioner will have to report specially upon this case when he recommends the grants the surveys of which are now in progress.

In their Second Report, page xxxvi., the Commissioners of 1880 made reference to the case of the Natives on four blocks north of New Plymouth, who, after having accepted certain lands in satisfaction of their claims (under the provisions of the Act of 1865), received "takoha" on the cession of various blocks to the Crown, part of the confiscated lands in which their allocations should have been made. The question had been raised whether, by their acceptance of takoha, their awards under the agreements would merge. The Commissioners expressed no positive opinion, but pointed out some difficulties attending the question. The present Commissioner does not consider it expedient to enforce merger in these cases for several reasons: 1st. That the proportion of takoha received by the Natives would probably in no case be an equivalent for the land awarded. 2nd. The takoha afforded no permanent source of maintenance to the Natives, but was no doubt spent as soon as received. 3rd. That at the present time it would be impossible to obtain any information as to the distribution of the takoha, while the attempt to enforce merger in these cases would be simply futile, and tend only to create dissatisfaction, the removal of which by liberal treatment was the object aimed at when the adjustment now in progress was inaugurated.

West Coast Commission Office,
New Plymouth, 5th June, 1883.

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

Sub-Enclosure 1.

COMPENSATION AWARDS.—OMATA TO WAITOTARA.

TABLE showing the COMPENSATION AWARDS in the District between Omata and Waitotara River, with the Names of the Reserves into which they have been merged, &c.

DIVISION VII.—OMATA TO STONY RIVER.

Number and Name of Awardee as printed in G.-2, 1880, Appendix B, pp. 19, 20.	Amount of Award.	Name of Awardee as inserted in the Crown Grant.	Name of Reserve in which Award is merged.	Grantees of the Section (of Reserve) in which Award is merged.	Hapu or Locality.
254 Ropata Ngarongomate	* Acres.	Ropata Ngarongomate	Patua Ranges	Ropata Ngarongomate and others	Sec. 170, Oakura.
Porika	*	Porikapa	"	Porikapa and others ..	Sec. 168, Oakura.
Komene	*	Komene	"	Komene and others ..	Sec. 169, Oakura.

* All the unappropriated land inland of the military settlement.

DIVISION VIII.—STONY RIVER TO WAIWERANUI.

255 Wi Matatoru ..	25	Wi Matatoru ..	Stony River..	Taihaere and others ..	Ngamahanga.
256 Riria te Rangoipuhia	50	Riria Rongoipuhia ..	"	Komene Tupoki and others	"
257 Matena Tupoki ..	50	Matene Tupoki ..	"	Komene Tupoki and others	"
258 Te Tuiti	25	Tuiti	"	Komene Tupoki and others	"
259 Hamuera te Punga ..	25	Hamuera te Punga ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
260 Tamati Kaweora ..	25	Tamati Kaweora ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
261 Te Paea Kaweka ..	25	Paea Kaweka ..	"	Minarapa Kahu and others	"
262 Riti	50	Riti	"	Porikapa te Wareware and others	"
263 Mere Repo	25	Mere Repo	"	Porikapa te Wareware and others	"
264 Hoera Patene ..	200	Hoera Patene ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
265 Tonia Tuwhenua ..	50	Tonia Tuwhenua ..	"	Komene Tupoki and others	"
266 Tamati Ohua ..	25	Tamati Ohua ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
267 Neha te Rangikapuoho	50	Neha Rangikapuoho ..	"	Ruakere and others ..	"
268 Porikapa te Wareware	200	Porikapa te Wareware	"	Porikapa te Wareware and others	"
269 Mohi Rahui ..	50	Mohi Rahui ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
270 Komene Tupoki ..	300	Komene Tupoki ..	"	Komene Tupoki and others	"
271 Ropata Ngarongomate	100	Ropata Ngarongomate	"	Ruakere and others ..	"
272 Ware Kokoti ..	50	Ware Kokoti ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
273 Ruhira Tuhoto ..	50	Ruhira Tuhoto ..	"	Hoani Wharekawa and others	"
274 Teira Pukeiti ..	100	Teira Pukeiti ..	"	Ruakere and others ..	"
275 Akanihi	50	Akanihi	"	Ruakere and others ..	"
276 Tipene te Kokoti ..	100	Tipene te Kokoti ..	"	Paora Tutaha and others	"
277 Hera Waikauri ..	25	Hera Waikauri ..	"	Taihaere and others ..	"
278 Kararaina Pikia ..	25	Kararaina Pikia ..	"	Taihaere and others ..	"

DIVISION IX.—WAIWERANUI TO TE HOE.

279 Porikapa Tamaiti ..	50	Porikapa (tamaiti) ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatimoeahu.
280 Riria Petuha ..	50	Ria Petuha ..	" ..	"	"
281 Oriwia Rua ..	100	Oriwia Rua ..	" ..	"	"
282 Rapana Tuirikawa ..	100	Rapana Tuirikawa ..	" ..	"	"
283 Wiremu Putu ..	50	Wiremu Putu ..	" ..	"	"
284 Tamati Peka ..	100	Tamati Peka ..	" ..	"	"
285 Petuha Ruakere ..	50	Petuha Ruakere ..	" ..	"	"
286 Hoeta te Whakaruru	100	Hoeta Whakaruru ..	" ..	"	"
287 Roka te Wawaro ..	50	Roka te Wawaro ..	" ..	"	"
288 Riria te Rongoipuhia	50	Riria Rongoipuhia ..	" ..	"	"
289 Tipene Warahi ..	50	Tipene Warahi ..	" ..	"	"
290 Hori Wawaro ..	100	Hori Wawaro ..	" ..	"	"
291 Pera Paora ..	50	Pera Paora ..	" ..	"	"
292 Arakira Whakarau ..	50	Arakira Whakarau ..	" ..	"	"
293 Tonia Tuawhenua ..	50	Tonia Tuawhenua ..	" ..	"	"
294 Porikapa Wareware ..	100	Porikapa Wareware ..	" ..	"	"
295 Mohi Rahui ..	50	Mohi Rahui ..	" ..	"	"
296 Teira Pukeiti ..	100	Teira Pukeiti ..	" ..	"	"

COMPENSATION AWARDS.—OMATA TO WAITOTARA—*continued.*

DIVISION X.—TE HOE TO OMUTURANGI.

Number and Name of Awardee as printed in G.-2, 1880, Appendix B, pp. 19, 20.	Amount of Award.	Name of Awardee as inserted in the Crown Grant.	Name of Reserve in which Award is merged.	Grantees of the Section (of Reserve) in which Award is merged.	Hapu or Locality.
297 Maraea Tipuna ..	200	Maraea Tipuna ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
298 Mereama Matuarei ..	200	Mereama Matuarei ..	" ..	Te Kahui and others ..	"
299 Neta te Rangiwawai ..	200	Neta te Rangiwawai ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
300 Hakaraia Tangaika ..	100	Hakaria Tangaika ..	" ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	"
301 Himiona te Toko ..	100	Himiona te Toko ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti and others	Ngatirangitumamao.
302 Wi Kamokamo ..	50	Wi Kamokamo ..	" ..	Erueti te Whiti and others	Ngatirangitumamao.
303 Hare Purumera ..	50	Hare Purumera ..	" ..	Erueti te Whiti and others	Ngatirangitumamao.
304 Te Waka Hautipu ..	50	Te Waka Houtipu ..	Opunake ..	Pirihira Parai & others	Waiotama.
305 Ihakara Tangi te Hau	50	Ihaka Tangi te Hau ..	" ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
306 Ihaka te Rou ..	50	Ihaka te Rou ..	" ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
307 Roia Kaweora ..	50	Roia Kaweora ..	" ..	Tamati Kaweora & others	Ngaruahine.
308 Ngahoro Teku ..	50	Ngahoro Teku ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Upokomutu.
309 Pene Tunuwara ..	50	Pene Tunuwara ..	" ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
310 Poharama Rukuwhai	50	Poharama Rukuwhai ..	" ..	Wharawharanui & others	Waiotama.
311 Heteraka Ria ..	50	Heteraka Ria ..	" ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
312 Niko te Wehi ..	50	Nikora te Wehi ..	Opunake ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
313 Wi te Arei ..	50	Wi te Arei ..	Parihaka ..	Rangiteihinga & others	Ngatituhekerangi.
314 Hori Tamati Pipi ..	100	Hori Tamati Pipi ..	" ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
315 Wekepiri Ariari ..	50	Wekepiri Ariari ..	" ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
316 Tuhangai ..	100	Tuhangai ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
317 Kerenene ..	100	Kerenene ..	Parihaka ..	Wharawharanui & others	Waiotama.
318 Herewine te Kauakaua	100	Eruini Kawakawa (Rangiteanau)	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
319 Paora Patarakini ..	100	Paora Patarakini ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
320 Hemi Pataka ..	50	Hemi Pataka ..	Opunake ..	Tamati Kaweora & others	Ngaruahine.
321 Kerepa Kamariera ..	50	Kerepa Kamariera ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
322 Hemi Puhatu ..	50	Hemi Puhata ..	" ..	Te Kahui and others ..	"
323 Wi Taniwha ..	50	Wi Taniwha ..	Opunake ..	Tamati Kaweora & others	Ngaruahine.
324 Kewetone Hakirahi ..	50	Kewetona Hakirahi (Hohua)	" ..	Tamati Kaweora & others	"
325 Ihaka te Manu ..	100	Ihaka te Manu (Rangira)	" ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
326 Te Teira Manuka ..	100	Te Teira Manuka ..	" ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	"
327 Mohi Tara ..	100	Mohi Tara ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
328 Erai Neta Henere ..	50	Erai Neta Henere ..	Opunake ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
329 Meretini Ngawai ..	50	Meretini Ngawai ..	Parihaka ..	Rangiteihinga and others	Ngatituhekerangi.
330 Matena Pikiwata ..	50	Matena Pikiwata ..	Opunake ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
331 Akanihi ..	50	Akanihi Himiona ..	" ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
332 Huriwhare te Uruhaha	50	Huriwhare te Uruhaha	" ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
333 Matiu Wharematengi	200	Matiu Wharematangi	" ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
334 Nga Pei Ngatata ..	50	Nga Pei Ngatata ..	Parihaka ..	Wharawharanui & others	Waiotama.
335 Matiu te Wawai ..	50	Matiu te Wawai ..	" ..	Rangiteihinga and others	Ngatituhekerangi.
336 Himiona te Maunga ..	50	Himiona te Mouna ..	Opunake ..	Pirihira Parai and others	Waiotama.
337 Hana Haki ..	100	Hana Haki ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti and others	Ngatirangitumamao.
338 Paora Ihimera ..	50	Paora Ihimera ..	Titahi ..	Taikomako and others ..	Section 6, Block XIV., and Section 8, Block XIII., Opunake Survey District.
339 Te Poihi Mango ..	200	Te Poihi Mango ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
340 Oriwia Rua ..	50	Oriwia Rua ..	" ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
341 Uru Takiora ..	50	Uru Takiora ..	Parihaka ..	Rangiteihinga and others	Ngatituhekerangi.
342 Wiremu Putu ..	50	Wiremu Putu ..	" ..	Erueti te Whiti and others	Ngatirangitumamao.
343 Tamati Peka ..	50	Tamati Peka ..	" ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Upokomutu.

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344 Hoeta te Whakaruru	Acres. 50	Hoeta te Whakaruru..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
345 Harahone ..	50	Harahone ..	..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
346 Ihaka te Kauri ..	50	Ihaka te Kauri ..	Titahi ..	Taikomako and others..	Section 6, Block XIV., and Section 8, Block XIII., Opunake Survey District.
347 Paratene Huriwhare	50	Paratene Huriwhare ..	..	Taikomako and others..	Sections 27, 28, 29, Block XIV., Opunake Survey District.
348 Heta Heke..	50	Heta Heke ..	..	Taikomako and others..	Sections 27, 28, 29, Block XIV., Opunake Survey District.
349 Kepa Huti ..	50	Kepa Huti ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
350 Riria Rongoipuhia ..	50	Riria Rongoipuhia ..	Opunake ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
351 Hamuera te Punga ..	200	Hamuera te Punga ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
352 Pera Paora ..	50	Pera Paora Matakaha	Opunake ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
353 Mere Repo ..	50	Mere Repo ..	Parihaka ..	Rangiteihinga and others	Ngatituhekerangi.
354 Hoera Patene ..	100	Hoera Patene ..	Titahi ..	Taikomako and others..	Sections 27, 28, 29, Block XIV., Opunake Survey District.
355 Tonia Tuawhenua ..	100	Tonia Tuawhenua ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Upokomutu.
356 Tamati Ohua ..	200	Tamati Ohua ..	Opunake ..	Tamati Kaweora and others	Ngaruahine.
357 Neha te Rangikapuho	200	Neha te Rangikapuho	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
358 Porikapa Tamaiti ..	100	Porikapa Tamaiti ..	Titahi ..	Taikomako and others	Secs. 27, 28, and 29, Block XIV., Opunake Survey District.
359 Porikapa te Wareware	300	Porikapa te Wareware	Parihaki ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
360 W. H. W. Carrington	100	W. H. W. Carrington..	..	Erueti te Whiti & others	..
361 Mohi Rahui ..	300	Mohi Rahui ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
362 Komene Tupoki ..	300	Komene Tupoki ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Upokomutu.
363 Ropata Ngarongomate	300	Ropata Ngarongomate	..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
364 Reihio Tamati Peka..	50	Reihio Tamati Peka ..	..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Upokomutu.
365 Rona Matiu ..	50	Rona Matiu ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
366 Hamuera Tahana ..	50	Hamuera Tahana ..	..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
367 Mata Tuhawaiki ..	50	Mata Tuhawaiki ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
368 Heni Inipounamu ..	25	Heni Inipounamu ..	..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Upokomutu.
369 Ruhira Tuhoto ..	25	Ruhira Tuhoto ..	..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
370 Arakira Whakarau ..	25	Arakira Whakarau ..	..	Erueti te Whiti & others	..
371 Oriwai te Huia ..	25	Oriwai te Huia ..	Opunake ..	Tamati Kaweora and others	Ngaruahine.
372 Rihi Kokuhu ..	25	Rihi Kokuhu ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
373 Maraea Kamariera ..	25	Maraea Kamariera ..	..	Te Kahui and others ..	..
374 Makere Kerenene ..	25	Makere Kerenene ..	..	Wharawharanui and others	Waiotama.
375 Pipi Teira and Mere Teira	50	Pipi Teira and Mere Teira	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
376 Mere Kuhu ..	50	Mere Kuhu ..	Parihaka ..	Rangiteihinga & others	Ngatituhekerangi.
377 Kataraina Kahuke ..	50	Kararaina Kahuke ..	Opunake ..	Hohaia Whakarongomaiwaho and others	Ngatitara.
378 Ripeka Tapuhi ..	50	Ripeka Tapuhi ..	Parihaka ..	Rangiteihinga & others	Ngatituhekerangi.
379 Peti Temaipi ..	50	Peti Temaipi ..	..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihapoto.
380 Mere Pataka ..	100	Mere Pataka (Tuiao) ..	Opunake ..	Tamati Kaweora and others	Ngaruahine.
381 Riti Porikapa ..	100	Riti Porikapa ..	Parihaka ..	Erueti te Whiti & others	Ngatirangitumamao.
382 Hara Paoho ..	100	Hara Paoho ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.

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383 Roka Tapui ..	100	Roka Tapui ..	Parihaka ..	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihaupoto.
384 Rehara Apakura ..	200	Rehara Apakura ..	Opunake ..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	Ngatimana.
385 Hera Kataka ..	200	Hera Kataka (Te Ngahui)	..	Ihaia Ngakirikiri and others	..
386 Makareta Haroto ..	50	Makareta Harota ..	Parihaka ..	Wharawharanui and others	Waiotama.
387 Mere Taukirangi ..	100	Mere Taukirangi	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihaupoto.
388 Makareta te Ahuroa	100	Makereta te Ahuroa	Wharawharanui and others	Waiotama.
389 Maraea Pohe ..	200	Maraea Pohe	Wharawharanui and others	..
390 Peti Ngehe ..	100	Peti Ngehe	Te Kahui and others ..	Ngatihaupoto.

DIVISION XI.—OMUTURANGI TO KAUPUKUNUI.

391 Harihona Tuhana ..	50	Harihona Tuhana ..	“Continuous” Waimate Plains	Manaia Hukanui and others	Ngatitu.
392 Ihakara te Tata ..	50	Ihakara te Tata ..	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..
393 Kepa Huti ..	50	Kepa Huti ..	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..
394 Ani Heta ..	50	Ani Heta ..	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..
395 Karo te Rapo ..	50	Karo te Rapo ..	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..
396 Rapana Tutakione ..	200	Rapana Tutakione ..	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..
397 Ropiha Haungenge ..	300	Ruawhiti ..	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..
398 Matiu Warematangi..	50	Matiu Wharematangi	..	Manaia Hukanui and others	..

DIVISION XII.—KAUPUKUNUI TO WAITOTARA.

399 Hata Rio	} There has been no merger in this Division. The awards were allocated in district between Waingongoro and Waitotara, and many of them purchased by Government. See Detailed Statement of Awards in Division XII., showing the disposal of the same; G.-2, 1880, Appendix B, pp. 22, 23.
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APPENDIX III.—MEMORANDUM OF PROCEEDINGS AT WAITOTARA
IN CONNECTION WITH TAPA TE WAERO'S CLAIMS AND THE
ILLEGAL OCCUPATION BY HIM AND OTHER NATIVES OF
SECTIONS BELONGING TO MR. CHURTON.

Hon. Sir W. Fox, West Coast Commissioner, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

West Coast Commission Office, 29th March, 1883.

I have the honour to refer you to my reports on Mr. Henry Churton's case, 14th June, 1881, and Tapa te Waero's case, 10th May, 1882, which are printed in Appendix to Journals, 1882, G.—5, pp. 25 and 19.

I have now to state that, in the hope of being able, by a personal interview with all the parties concerned, to effect an amicable adjustment of these complicated cases on the lines suggested in those reports, I held a sitting at Waitotara on the 19th and 20th inst., to which I had summoned Mr. Churton and Tapa te Waero and other Natives interested in the matter, and I was assisted by Major Booth, R.M., who had had much previous acquaintance with these cases and with the Natives of the district, and Mr. Sicely, of the Government Survey Department, who had surveyed a great part of the Moumohaki Block and Okutuku District, in which the disputes had arisen. Most of the principal chiefs of the Ngarauru and Pakakohe tribes were present, including Aperahama, of Ihupuku, Taurua, Komene, and Ngapaki of Patea, Uru te Angina, of Waitotara, and about one hundred other members of the tribes.

I told them that, before I would do anything towards adjusting "Tapa te Waero and his people's" claims, they must abandon their illegal occupation of the sections which belonged to Mr. Churton, and when that was done I would be prepared to recommend land for them in lieu of the 330 acres awarded to them by Sir Donald McLean, which they could not occupy because they had unwisely leased it to a European, thereby leaving themselves without any land which they could call their own. That, in consideration of the trouble and any possible loss caused by their removal from Mr. Churton's sections, I would recommend that they should have 100 acres in excess of the quantity to which they were limited by Sir Donald. This, I intimated, was the final decision at which I had arrived after thoroughly investigating the cases of "Tapa and his people" and the claims of Mr. Churton to the sections which they were occupying without any lawful right.

Tapa, who was the principal mouthpiece of the party, attempted to meet the position I had taken up by evasions and subterfuges, which were easily answered and exposed by the production of documentary evidence lying on the table; but little of what he said is worth repeating. One point, however, requires notice. Finding it impossible to deny that the arrangements made by Sir Donald McLean were intended to be final for "himself and his people," and that in his negotiations with Major Brown he had promised to remove "his people" from Mr. Churton's land, he now very cunningly declared that he had nothing to do with the people in occupation of the sections, except so far as his wife was concerned, and that she had a right in this land; but, as regards her and himself, he was willing to remove if I would give him the land I had spoken of giving elsewhere. Now, it is quite certain that, when he was attempting to get land from Sir Donald McLean and Major Brown, the people he paraded as his people, and for whom he demanded land in his petition to Parliament, because, as he untruly affirmed, they had none, were the very people who are now trespassing on Mr. Churton's land. It suited him then to make it appear that he had a following unprovided for; now he tried to persuade me that these people were not "his people," but he failed to say who were his people if they were not. Major Brown's letter is quite conclusive as to who were intended to be "the people" who had to be removed from Mr. Churton's land. The attempt to ride off by this device, and leave "his people" in possession, was clever enough, but altogether dishonest.

The ultimate resort of Tapa, Spain, and Kuritangi (the apparent ringleaders of the party, and the three who had before been dealt with by the Supreme Court in the course of the proceedings mentioned in my previous report) was a denial of the Queen's right to confiscate the land, and a determination to set the Government and the Supreme Court at defiance.

Outside of the room in which the discussion took place, Major Booth and Mr. Churton had much conversation with the Natives, but were not able to make any impression upon them. It did not appear that any of the other chiefs mentioned, or other members of the tribes, sympathized with the trespassers, but, on the contrary, several of them expressed their opinion that they were wrong in pursuing the course they did.

I should also state that, accompanied by Major Booth and Mr. Sicely, I visited both Mr. Churton's sections and the land to which I proposed to remove Tapa and his people, and I consider the latter quite equivalent in value to the former. We counted the tenements in the pa occupied by them on Mr. Churton's land. There appeared to be ten very ordinary whares and the same number of wharepunis and storehouses, representing a probable population of thirty souls. The total amount of cultivation which could be seen appeared to be less than 20 acres, though on one of the sections there was a considerable quantity of grass, with a sprinkling of sheep and cattle upon it. There seemed very little other improvement.

I understand that, if Mr. Churton were in possession of the Crown grants to which I have already reported him to be entitled, he would invoke the aid of the civil tribunals to eject the trespassers and put him in possession. I cannot see any reason why he should not be placed in a position to do so; and I therefore beg respectfully to repeat my recommendation, made two years ago, that the grants, already prepared, in favour of Rahira and Heroria should be issued and delivered to Mr. Churton, as soon as he shall have paid the purchase-money due on the former to the Public Trustee on account of Rahira's children, whom I have already declared to be her lawful successors.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

APPENDIX IV.—MEMORANDUM ON A DIFFICULTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFIRMATION OF CERTAIN LEASES REQUIRING THE ACTION OF PARLIAMENT.

No. 1.

Hon. Sir W. Fox, West Coast Commissioner, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

IR,—

Wellington, 12th May, 1883.

I have the honour to forward a memorandum on the subject of leases on the West Coast reserves, with enclosures, and shall be obliged by your bringing the subject under the notice of the Cabinet at your early convenience.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX,

West Coast Commissioner.

The Hon. F. Whitaker, Premier.

Enclosure.

Memorandum for Ministers.

A DIFFICULTY has presented itself in reference to a portion of the work of the West Coast Commission, the removal of which will probably require the action of Parliament.

This difficulty is in connection with the position of a number of persons who have, during a period of several years previous to the appointment of the West Coast Commissions, obtained leases from Natives of lands which have now, on the recommendation of the present Commissioner, been made reserves, and been granted to the tribes or hapus which have been found to be entitled to them.

The attention of the Commissioners of 1880 was called to the existence of these leases at an early period of their work, but as they were manifestly illegal transactions, and not in any way involved in the solution of the questions existing between the Natives and the Government of the colony (into which solely the Commissioners were appointed to inquire), they put the subject on one side, and confined their investigations and actions to the ascertainment and fulfilment of the obligations of the Government towards the Natives. However, during the session of 1881, the present Commissioner having obtained further insight into the subject of these leases, and considering that the lessees had acted in a *bonâ fide* manner, and had invested large sums of money in improving the leased lands, and that their tenancy had been on the whole satisfactory and beneficial to the Natives, and not otherwise to the colony, he suggested to the Government that power should be given to him to confirm these leases on certain conditions which were embodied in the Act of that session ("West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1881"). Section 18 of that Act enables the Commissioner to confirm the leases referred to on the following conditions:—

1. The lease shall have been made *bonâ fide*.
2. That it shall have been granted by the persons since shown to be entitled to the land described in the lease, or that subsequently to the issue of a Crown grant such persons have confirmed such lease.
3. That the terms were fair and equitable to the Natives at the time when the lease was granted.
4. That the rents and conditions have been duly paid and performed.
5. That the power of confirmation should only extend to leases granted before the passing of "The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners' Trials Act, 1879."

The Commissioner has lately called upon the parties claiming leases to produce them to him. About fifty have been submitted, and so far as he has examined into the circumstances he has reason to believe that in the larger number of cases all the above conditions have been fulfilled, except the second. That condition, however, appears to be fatal to the claims of almost the whole; for it happens that, in the apportionment of land to the various hapus the members of which are specifically mentioned as grantees in the several Crown grants, there is hardly a single instance in which the lessors and the grantees are identical. The grantees in almost every case are greatly more numerous than the lessors, and each lease generally covers an area of land which is now subdivided among several hapus, some of which, perhaps, do not comprise any of the lessors in the particular lease. The result is that none of these can be confirmed under the power given in the Act of 1881.

Assuming that the Government will recognize the equity of the leases, and desire to carry out the spirit of the enactment in the Act of 1881, I beg to suggest that a short Act be passed, as early in the session as possible, giving the Commissioner power to confirm such leases (though the lessors and grantees be not identical), provided that he is satisfied that at the time the leases were made the lessors were the leading chiefs of the tribe or hapu interested in the land in question, and in accordance with Maori usage were entitled to represent, or in the habit of representing, the tribe or hapu in a transaction of this sort. But in case of any lease being confirmed under these circumstances the rent shall be paid for the future to the Public Trustee under Act of 1881, who shall distribute it among the persons to whom the land is now granted, he ascertaining (as in other cases where he has granted leases under that Act) the proportion to which each grantee is entitled—a thing which in both cases will have to be settled among themselves.

Another solution has been suggested, to the effect that the existing leases should be cancelled, and that the Public Trustee should be empowered to grant new ones to the present tenants under

the system prescribed by the Act of 1881, except the submission of such leases to public tender, and the limitation as to acreage empowered by that Act. The trustee might also be authorized to increase the rent in any case where he thought it too low. . . . The question is becoming a burning one as regards both Europeans and Natives, and should be settled as soon as possible. . .

APPENDIX V.—REPORT ON THE CROWN GRANTS RECOMMENDED
FOR THE STONY RIVER RESERVE.

No. 1.

Hon. Sir W. Fox, West Coast Commissioner, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,— West Coast Commission Office, New Plymouth, 12th January, 1883.

I have the honor to forward a report on the Stony River Reserve, for grants in which block I have this day forwarded recommendations to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

Enclosure.

Report of the Commissioner under "The West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act, 1880," on the Stony River Reserve.

RECOMMENDATIONS for the issue of seven Crown grants of the Stony River Block have been forwarded this day for submission to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government. The circumstances under which confiscation was practically abandoned in the cases of this and the Opunake Blocks are stated in the Second Report of the Commissioners of 1880 (page xxxix), from which it appears that, though the intention of the Government to restore these blocks to the Native owners in their entirety was perfectly clear, and had been for several years recognized in practice, the Proclamation necessary to give technical effect to the transactions had not been issued, and that therefore in law the blocks are confiscated and Crown lands. The issue of the grants now recommended will, in the case of the Stony River Block, fulfil the pledges of the Government by giving to the tribe Crown titles to the whole of their original territory, less only about 3,000 acres included in the six miles' radius reserved from the summit of Mount Egmont downwards, which applies equally to all blocks abutting on the mountain.

The Commissioner begs to call attention to the fact that 1,675 acres of compensation scrip, which were awarded by Judge Rogan in March, 1869, to be selected between Stony River and Waiweranui, will merge in these grants, which is perfectly understood by the grantees. It has never been made clear to the Commissioner why the Compensation Court took upon itself to deal with this and the Opunake Block years after the Government had declared its intention to abandon confiscation over them. The sole ground on which compensation was provided was the plea that the lands of loyal Natives had, for State reasons, been included in the confiscation promiscuously with that of rebels. What, then, was there to make compensation for in those blocks where confiscation was not enforced, and when no loyal Natives had lost a single acre of land? Care has been taken to insert in one or other of these grants the name of every Native to whom, under the circumstances referred to, compensation had rightly or wrongly been awarded, and none of them have expressed the least dissatisfaction at the course pursued. To have done anything else would have been to give an unearned preference to the few awardees of the Court; in fact, to pay them compensation twice over.

The Commissioner also encloses herewith a list of the grantees recommended for each of the seven grants, with the specific acreages to which each has been declared entitled in his or her individual right. This apportionment has been made by Major Parris, at the request of the Natives, and with their assistance, as a friendly act on his part, which has involved a very great amount of labour and care. It has, of course, no legal validity; but it will prove a very valuable aid to the Trustee of Native Reserves, when he comes to deal with the reserves under the Act of 1881, in arranging leases or dividing rents, with a view to which operations, I understand, the Natives have gone so far towards individualization. They perfectly understand that, if they wish to have their individual holdings surveyed on the ground, it will have to be done at their own expense; but the present step will greatly facilitate it, if it ever is done; and it is respectfully suggested that a copy of the document should be supplied to the Trustee of Native Reserves on the West Coast.

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

grant was altogether incommensurate with the services which Te Puni had rendered, but it was a complimentary record of the esteem in which he was always held by the early colonists and by all who knew him.

The long delay which had occurred in the fulfilment of the promise of this grant, and a few others of a similar character, was the subject of special remark by the Commissioners of 1880 in their Second Report, page xxxviii. I am glad to be able to state that the whole of those cases have been dealt with by me, and allocations of excellent land been found for them where they were appropriate for tribal and other reasons. The Crown grants of the whole have also been issued in conformity with my recommendation, and, I have reason to believe, to the entire satisfaction of the recipients.

New Plymouth, 6th June, 1883.

WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

APPENDIX VII.—MEMORANDUM ON THE FINAL PAYMENTS OF “TAKOHA.”

No. 1.

Hon. Sir W. Fox, West Coast Commissioner, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,— West Coast Commission Office, New Plymouth, 7th June, 1883.

I have the honour to enclose a memorandum on the present position of the “takoha” question as affecting the confiscated territory, and shall be obliged by your laying it before His Excellency the Governor for his information.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FOX,
West Coast Commissioner.

Hon. J. Bryce, M.H.R., Native Minister.

Enclosure.

Memorandum on the present Position of the “Takoha” System.

THE second report of the Commissioners of 1880 contains a chapter on “takoha,” the perusal of which impressed on the minds of its readers much of the “amazement” with which the Commissioners were struck when the facts recorded by them came to their knowledge. The remarkable story and its details occupy many pages of the Reports and appendix. The present Commissioner has no desire to reopen the subject, but he wishes to say a few words which may make it clear that within the West Coast confiscated territory the system is absolutely at an end.

It may be gathered from the report that “takoha” was a thing the character of which varied with circumstances. Sometimes it was a legitimate payment in the nature of purchase-money, and which gave the Crown quiet possession of the land in respect of which it was paid. Sometimes it was in the nature of “ground-bait,” scattered here and there to excite an appetite which might lead to a future sale, but for which at the time no specific return was made. Sometimes it was mere “black-mail,” intended to prevent obstruction, physical or otherwise, on the part of individual chiefs with whose tribes it was desired to negotiate for the cession of land. And sometimes it was merely a convenient method of obtaining money for some purpose for which none had been appropriated by the Legislature, and which had no relation, or only the most remote, towards the extinction of Native title in the districts against which it was improperly charged in the accounts of the Land Purchase Department.

It became the duty of the Commissioner in October last to make some payments in the nature of takoha to the amount altogether of £1,135 16s. 6d. To prevent any misapprehension, he is desirous of stating the circumstances which led to these payments:—

1. Two of them, amounting to £300, were specific balances due to some of the previous owners of the Moumahaki Block, the title to which had been extinguished by Major Brown, Civil Commissioner, in 1878; and they were undoubtedly in the nature of purchase-money for land which at that time became, and is now, the property of the Crown.

2. £500 were part of a similar payment in respect of the extinction of Native title in the Patea-Waingongoro Block, which had, at the request of the Natives, been kept back by Major Brown for the purpose of purchasing a fishing-station on the Crown-granted property of a European settler, but which proving impracticable the money was paid to the Natives, to whom it rightly belonged.

3. £200 were the balance of compensation for the Patea-Waingongoro Block, having been held back when the first payments were made, as the proper claimants were absent.

4. £135 16s. 6d. were paid to the Opunake Natives under a promise made to them by the Government in 1867 that they should receive 5 per centum of the proceeds of the town sections at Opunake whenever sold by the Government, which this amount represented. These Natives will, in the Commissioner’s opinion, be entitled to a similar percentage on the sale of the remaining portions of the town.

The Commissioner thinks it his duty to call the attention of the Government to the case of Manaia, as recorded in the Third Report, page liv., and Evidence, Q. 1053-1056. There is no doubt that the promise of the Civil Commissioner to give takoha to the amount of £1,000 was as emphatic and precise as words could make it, and it is clear that nothing but the implicit confidence reposed by Manaia in this promise prevented the completion of the transaction then and there by the payment of the money into Manaia's hands. Moreover, there is no doubt that ever since the war of 1865 he has been thoroughly loyal, and has assisted the Government, to the best of his ability, in obtaining possession of the district, and constructing roads through it. On the other hand, the fidelity of Manaia has been rewarded by Crown grants of 1,500 acres of the best land on the Waimate Plains, for his own personal benefit, worth at the present time probably quite £15,000; the Township of Manaia has been laid off within a few yards of the boundary of his land; the principal main road of the district connecting Hawera, Manaia, Opunake, and New Plymouth has been constructed across it at the expense of the colony; and, besides this, he has a large individual interest in one of the hapu subdivisions of the Continuous Reserve on the Waimate Plains, immediately adjoining his personal grant, and for which, when leased under the provisions of the Act of 1881, he will receive his share of rent. In recommending to the Government the manner in which the promises of the Government should be fulfilled, the Commissioner has always considered that the spirit rather than the letter was to be regarded; and he cannot help thinking that, in the very splendid provision that has been made for Manaia, both personally and tribally, he has been dealt with very liberally, and that the promised takoha may be fairly considered to have merged in the noble estate which has been bestowed upon him, on the same principle as the Commissioner has held compensation awards of land to have merged in tribal grants made to the awardees. It should also be remarked that Manaia has never in his transactions with the Commissioner referred to Major Brown's promise, or intimated that he expected its fulfilment.

In conclusion, it is perfectly well understood by the Natives that, unless in the case last mentioned, about which nothing has been said, the payment of takoha has ceased within the confiscated block, and that when all the pledges and agreements heretofore made by the Government shall have been fulfilled, as they will be when the remaining reserves and awards are allocated and Crown-granted, the Crown can and will dispose of the residue of the unoccupied lands within the confiscated territory in whatever way it may please. That "sharing of the blanket" which at one time Te Whiti suggested, and which was alluded to in the last paragraph of the Third Report of the Commissioner, will have been effected, the separate rights of the Natives and of the Crown will have been irrevocably defined, and the progress of colonization will no longer lead to such consequences as naturally attend undefined ownership, imperfect boundaries, and uncertainty of title—a conclusion to which the conviction that the system of takoha is henceforth non-existent in any of its forms will not a little contribute.

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