

1874. Legislative Council. Petition of Hemi Parai. (*Presented to the Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. Mantell, on the 11th of August, 1874.*)

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Te Aro Pa, 9th August, 1874.

SIR,—

Salutations to you. I have a word to say to you. It is to acquaint you of my trouble. It is this:—I was not aware of the sale of the Barracks, neither did I know that the people of Te Aro were about to dispose of that land, because these are the lands spoken of by Mohi and myself, which the Governor should give to us.

They are as follows:—

- Wiremu Taone (Johnsonville).
- Te Papanui.
- Te Kare.

These are the first lands asked for by us three, *i.e.*, by myself, by Mohi Ngapanga, and Pakuahi, from Governor Grey and Colonel McCleverty.

At the time when I returned from the treaty at Kohimarama, Kaipakapaka was given to me by Mr. St. Hill.

During Messrs. Weld's and Mantell's administration I applied for Ngakaru, and it was granted to me. This was the commencement of my work upon my land at Te Aro Pa.

What I have to say now is with reference to the Barracks.

These are the lands applied for by me to the Assembly to be given into our hands, and which was assented to by the lawyer who conducted the Land Reserves case for us when the following were given up to us, *viz.*:—Waitangi, Patahuna, the Barracks, and Te Aro Town.

The lawyer looked up those portions which were left out at that time, and Wi Tako was appointed to represent our interests in the case, but I did not hear that Wi Tako was to have any title to the land, or any other men. That is why I say, If my petition is clear to you, well; if not, will you appoint a time, and I will explain it to you. This is all,

From your friend,

HEMI PARAI.

Ki te Tumuaki o te Runanga Kaumatua.

Te Aro Pa, 9 Akuhata, 1874.

E koro tena ra koe. He kupu atu tene naku ki a koe. He whakaatu i taku raruraru koia tera. Ko taku korenga, e mohio ki te hokonga i te Paraki. Kahore hoki ahau i mohio ko te hoko, nga tangata o Te Aro i taua wahi no te mea ko nga whenua tenei i korerotia e maua ko Mohi, kia homai e te Kawana.

Whenua tuatahi:—

- Ko Wiremu Taone, Whenua tua rua.
- Ko Te Papanui, Tua Toru.
- Ko Te Kare.

Ko nga whenua tua tahi tenei i tanoa tua e matou tokotoru e ahau e Mohi Ngapanga, e Pakuahi.

Ki a homai e Kawana Kerei raua Ko Maka Reweti.

No te taima ka hoki mai ahau i te Tiriti Ki Kohimarama Ka homai kia hau ko Kaipakapaka e Te Teira no te tunga o te Paremete a Te Weera, raua ko Matara Ka tonoa ano e ahua ka homai Ko Ngakaru, ko te Timatanga tenei o aku mahi ki taku kainga ki te Aro Pa.

He kupu ano tenei mo te tikanga o te Paraki ara ko nga whenua tenei i tonoa e ahau ki te runanga kia homai

ki o maua ringaringa ka whakahaetia e te Roia nana i whakahaere te tikanga o nga whenua Rahui ka homai ko Waitangi. ka homai ko Patahuna ka homai ko Te Paraki ka homai ko Te Aro Town.

Na te Roia i kimi nga wohi i tae atu ana i taua taima Ka Whakanohoia a Wi Tako hei tangata titiro i taua whakahaere kahore ahau i rango kia tau iho te mana o Wi Tako ki runga ki taua whenua me tahi tangata atu hoki, koia te take ka me ahau ki te marama koe e pai ana. Ki te kahore me whakatuhera tetahi taima maku ano e whakahaere ki koutou aroaro.

Ka mutu na tou hoa na,

HEMI PARAI.