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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

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Hon. Mr. Carroll.

MAORI LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT AND LAWS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to adjust and protect Claims and Interests in, and to amend the Laws relating to, Maori Lands. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Maori Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1904." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

10 "Appellate Court" means the Native Appellate Court constituted by "The Native Land Court Act, 1894":

"Chief Judge" and "Judge" mean respectively the Chief Judge and a Judge of the Native Land Court:

15 "Council" means the Maori Land Council constituted under "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," of the district in which the land referred to is situated:

"Court" means the Native Land Court:

20 "Maori" and "Native" are synonymous terms, used respectively to follow the language of the Acts referred to in which they occur:

"Minister" means the Minister of Native Affairs, or any other Minister of the Crown acting on his behalf:

"Registrar" means the District Land Registrar of the district in which the land referred to is situated:

25 "Validation Court" means the Court constituted by "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893."

Certain lands over which Minister has discharged survey mortgages vested in Council.

3. (1.) Whereas the Minister has heretofore discharged mortgages derived through survey liens over the lands owned by Natives and enumerated in the *First* Schedule hereto, in order to prevent the sale by the mortgagee of the equity of redemption, it is hereby enacted that the said lands are (subject to all valid dealings which had taken place prior to the date on which each mortgage was so discharged) vested in the Council for the purpose of being administered under the provisions of "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," and its amendments, in the same manner as if such lands had been transferred to the Council.

(2.) The lands shall thereupon be held and administered by the Council upon such terms as to leasing, cutting up, managing, improving, and raising money upon the same, not being inconsistent with the provisions of the last-mentioned Act, as may be declared by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*; and the amount paid by the Minister in each case, as set out in the said Schedule, shall be a first charge on the rents and profits accruing from the said lands, and the receipt of the Council alone shall be a valid discharge in respect of all such rents and profits.

(3.) The Registrar shall, at any time after the expiration of two months from the date of the passing of this Act, at the request of the Minister in each case, and without further authority, register the Council as the proprietor of such lands for the purposes of administration as aforesaid.

(4.) All unregistered deeds or instruments in respect of dealings which are protected by the provisions of this section shall be presented for registration within two months from the date of the passing of this Act, or, if such registration is not permissible or feasible, then the deed or instrument, together with a certified copy thereof, shall be deposited with the Registrar within the said period of two months, otherwise any such deed or instrument shall not afterwards be capable of registration:

Provided that if the Natives in any case shall within the said period of two months repay to the Minister the total amount paid by him, as set out in the said Schedule, in respect of any mortgage, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the land which was the subject of such mortgage.

Actions by Nireaha Tamaki and others to be deemed effectively discontinued.

4. Whereas, purporting to act in pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-seven of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901" (hereinafter called "the said section twenty-seven"), the therein-named Nireaha Tamaki did sign a discontinuance of the therein-mentioned action numbered 5496, and did cause the same to be filed in the office of the Supreme Court at Wellington: And whereas the Supreme Court subsequently decided that the said action was not thereby duly and effectively discontinued, and made an order setting aside the said discontinuance and joining as plaintiff in the said action one Rewanui Apatari, and giving to the said Rewanui Apatari the conduct of the said action: And whereas one Ereni te Aweawe, on or about the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and one, commenced an action in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Wellington District, numbered 6894, against John Holland Baker and John William Allman Marchant, claiming the same or substantially the same relief as was claimed by the said Nireaha Tamaki in the said action

numbered 5496: And whereas neither of the said actions has been brought to trial, but each of the said Rewanui Apatari and Ereni te Aweawe has filed a discontinuance in the office of the Supreme Court at Wellington: And whereas, in consequence of the proceedings
5 from time to time taken by the plaintiffs, doubts have arisen or may hereafter arise, as to whether the said actions have been duly and effectively discontinued, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted that the said action numbered 5496, and the
10 said action numbered 6894, and all other actions and proceedings (if any) now depending in any Court relating to the disputes mentioned in the said section twenty-seven wherein the same relief is claimed as is claimed in either of the said actions or any part of such relief, shall be deemed to have been and to be duly and effectively discontinued, on the terms that the plaintiffs shall not, nor shall any of
15 them, be liable to pay the costs of the defendant or defendants in the said actions numbered 5496 and 6894, and the provisions of subsections one to four inclusive of the said section twenty-seven are hereby declared to be and the same shall continue in full force and operation as if such actions had been duly and effectively discontinued as provided by the said section twenty-seven: Provided,
20 however, that the words "the plaintiff" in the said subsection four shall mean the said Nireaha Tamaki and such other persons as the Court is satisfied contributed through him, or with his knowledge and consent, to the costs of the said action numbered 5496.

25 5. On the hearing of any application for the partition of Parengarenga No. 5 Block the Court may include in the partition orders the names of any Natives shown through any cause to have been wrongly omitted from the original title, and the Court may revise the relative interests and all liens and charges accordingly, and any
30 application for partition heretofore informally disposed of shall be deemed to be still subsisting. Every such partition order shall be subject to the transfer of the land to the Council as provided by section *three* hereof.

Certain Natives may be added to Parengarenga No. 5 Block owners.

35 6. The Court is hereby authorised and directed to ascertain who are the persons entitled to the land known as "Section 1, Block V., Ohinemuri Survey District," containing one hundred acres, more or less, under and in pursuance of a promise made in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty in connection with a boundary dispute affecting the Hikutaia Block, and to make order or orders
40 accordingly.

Court to ascertain owners of Section 1, Block V., Ohinemuri Survey District.

Every such order shall be deemed to be an order of the Court made on investigation of title, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

45 7. Notwithstanding anything in any Act now in force to the contrary, the Public Trustee shall, subject to any existing liens, charges, or encumbrances, transfer to the Native beneficiaries, as are or may be ascertained by the Native Land Court, the Native reserve situated in Block V., Clyde Survey District, containing nineteen acres two roods twenty perches, known as "Te Kopu's Reserve," and now held by the said Public Trustee as registered proprietor
50 under the Land Transfer Act; and the said Native beneficiaries shall thereafter hold the land as an estate of inheritance in fee-simple as Maori land, as defined by "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," and its amendments, owned by more than two owners at the coming into operation of that Act.

Te Kopu's Reserve to be transferred to beneficiaries.

Tawata reserved for certain Natives.

8. The portion of the Waimarino Block heretofore acquired from the Natives by the Crown, known as Tawata, and containing about one thousand five hundred acres, is hereby reserved for the use and occupation of such of the Natives as the Minister may after due inquiry decide, and who are and have been for several years past [5 residing thereon, and are more or less landless; such reservation shall exclude all sites and easements which the Minister shall decide are necessary for or in connection with the navigation of the Wanganui River and the accommodation of the travelling public. The land hereby reserved shall hereafter cease to be affected by the provisions 10 of "The Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891," or any Proclamation purporting to have been issued thereunder.

Paraumu subject to rehearing

9. In pursuance of the report of the Native Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on Petition No. 226 of 1895, of Piriniti te Rito and others, the orders of the Native Land Court, 15 dated the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, made on investigation of title of the Paraumu Block, shall be deemed to be subject to the application for rehearing referred to in the said petition, and the said application shall be deemed to be duly subsisting and not lawfully disposed of, and shall be dealt with in 20 accordance with the provisions of section ninety-four of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Te Kopuni Block declared to be Native land.

10. To give effect to the recommendation of the Native Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives dated the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and four, on the petition 25 of Ani Kirimana, the block of land known as Te Kopuni, containing four hundred and fifty-four acres, more or less, situated in the Uawa Survey District, is, subject to the protection of all lawful registered dealings otherwise than by devise, except as to the equitable interest of the devisor, hereby declared to be Native land as defined by "The 30 Native Land Court Act, 1894"; and the Crown grant and all orders of the Native Land Court heretofore made relating to the said land are hereby cancelled accordingly.

Commissions may be appointed to investigate certain claims.

11. Whereas numerous petitions from Natives, setting out alleged grievances and miscarriages of justice in relation to former 35 adjudications and judgments of the Validation Court, the Appellate Court, and the Court, in connection with lands in which they claim to have been interested, have heretofore been presented to Parliament: And whereas the Native Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has, on the consideration of such petitions, recommended that 40 further inquiries should be made in connection with the cases set out in the *Second* Schedule hereto, with a view to their being finally determined according to the equities of each: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

It shall be lawful for the Governor by Order in Council to appoint 45 one or more Royal Commissions to investigate the claims and allegations set out in the petitions referred to in the said *Second* Schedule, and to make such recommendations as appear to accord with the equities of each case. Every such recommendation shall be laid before Parliament on as early a date as possible; and this Act shall 50 operate as a caveat against the registration of any further dealings with the said lands, or the issue of any orders still remaining in the custody of the Court, until Parliament has dealt with the recommendation in each case.

Jurisdiction of
Court extended.

12. Whereas in pursuance of the provisions of the law for the time being in force in that behalf the lands named in the *Third Schedule* hereto were reserved for the benefit of ascertained Natives or of the members or some of the members of certain tribes or hapus: And
5 whereas no Crown grant or other instrument of title has been issued in respect of some of the said lands, and it is alleged that the Crown grants issued in respect of others of the said lands were not issued in favour of the whole of the persons for whose benefit the reservations were respectively made: And whereas the Native Land Court has
10 from time to time partitioned certain of the said lands and made succession and other orders in relation thereto: And whereas it is desirable that the titles to the said several lands should be definitely ascertained and secured: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Subject to the right of appeal to the Appellate Court, the Court
15 shall have jurisdiction, on the application of the Minister or of any person claiming to be interested therein, to inquire and determine who were the persons for whose benefit the said lands were respectively reserved, to determine the relative interests of such persons and to appoint successors to the interests of such of them as may be dead,
20 and to impose such restrictions, conditions, or limitations as the circumstances of each case may require. The Court shall also have jurisdiction to order the issue of new instruments of title, and to validate, amend, vary, or annul any instrument of title heretofore issued, or any order, judgment, or decision heretofore made
25 or given by the Court with or without jurisdiction. Every order of the Court, unless varied or annulled on appeal, and every order of the Appellate Court made under the provisions of this section, shall, notwithstanding the provisions of “The Land Titles Protection Act, 1902,” or any other Act now in force, be valid and effective
30 and be capable of registration in the same manner as any other order of the Court made within the limits of its jurisdiction. The Court or the Chief Judge may antevest any title so determined under the provisions of this section.

13. Whereas it is alleged that the pieces of land called or known
35 as Lot 22, Parish of Rangitaiki, Lot 337, Parish of Waioeka, and Lot 340, Parish of Waioeka, were reserved or intended to be reserved for the benefit of Natives out of lands taken under “The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863,” or other Acts relating to confiscated lands: And whereas no Crown grant or instrument of title has
40 issued in respect of any of the said pieces of land, and doubts have arisen as to the persons for whose benefit the said alleged reservations were made or intended, and it is desirable that such doubts should be removed: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Court authorised
to investigate
ownership of certain
lands reserved for
Natives.

Subject to the right of appeal to the Appellate Court, the
45 Court shall have jurisdiction to inquire into the matter of the said alleged reservations or intentions, and, having regard to the circumstances of each case, to ascertain and determine who are the persons (if any) to whom Crown grants or other instruments of title should issue, and their relative interests in the said
50 pieces of land respectively, and subject to what (if any) restrictions, conditions, or limitations the same should be held. Orders made by the Court in exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by this section or

by the Appellate Court on appeal shall be deemed to be orders made on investigation of title, and may be registered and otherwise dealt with accordingly.

Report of Royal Commission re Te Akau Block to be dealt with by Chief Judge.

14. Whereas the Royal Commission appointed by the Governor to make inquiry concerning the block of land known as "Te Akau" has made certain recommendations in connection with the said block, such recommendations being contained in Parliamentary Paper G.-1, 1904: And whereas it is expedient that a final settlement of all disputes in connection with the said Te Akau Block should be arrived at: Be it therefore enacted that the Chief Judge, after due inquiry in open Court, may confirm the recommendations of the said Commission with such variation, modification, or amendment as may seem to him necessary or desirable; and any order made by the Chief Judge under this section shall be deemed to be an order of the Appellate Court and shall take effect accordingly.

Leases Kaiapoi Native Reserve protected.

15. Whereas certain dealings by way of lease of certain subdivisions of the Kaiapoi Native Reserve have heretofore been executed by persons supposed to have derived an interest in the land through devise by deceased former owners: And whereas it has since been decided by the Supreme Court that the devise in one of such cases (Mikaera Turangatahi, a deceased owner in Section 31, Kaiapoi Native Reserve, taken as a test case) is inoperative: And whereas it is equitable and expedient that the lessees who acted in good faith in such cases should be protected: It is hereby enacted that every lease heretofore executed by the devisee under the will of any deceased owner as aforesaid shall be as valid and binding on the persons found to be entitled to the share or interest of such deceased owner as if they had been parties thereto: Provided that all rents or moneys payable or to become payable in respect of such share or interest shall be paid to the persons found as aforesaid to be entitled to succeed to such share or interest.

Provision for inquiry into claims of Hori Kerei Taiaroa to land at Milford Haven.

16. (1.) Whereas it has been alleged that on the purchase by the Crown of certain land known as the "Murihiku Block" there was awarded by Mr. Commissioner Mantell to one Taiaroa (father of the Honourable Hori Kerei Taiaroa) an area of one hundred acres of land at Milford Haven, but that owing to difficulties that arose it was found to be impossible to give effect to the award: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The Governor, with a view to the payment of compensation in money in lieu of land in satisfaction of any claim by the descendants of the said Taiaroa, may direct two Judges of the Native Land Court to inquire into the matter and to report,—

- (a.) Whether the said allegation is correct and the claim valid; and, if so,
- (b.) Whether the Honourable Hori Kerei Taiaroa is entitled to the benefit of the award; and
- (c.) What was the cash value of the land at the time of the award, and what is the cash value at the time of the inquiry.

(2.) The report of the said Judges shall be laid before Parliament within ten days after the commencement of the session next after the passing of this Act, and no action shall be taken thereon until Parliament has considered the same.

17. Section seventeen of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," is hereby amended, as from the date of the passing thereof, by the addition at the end of the section of the words "or the successor of a registered proprietor."

Section 17 of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," amended.

5 18. Section five of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901," is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "or next of kin" after the word "descendants" in the second line of the said clause.

Section 5 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901," amended.

10 19. Stamp duty shall not be chargeable nor be deemed to have been chargeable on any cheque drawn and issued under the provisions of section forty-eight of "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," nor on any order or receipt given by or on behalf of the Council under any of the provisions of the said Act, nor upon any receipt for deposits returned to unsuccessful tenderers, nor upon deeds or instruments pertaining to the transfer of lands to the Council for any purpose whatsoever.

Cheques and deeds under "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," exempt from stamp duty.

15 20. When any land has been transferred to the Council under the provisions of "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," the Governor shall publish in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti* a notice of the transfer, a description of the land and the conditions upon which it has been transferred; and the Registrar, upon being served with such notice and copies of the *Gazette* and *Kahiti* in which it is published, together with the orders of the Court or the Council (if any) determining the ownership of the land, and all succession orders affecting the same, shall register the Council as the proprietor of the land, and shall record the said orders as notice of a trust on behalf of the Natives named therein as provided by section one hundred and twenty-two of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," and the Council shall thereupon hold and administer such land, subject to the said conditions and trust: Provided that no lease equivalent to a lease in perpetuity as defined by "The Land Act, 1892," shall be granted by the Council without the consent of the Governor on its being shown to his satisfaction that the land is of such inferior quality or is so situated as not to be disposable on any other tenure.

Notice of transfer of land to Council to be published in *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

25 21. If any member of the Council shall vote on any question under consideration by the Council in which he is directly interested, his seat shall thereupon become vacant, and he shall not be capable of being re-elected or reappointed for a period of three years. The certificate of the President that any Maori member has so voted shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

Penalty for member of Council voting when directly interested.

30 22. Any member who shall receive or demand any agency fee, commission, gratuity, remuneration, or reward in respect of any matter dealt with or to be dealt with by the Council shall, on conviction before a Stipendiary Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding twice the amount so received or demanded, and, in addition or in default, to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding *three* months.

Penalty for member of Council receiving fee or reward.

35 23. The Validation Court, the Appellate Court, the Court, the Chief Judge, and the Registrar are hereby authorised and directed to perform all acts necessary to give effect to and carry out the provisions of this Act.

Courts and officials authorised to carry out provisions of Act.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

Section 3.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

MORTGAGES DERIVED THROUGH SURVEY LIENS, DISCHARGED BY THE MINISTER TO PREVENT SALE BY THE MORTGAGEE OF THE EQUITY OF REDEMPTION.

Name of Block.	Area.			Survey District in which situated.	Total Amount paid by the Minister in connection with Discharge of Mortgage.
	A.	R.	P.		
Parengarenga No. 3 ...	1,998	0	0	Muriwhenua ...	£ 23 s. 1 d. 5
Parengarenga No. 4 ...	100	0	0	Muriwhenua ...	8 2 1
Parengarenga No. 5 ...	46,144	0	23	Muriwhenua ...	689 5 8
Pakohu No. 1 ...	4,169	0	0	Parengarenga ...	127 1 6
Pakohu No. 2B ...	6,261	0	0	Parengarenga and Muriwhenua	256 8 10
Pakohu No. 3 ...	935	0	0	Parengarenga ...	75 17 8
Pakohu No. 5 ...	14	3	0	Parengarenga ...	6 1 2
Wharetoto A ...	500	0	0	Maruanui ...	28 15 11
Wharetoto B ...	500	0	0	Maruanui ...	34 12 8
Wharetoto No. 1 ...	7,658	0	0	Aripia and Taharua	266 7 11
Wharetoto No. 3 ...	6,166	0	0	Aripia and Maruanui	146 10 7
Wharetoto No. 4 ...	1,740	0	0	Aripia and Maruanui	62 16 2
Wharetoto No. 7 ...	2,059	0	0	Maruanui ...	85 16 11
Wharetoto No. 8 ...	6,240	0	0	Maruanui ...	86 2 9
Wharetoto No. 9 ...	1,740	0	0	Maruanui ...	78 2 4
Wharetoto No. 10 ...	825	0	0	Maruanui ...	52 17 6
Wharetoto No. 11 ...	293	0	0	Taharua ...	19 12 6
Tapapa No. 3 ...	18,065	0	0	Taharua, Aripia, and Kawaka	423 7 2
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2E	2,760	0	0	Tauakira and Ngamatea	70 12 7
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2F	169	0	0	Tauakira ...	26 9 10
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2G	476	0	0	Tauakira ...	37 11 9
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2H	315	0	0	Tauakira ...	30 18 8
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2J	1,097	2	28	Ngamatea ...	36 2 7
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2K	646	0	23	Tauakira ...	29 0 5
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2L	738	1	32	Tauakira ...	37 14 7
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2M	1,561	1	13	Tauakira ...	47 14 0
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2R	1,097	2	28	Tauakira ...	60 8 3
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2U	361	2	5	Tauakira ...	28 19 1
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2V	142	0	0	Tauakira ...	31 0 9
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2W	969	0	35	Tauakira ...	57 7 3
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2X	146	0	24	Tauakira ...	20 1 4
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2Y	438	1	33	Ngamatea ...	39 14 4
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2Z	169	0	36	Ngamatea ...	31 18 2
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2AA	169	0	36	Ngamatea ...	31 5 8
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2BB	115	1	21	Ngamatea ...	17 6 2
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2CC	157	2	34	Ngamatea ...	23 18 0
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2DD	609	3	20	Ngamatea ...	44 11 11
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2EE	795	0	19	Tauakira ...	38 9 11
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2FF	449	3	39	Tauakira ...	38 8 9
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2GG	1,159	1	7	Tauakira ...	63 14 1
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2S	138	1	33	Tauakira ...	26 7 10
Tauakira No. 2, subdivision 2T	213	3	16	Tauakira ...	25 4 9

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Section 11.

PETITIONS SETTING OUT ALLEGED GRIEVANCES AND MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE IN
RELATION TO FORMER ADJUDICATIONS OF THE COURTS.

1. Petition No. 188, of 1896; Wi Pere and others.—Praying that an alleged omission by the Native Land Court of certain names from the title to the Kopaatuaki Block may be rectified. (J. 96/1287.)

2. Petitions Nos. 371/1899 and 236/1900; Te Uranga Potae and others and Harata Poiwa and others.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with the investigation of title for the Motu-o-te-ra Block. (J. 00/897.)

3. Petition No. 139, of 1900; Waraki Tukorehu and others.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with the investigation of title of Te Kauri No. 2B Block, Kawhia District.

4. Petitions Nos. 178 and 647, of 1900; Ngarere Pamariki and others.—Praying for a rehearing of their claims under the provisions of subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," as equitable owners in the Wharekauri No. 1 Block, Chatham Islands. (J. 00/856.)

5. Petitions Nos. 241 and 619, of 1901; Hakiaha Tawhiao and others, and Miriama Kahukaewao, on behalf of self and Hapu, all of Taumarunui.—Praying that the orders of the Appellate Court determining the ownership of Whatitokorua Block may be reviewed and varied. (J. 02/1266.)

6. Petition No. 1187, of 1901; Tipene Matua and others.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with investigation of title for the Manawaangi Block. (J. 01/1298.)

7. Petition No. 105, of 1902; Rangipaia Ngamate, of Te Namu, Opunake.—Praying that orders of the Appellate Court and the Court affecting the estate of Wiremu Kingi Matakatea, deceased, may be reviewed with a view to their being set aside, and orders in his (the petitioner's) favour substituted. (J. 02/928.)

8. Petition No. 298, of 1902; Te Kono te Aho, of Mercer.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with succession orders made by the Native Land Court in respect of the interests of the late Takerei te Aho, in Lot 79, Parish of Whangamarino; and of the late Peti te Aho, in Lot 18, Parish of Te Onewhero; Lot 348, Parish of Taupiri; Lot 21, Parish of Whangape; and Lot 62, Parish of Koheroa. (J. 03/1080.)

9. Petition No. 269, of 1902; Erueti Tamekoha and others.—Praying that the partition of Tahora No. 2A may be revised, in consequence of alleged misrepresentations made to the Validation Court at the time it effected the said partition. (J. 03/1081.)

10. Petition No. 390, of 1902; Mereana Matuarei, of Rahotu.—Praying that the order of the Appellate Court determining successors to Hamuera te Punga Rangioru, deceased, in the Mokotunu Cape Block may be quashed, and that she may be declared the successor to the deceased. (J. 03/1456.)

11. Petition No. 433, of 1902; Taonui Hikaka and others, of Taumarunui.—Praying that the orders of the Appellate Court determining the ownership of Pukuweka Block may be reviewed and varied. (J. 02/1266.)

12. Petition No. 7, of 1903; Areta te Rito, of Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with an order made by the Native Land Court, under the provisions of "The Native Equitable Owners Act, 1886," by which a number of other Natives were admitted with the original grantees into the title for the Potaka Block, near Wairoa, Hawke's Bay. (J. 03/1033.)

13. Petition No. 368, of 1903; Kerei te Otatu, of Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.—Praying that his claim to be sole owner of the Wharepu No. 1 Block, near Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, into the title for which a number of other Natives have been admitted under the provisions of subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," may be further investigated. (J. 03/1148.)

14. Petitions Nos. 653 and 766, of 1903; Tiki Morena and others.—Praying for further investigation into ownership of the Taumata-o-te-O Block. (J. 03/1295.)

15. Petition No. 654, of 1903; Arapata Hapuku and others.—Praying that the partition orders in connection with Waihua Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks may be cancelled and a fresh partition granted. (J. 03/1296.)

16. Petition No. 688, of 1903; Mutu te Ake and others.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with investigation of title for the Papa-o-karewa or Kawhia M Block. (J. 03/1330.)

17. Petition No. 759, of 1903; Hare Teimana and others.—Praying that legislation may be introduced to give them an opportunity of proving their claims to the Maungatautari Block, Waikato District. (J. 04/1390.)

18. Petition No. 728, of 1903; Tuta Nihoniho, on behalf of the Nga Tangihaere Hapu.—Praying for a rehearing in connection with the investigation of title of the Ngamoe Block, on the grounds of an alleged miscarriage of justice. (J. 03/1498.)

19. Petition No. 802, of 1903; Mohi Tuahu.—Praying for rehearing in connection with investigation of the title of the Ohuia No. 1 Block, part of Raekahu Block. (J. 03/1257.)

20. Petition No. 854, of 1903; Kararaina Kaimoana and others.—Praying that the decision of the Appellate Court on their claim to be admitted as equitable owners into the title for the Hereheretau B Block under the provisions of subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," may be annulled and a rehearing of their claim ordered. (J. 04/1112.)

21. Petition No. 500, of 1904; Ronga Hamana and another.—Praying for rehearing in connection with title of Te Kiwi Block, Hawke's Bay District. (J. 03/1321.)

Section 12.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

LANDS OVER WHICH THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT IS EXTENDED.

	Area (more or less).		
	A.	R.	P.
Lot 3, Parish of Matata
Lot 6, "
Lot 7, "
Lot 10, "
Lot 29, Parish of Rangitaiki*
Opape Native Reserve
Waiohoata and Hakuranui Blocks†
Awaawakino Block†
Lot 100, Parish of Matata (Lot 39, Simpson's Survey)†
Lot 102, " (Lot 38, ")†
Lot 101, " (Lot 40, ")†
Arai Matawai, or Waimata Reserve, Gisborne‡

* Being the land referred to as Lot 29, Whakatane, in Schedule to "The Whakatane Grants Validation Act, 1878."

† Vide New Zealand Gazette No. 60, of the 14th November, 1874.

‡ Vide New Zealand Gazette No. 79, of the 20th September, 1877.