Petition of Heta Hungahunga on the Subject of Certain Lands at Waipawa, in the Province of Hawke's Bay. Ordered by the Honourable The Legislative Council to be Printed 24th October, 1871. By Authority: George Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington. 1871.

Waipawa, 26th Akuhata, 1871.

E TA.—

Tenei taku reta ka tuhia atu ki a koe mo taku waahi whenua e takoto nei ki Waipawa notemea i tinihanga e te Kooti notemea kahore i tika te mahinga a taua Kooti i taua whenua. Ko te raina a te hokonga ki a te Kuini i mahue i taua Kooti riro atu ana te hawhe o taku whenua. Koia ahau e totohe nei i nga tau katoa, notemea kei te mau nga rohe i runga i nga mapi, me taku mohio hoki ki nga rohe e man nei ki runga i te whenua. Ko te raina a te Kooti te raina i tenei taima. E mea ana ahau ko te raina o Te Kuini te raina tuturu, kahore ahau e pai ki te raina a te Kooti whenua Maori. He tono tenei naku ki te Paremata kia whai ritenga taua Paremata mo taku whenua kia hoki mai ki au i tenei taima, notemea e tautohe ana tetahi pakeha ki taua piihi whenua oku; no taua tangata, ki tana ki, taua piihi, ko ahau me te mapi ki te ki naku tenei piihi. Kua tono ano ahan ki a te Makarini mo taua whenua kia whakahokia mai taua piihi. Ki to kore he ritenga a te Paremata mo taku piihi ekore e mutu taku tautohe mo taku piihi whenua.

NA HETA HUNGAHUNGA.

Waipawa, 26th Akuhata, 1871.

He korero tenei mo te kupu a te Makarini i te tukunga o te whenua ki a te Kuini i Waipukurau. Taua kupu a te Makarini i mua, i mea taua tangata, ki te riro nga whenua, mana e homai tetahi piihi whenua i to whenua o te Kuini.

Na e mea ana ahau kia kitea ai e au te mana o te kupu a taua tangata i tenei taima. Koia ahau ka tono nei kia tirohia mai e taua Runanga tetahi ritenga mo te kupu a te Makarini i kiia e ia i waenganui i a matou i te taima i hokona ai a te Waipukurau. Na e tono ana ahau kia tukua mai nga eka moku hei whakarite i te kupu a te Makarini.

NA HETA HUNGAHUNGA.

Waipawa, 26th August, 1871.

Sir,—

I write to you on the subject of my land at Waipawa. I was deceived by the Court, because the Court did not act correctly in the case of that land. The Court left out the boundary of the sale to the Queen, and took in half of my land. I have therefore for some years disputed this matter, because the boundaries are shown on the plans, and I know their position on the land. The boundary at the present time is that laid down by the Court. I say that the Queen's boundary is the correct one and not that fixed by the Native Land Court. I ask the Parliament to take the case into their consideration, in order that I may get back my land now, because there is a certain European disputing about my said piece of land: he declares that it is his, and I say that it is mine. In this I am supported by the plan. I have asked Mr. McLean to give me back that piece of land. If the Parliament take no action in the matter of my land, I will not cease to urge the case.

HETA HUNGAHUNGA.

This is a statement respecting what Mr. McLean said when the land at Waipukurau was sold to the Queen. Mr. McLean said that, if the land were ceded, he would give us a portion out of the lands of the Queen. Now I wish to see the fulfilment of what that man said. I have, therefore, asked the Assembly to see whether anything can be done with regard to Mr. McLean's statement made before all of us at the time of the sale of Waipukurau. I now ask that the land for me may be decided upon, so that Mr. McLean's word may be fulfilled.

HETA HUNGAHUNGA.