

8. Whether any agreement in writing or otherwise was made between the officials or agents of the Crown and one Wiremu Watene or Wiremu Watene Tautari that the said Wiremu Watene or Wiremu Watene Tautari should be entitled at some future date to re-purchase from the Crown an area of some 6 acres or 7 acres of Orakei No. 2B Block, and, if such an agreement or arrangement were so made, whether the said Wiremu Watene or Wiremu Watene Tautari did, during his lifetime, make application to the Crown for the re-transfer of the said 6 acres or 7 acres accompanied by a tender of the purchase-money or an undertaking to tender such purchase-money on being required so to do :

9. Whether at the time the Crown purchased from the General Trust Board of the Diocese of Auckland the land described as Lots 1, 2, and 3 on Plan No. 1330P, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, North Auckland District, being the land referred to in subsection 5 of section 7 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925, there existed any circumstances or any valid reason why the Crown should have abstained from purchasing the said land or any part thereof (apart from any doubts as to the power and authority of the Diocesan Board to sell the land and apart also from any legally enforceable objection to such purchase) :

10. Whether the price paid by the Crown to the General Trust Board of the Diocese of Auckland for the said land was a fair and reasonable price for the said land having regard to the value of the land at the date of its purchase :

11. Whether the General Trust Board of the Diocese of Auckland has applied the proceeds of the sale of the said land as provided by the said section 7 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925 :

12. Whether the Natives now occupying the said land or any part thereof have any justification not in the nature of legal right for continuing to occupy the said land or any part thereof and for refusing to vacate the said land or any part thereof in order that the Crown may obtain vacant possession of the same :

And you are hereby authorized and required to conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath or otherwise such persons as you think capable of affording you information on any of the matters aforesaid, and to call for and examine all such documents as you deem necessary to afford you the fullest information on any such matters :

And using all diligence you are required to report to me under your hand and seal not later than the 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, your opinion on the aforesaid matters :

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents, or by my directions, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you :

And it is hereby declared that these presents shall continue in full force although your inquiry is not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment :

And lastly it is hereby declared that these presents are issued under Letters Patent dated the 11th day of May, 1917, and under the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

In witness whereof we have caused this Commission to be issued and the Seal of the Dominion of New Zealand to be hereunto affixed, at Wellington, in the said Dominion, this 22nd day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, and in the second year of our Reign.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor, George Vere Arundell, Viscount Galway, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

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GALWAY, Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command :

M. J. SAVAGE, Native Minister.

Approved in Council :

C. A. JEFFERY,
Clerk of the Executive Council.