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Dear Sir,

When the Royal Commission sat at Opotiki in 1927 we were led to understand that we would receive compensation for lands wrongly taken by the Government. When the matter was discussed in Parliament in September 1928 the sum of £5,000 yearly was promised to the Taranaki Natives and £5,000 to the Wairoa H.B. & Bay of Plenty Natives. Although the Taranaki natives have been paid some of the money promised the Bay of Plenty & Wairoa natives have not received anything.

I wrote to the Native Minister and told him we were all old people and destitute. With regards to our shares at Opape Whakatane and Tauranga we have been unable to pay rates or even to improve our shares, because we have not got the necessary cash on hand. Several of the old people whose names are on this list received 10 acres from the Government to compensate them for the destruction to their homes and plantations in the township of Opotiki. My mother Huhana Hopa Te Arawaere got 10 acres at Waireka Opotiki Crown Grant dated 9th November 1868 Register 340. I am so thankful that you are looking into these matters.

Yours faithfully

Harete Karawe on behalf Karawe family

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