Māori before the Supreme Court 1841-1852 – Criminal Side

	Place	Date	Judge	Charge	Legal Representation	Interpreter	Outcome	Main source(s)
Maketu	Auckland	1 March 1842	Martin CJ	Murder	Attorney-General Swainson (Crown Prosecutor); CB Brewer for the defence	George Clarke Snr and George Clarke jnr	Executed	New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator, 26 March 1842, 2-3; New Zealand Herald and Auckland Gazette, 1 December 1841, 2-3; 18 December 1841, 2; 19 January 1842, 2; 2 March 1842, 3; 5 March 1842, 2; 9 March 1842, 2; TNA, CO20-9/14, fos 116,120- 122
E Poti	Wellington	7 December 1842	Martin CJ	Theft	Hanson (Crown Prosecutor) Hugh Cokeley Ross	George Clarke Jnr	Acquitted	New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator, 19 October 1842, 3; 29 October 1842, 2
Henry	Wellington	7 October 1843	Martin CJ	Stealing	Hanson (CP) Unclear	David Scott	3 months imprisonment with hard labour. Escaped while working with the gang	New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator, 25 October 1843, 3; 28 October 1843, 2
Caroline	Auckland	1 March 1844	Martin CJ	Receiving stolen goods	Swainson (Crown Prosecutor) TH Bartley	One of George Clarke Snr's sons, possibly Henry	Trial abandoned by the Attorney General due to lack of evidence	Auckland Chronicle and New Zealand Colonist, 7 March 1844, 3

Hipu	Wellington	1 December 1845	Chapman	Stealing	Richard Hanson for the defendant	David Scott	Native Exemption Ordinance larceny provisions applied: £8	New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 6 December 1845, 3; 13 December 1845, 3; Notebook entitled 'Criminal trials No.1', 1844-5, Hocken Library, MS-0411/009, 101-7
Hakaraia	Auckland	2 March 1846	Martin CJ	Stealing	Swainson for the Crown William Donnelly for Hakaraia	Thomas Forsaith	12 months imprisonment with hard labour	New Zealander, 7 March 1846, 3
Kumete and Wiremu	Wellington	27 March 1846	Chapman J	Stealing	Hanson for the Crown Ross for Kumete and Wiremu	Cervantes and Kemp	Transportation. Returned to New Zealand April 1848	New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 28 March 1846, 2; 4 April 1846, 3-4; Notebook entitled 'Criminal trials No. 3', 1846, Hocken Library, MS-0411/011, 2-57
Rangitapiripiri	Wellingon	1 December 1847	Chapman J	Murder	Wakefield for the Crown Hugh Cokeley Ross for the defendant	William Duncan	Acquitted	New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 4 December 1847, 2-3; Wellington Independent, 4 December 1847, 2; Notebook entitled 'Criminal trials No. 5', 1847-9, Hocken Library, MS-0411/013, 23-36
Mararo	Wellington	1 April 1849	Chapman	murder	Swainson (Crown Prosecutor)	Deighton (for the Crown);	Executed	New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 14 April 1849, 2; 18 April 1849, 2; <i>Te Karere Maori</i> ,

					Hugh Cokeley Ross for the defendant	Kemp (for the defendant)		24 May 1849, 2; Notebook entitled 'Criminal trials No. 5', 1847-9, Hocken Library, MS-0411/013, 111-146
Ratea	Wellington	3 September 1849	Chapman J	Murder	Swainson (Crown Prosecutor) Ross	Deighton (for the Crown); Kemp (for the defendant)	Acquitted	New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 4 August 1849, 2; 5 September 1849, 2-3; Notebook entitled 'Criminal trials No. 5', 1847-9, Hocken Library, MS-0411/013, 205-219
Himiona Pita te Ahura	Wellington	1 September 1851	Chapman J	Stealing (pleaded guilty)	Hugh Cokeley Ross?	unclear	Transportation. Returned to Wellington in 1852 and unconditionally pardoned on 21 December 1855.	Wellington Independent, 3 September 1851, p3 Notebook entitled 'Criminal trials No.1 6', 1851, Hocken Library, MS-0411/014, 19; Register of Convicts transported to Van Diemen's Land, 25 November 1847-22 February 1853, ANZ, ACFP 8220 NM11/1.

Māori before the Supreme Court 1841-1852 – Civil Side

	Place	Date	Judge	Nature of Matter	Legal Representation	Interpreter	Outcome	Citation
Ropata Nuitone o te Pakaru v Johnstone Wilkinson	Auckland	7 September 1846	Martin CJ	debt	Donnelly for the plaintiff; Merriman for the defence	Unclear	Verdict for plaintiff. £96, 10s Damages awarded.	New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 26 September 1846, 3; Auckland civil minute book, 1844-1856, ANZ, BBAE

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