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Indenture deed for sale of land surrounding Bluff Harbour to James Spencer by a group of Maori chiefs led by John Howack, 12 January 1839. As is common with early nineteenth-century deeds, Maori signed with drawings of their moko (facial tatoos), which recorded their genealogy and status. The settler purchasing this land, James Spencer, signed related documents with a cross as his mark. Archives New Zealand, Old Land Claim 1/426 (SEP 770). *Archivaria* thanks Dr. Te Maire Tau of Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu and the minister responsible for Archives New Zealand for approval to reproduce this image. See Evelyn Wareham, “‘Our Own Identity, Our Own Taonga, Our Own Self Coming Back’: Indigenous Voices in New Zealand Record-Keeping.”

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