

REPORTS OF THE SELECT

Native representation in Provincial Councils should be brought under the consideration of the Superintendents of the various Provinces.

4. That all deeds for the conveyance or leasing of land made by Maoris to Europeans, should, in all cases where the Maori conveyancer or lessor does not know the English language, be written in the Maori tongue, with a duly-authenticated English translation attached thereto.

19th September, 1872.

4.

On Petition of Te Hata and other Natives for payment for military services.

IN reference to the above petition, your Committee have the honor to report the following resolution, unanimously agreed to:—

That your Committee, after careful consideration of the claim made by the petitioners, and the evidence adduced, are of opinion that their prayer should be complied with.

20th September, 1872.

5.

On Petition of Henare Pukuatua and 135 others, on various subjects.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report that they have agreed to the following resolution:—

That inasmuch as questions are raised in this petition which affect the Native people generally throughout the Islands as well as the petitioners, and also matters relating to proceedings, which have been taken under existing laws, the Committee recommend that the Government should cause full inquiry to be made into all the circumstances before any disturbance of the Land Courts or grants of land should be authorized.

24th September, 1872.

6.

On Petition of Keke (Mrs. Cowell), for restoration of Confiscated Land.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report the following resolution:—

That your Committee are of opinion that Mr. Mackay's recommendation should be submitted to the Government for favourable consideration, as it appears, under all the circumstances, that 100 acres of land given to the petitioner would be a fair final settlement of the matter. Such land to be granted so that it should be inalienable.

24th September, 1872.

7.

On Petition of Pehimana Tahua and 32 others, for restoration of Confiscated Land.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report that the following resolution was agreed to:—

That your Committee do not feel at liberty to recommend the House to interfere in the matter of the prayer of the petition in the direction proposed.

The Committee are of opinion, nevertheless, that, where it is found to be the case that tribes have not been actively engaged in warfare against the Queen, or having been engaged have returned to their loyalty, the lands which have been taken from them, if not otherwise disposed of, should be restored to the Native owners.

25th September, 1872.

8.

On Petition of Eruru Te Ngahu and 21 others, relative to the shooting of Pahu by McAskill.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report to the House that the following resolution was agreed to:—

That the letters addressed to Wi Parata, bearing date 19th July, 1872, and 8th July, 1872, which have been referred to your Committee, not being in the form of petitions to the House, your Committee do not feel justified in taking any action upon them, but have nevertheless advised Mr. Parata, who is a Member of the House, to bring the matter before the House in the form of a resolution.

25th September, 1872.

9.

On Petition of 513 Natives of Hawke's Bay, for inquiring into working of Native Land Laws.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report that the following resolution was agreed to, namely:—

That with reference to the grievances complained of in this petition, and which affect the Native people generally throughout the Islands, as well as the petitioners, as also other matters relating to proceedings which have been taken under existing laws, your Committee recommend that the Government should cause full inquiry to be made by a duly appointed Commission into all the circumstances before any disturbance of the Land Courts or grants of land should be authorized.

11th October, 1872.

10.

On Petition of Tikawenga and 171 other Natives of Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay, that the Native Lands Court be abolished.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report to the House that the following resolution was agreed to, namely:—