

“That the Committee are of opinion that the petitioners’ prayer for the privilege to elect a committee from among themselves should be granted. With respect to other questions raised in the petition, the Committee do not consider it expedient for them to make any further recommendation than that all such matters, being questions of policy, should be left to the consideration of the Government of the Colony.

11th October, 1872.

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11.

*On Petition of 18 Natives of the Ngatiraukawa Tribe, for liberty to deal with their own lands.*

Your Committee have the honor to report to the House, that the following resolution was agreed to, viz. :—

That as the question raised in the letter has been already considered by the Committee in the matter of the petition of several Natives of the Wanganui district, they have no further recommendation to offer than that which was given in the before-mentioned case.

11th October, 1872.

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12.

*On Petition of Five Natives of the Thames District, for repeal of Section 33 of “The Native Lands Act, 1867.”*

Your Committee have the honor to report to the House the following resolution adopted, namely :—

That the Maori owner or owners of land, desirous to sell, the same, should offer such land in the first instance to the Government at a fair and reasonable price; and should the Government not require the land for settlement or other public purpose, and refuse to purchase the same, that the Maori owner or owners should be at liberty to sell or dispose of the land to such persons or in such manner as he or they may think fit.

18th October, 1872.

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13.

*On Petition of Mokena Kohere and Mohi Turei, that the Firearms in the hands of Natives in Waipu District may be collected.*

Your Committee have the honor to report to the House the following resolution, namely :—

That the request contained in the petition should receive immediate attention from the Government.

18th October, 1872.

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14.

*On Petition of 28 Natives of Wanganui, for restoration of Confiscated Land.*

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

The Committee are of opinion that the Government should at once take steps to settle the difference existing between themselves and the Natives with regard to the lands referred to in the petition.

23rd October, 1872.

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15.

*On Petition of Ranohe Rangaika, for restoration of his land formerly sold at Poverty Bay.*

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

The Committee are of opinion that the Government should take steps to ascertain whether or not the petitioner was the owner of the land referred to in the petition; and, if so, to grant him such relief as the Government may deem equitable and advisable.

23rd October, 1872.

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16.

*On Petition of Manihera Rangiaikawaho, for restoration of land in Castle Point District.*

Your Committee have the honor to report the following resolution agreed to, namely :—

The period of the Session being so far advanced, your Committee cannot give the attention requisite to the prayer of the petitioner, and therefore recommend the same to the consideration of the Government during the recess.

24th October, 1872.

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17.

*On Petition of Henare Tomoana and Renata, for compensation for military service.*

Your Committee have the honor to report to the House the following resolution, adopted, namely :—

It has been shown by Mr. Ormond and Mr. Cooper’s evidence that the petitioners received £1,248 5s., instead of £888, as stated in the petition, as payment of the Taupo expedition, in full of all demands; and that a receipt to that effect was taken when the last instalment of £500 was paid. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that there has been no evidence submitted to show that the petitioners are entitled to any further remuneration.

24th October, 1872.