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That the Committee regret that the time at their disposal has not been sufficient to enable them to make such inquiries as would justify them in reporting an opinion on the subject-matter of this petition.

12th December, 1879.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 353, Session II.—Te Pitihana a WIREMU GITTO.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana i mate tetahi Maori ko Wi Apo, i nga tau 15 kua pahure ake nei; na i a ia e ora ana i roto ia i tetahi poraka whenua ko Pakiri; a i tukua e ia ona tama e rua ki te kai-pitihana tiaki ai i mua ake o tona matenga. I hokona taua whenua ki te Kawanatanga a ko nga hea o aua tamariki e £400. Ko tetahi rangatira Maori ko Arama Karaka raua ko te Hiana nga kai-tiaki o aua tamariki e noho ana hoki i te kura o Otamatea. No te kore moni hei whangai ka tono atu te kai-pitihana ki nga kai-tiaki mo te £20, i kiia kua oti e raua te whakanoho ki tona ingoa. No tona haerenga ki te titiro kaore he moni i tukua ki tona ingoa. E mea ana ano hoki ia kaore ano i roto i aua tamariki o raua hea i roto i taua whenua i hokona nei ki te Kawanatanga. E inoi ana ia ki te Whare kia kimihia nga take katoa e korerotia ana e ia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

E pouri ana te Komiti mo te poto o te takiwa i a ratou hei tiro-tirohanga e tika ai te whakatau kupu mo runga i nga putake korero o roto i tenei pitihana.

12 Tihema, 1879.

No. 301, Session II.—Petition of PENE TE PUNA and 3 others.

PETITIONERS state that some of them are grantees from the Crown, or successors of deceased persons, or husbands of female grantees. That Archibald Anderson and James Watt held the blocks of land called Te Awa-o-te-Atua and Kakiraawa; but the validity of the title was disputed. That petitioners executed a deed of conveyance and confirmation in January, 1870, to the above-named persons, for £17,500. The arrangement for the execution of the deed was effected on petitioner's behalf by the Hon. Henry Russell and John Sheehan, and that these two gentlemen received the £17,500. That no account has been rendered by the Hon. Henry Russell and John Sheehan of the manner in which the sum has been disbursed. It is stated that large sums were paid for legal costs, and some part is alleged to have been lodged in the Bank. Small sums have been paid to some of the petitioners, but not the full amount due to them. Petitioners are advised that to obtain redress by recourse to law would be very expensive, and might be indefinitely protracted, and petitioners have not the means to institute proceedings. They pray that the above subjects may be investigated and inquired into by the House.

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[TRANSLATION.]

No. 301, Session II.—Te Pitihana a PENE TE PUNA me etahi atu e toru.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana he tangata Karauna karaati ratou ko etahi he riwhi tupapaku he tane ranei no nga wahine o roto i te Karauna karaati. Na i a Atiporo Hanara me Hemi Wata e pupuri ana nga poraka a Te Awa-o-te-Atua me Kakiraawa, engari e whakahetia ana te hoko. I tuhi nga kai-pitihana i tetahi pukapuka hoko whakatuturu i Hanuere, 1870, ki aua tangata i runga ake nei mo nga moni e £17,500. Ko nga kai-whakahaere o te taha ki nga kai-pitihana i runga i te whakaatu i taua pukapuka ko Henare Rata me Hone Hiana, a i roto i a raua te £17,500. Kaore ano he kaute i tukua ake e Henare Rata raua ko te Hiana ki aua kai-pitihana whakamarama i te whakahaerenga o aua moni. E kii ana he nui nga wahi o aua moni i roto ki te whakarite i nga moni i pau i runga i te ture a ko tetahi wahi i hoatu ki roto ki te Peeke. Kua utua ano etahi wahi iti o aua moni ki nga kai-pitihana engari kaore ano nga moni katoa e tika ana kia puta ki a ratou. E tohutohua ana nga kai-pitihana mehemea e kawea ana i runga i te ture he tikanga kia puta he ora ki a ratou mo taua mate era e nui nga moni e pau a ka whakaroangia haere te mohiotia te taunga ki raro. Kaore hoki he mea i nga kai-pitihana hei whakahaere whakawa heoi ka inoi ratou kia rapua kia kimihia e te Whare nga putake i runga ake nei.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

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12 Tihema, 1879.

No. 295, Session II.—Petition of MOHI NGATATA.

PETITIONER prays that certain lands at Taranaki, which were confiscated by the Government, and which lands descended to him from his grandfather and grandmother, may be returned to him—he never having taken part in the strife between the Europeans and Natives.

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That the Committee regret that the time at their disposal has not been sufficient to enable them to complete the inquiry into this petition.

12th December, 1879.