

district. They complain that Assessors have been discharged, and the pay of others reduced. They say that, though cutting down salaries may perhaps be applicable to other tribes, it should not be done in the case of the Arawas; and they pray for a redress of their grievances.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the question of appointment of Assessors, and the pay of those officers, are matters which can be judged of only by the Government; and the Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

20th August, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 264 of 1880.—Pukapuka-inoi a ANAHA TE RAHUI me etahi atu e 6.

Ko nga Kai-pitihana he Rangatira no te Arawa a e ki ana ko ratou nga apiha whakahaere i nga mahi Maori o to ratou takiwa, e ki ana kua whakakorea etahi Ateha, kua whakaitia nga utu a etahi; e ki ana ratou tera pea e tika kia whakaitia nga utu i etahi takiwa otira kihai i tika kia peratia te Arawa; e inoi ana ratou kia whakaorangia ratou i tenei mate.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko te mahi whakarite Ateha me nga utu a aua Apiha he mea ma te Kawanatanga anake e whakawa; no reira ka kore he kupu a te Komiti.

20 Akuhata, 1880.

No. 160 of Session II., 1879.—Petition of TE OTI PITA MUTU and 25 Others.

PETITIONERS state that in 1868 they were awarded by the Native Land Court certain reserves as fishing ground; that they held possession of these reserves, and received from the fisheries on the lagoons called Ohuapounamu, Torotoroa, and Waimaiaia their main sustenance; that the Europeans in the neighbourhood in the year 1876 drained the lakes and thus destroyed the fisheries, to the very great loss of the owners; they further state that a reserve of 10 acres was allotted to them at the mouth of the Rakahuri, but the land is subject to floods, and is of such bad quality that it is almost useless. They ask that the quantity be increased to 20 acres, and say that there is a piece of unsold land adjoining the reserve which would suit them. They pray for early consideration and redress.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That, in reference to the Lakes Ohuapounamu, Torotoroa, and Waimaiaia, the Committee recommend that so much of the reclaimed land as lies between the Maori land and the water (the line of the latter to be clearly defined) should be Crown-granted to the Natives in compensation for the loss they have suffered by the drainage; and that, in regard to the extension of the area of the reserve at the mouth of the Ashley River, Government should be recommended to consider the matter.

23rd August, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 160 of Session II., 1879.—Pukapuka-inoi a TE OTI PITA MUTU me etahi atu e 25.

E ki ana nga Kai-pitihana no te tau 1868 ka whakataua e te Kooti Whenua Maori etahi rahui ki a ratou hei wahi mahinga ika; i mau tonu i a ratou aua rahui nei a ko to ratou ora nui ko nga rauiri o roto i nga hapua e ingoatia ana ko Ohuapounamu, ko Torotoroa, me Waimaiaia; na nga pakeha o reira i te tau 1876 i keru te wai o aua roto, mate ana nga ika o roto a nui ana te mate i pa ki nga tangata no ratou aua roto. E ki ana ano ratou tera tetahi rahui 10 eka i tukua ki a ratou i te ngutuawa o Rakahuri, engari ko taua wahi e ngaro ngaro ana i te waipuke a he kino rawa te whenua kaore rawa e pai: E tonu ana ratou kia whakanuia taua wahi kia 20 eka a e ki ana kei reira tetahi pihi whenua kaore ano kia hokona a era noa atu e pai ma ratou. Ko ta ratou inoi kia whakaarohia to ratou mate a ka whakaputa i tetahi ora.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Na mo nga roto o te Ohuapounamu, Torotoroa, me Waimaiaia e whakahau ana te Komiti ko te whenua kua maroke i waenganui i te whenua Maori me te wai (kia marama te takoto o te raina o te wai) me Karauna karaati ki nga Maori hei utu mo te mate kua pa kia ratou i runga i nga keringa awa; na mo te whakanui i nga eka o te rahui i te ngutu awa o te awa o Rakahuri me tonu te Kawanatanga kia whakaaro i taua mea.

23 Akuhata, 1880.

No. 326 of 1880.—Petition of JAMES MACKAY, Resident Magistrate.

PETITIONER gives a long history of his connection with the Government, and states that, in settlement of his account with the Land Purchase Department, he had been compelled to take less than he was justly entitled to. He prays for an inquiry into the circumstances, and for such relief as may seem fit.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the petitioner has been paid in full for his services to the colony.

24th August, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 326 of 1880.—Pukapuka-inoi a HEMI MAKE (James Mackay).

HE roa nga korero a te Kai-pitihana mo te takiwa e uru ana ia ki te Kawanatanga, a, e ki ana ia i runga i te whakaritenga i nga moni hei homaitanga ma te Tari Hoko Whenua ki a ia, meatia ana ia kia tango i nga moni iti ake i nga moni e tika ana kia riro i a ia. E inoi ana ia kia tiroirohia aua take a ka whakaputa i tetahi ora e kitea ana he tika kia puta ki a ia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Kua utua katoatia nga mahi a te Kai-pitihana i mahi ai mo te Koroni,

24 Akuhata, 1880.