

Order in Council to that effect was issued on the 8th April, 1880, but that the rehearing had never been held. They now learn that their opponents, the Ngatimakino, have presented a petition to Parliament to have the case heard again. Petitioners pray that nothing be done towards this object, as they now hold the land and wish to remain owners.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That no rehearing can now take place except after special legislation. This case is similar to that of No. 74. The Committee recommends the matter to the consideration of the Government, as in the report upon that petition.

11th July, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 108.—Pukapuka-inoi a MITA TE RANGI-TU-A-KOHA me etahi atu e 6.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana no te tau 1878 ka whakataua ki a ratou e te kooti whenua tetahi poraka whenua ko Pukehina kei te Pei o Pereti; na i pohehe ta ratou tono kia whakawa tuaruatia, i runga i ta ratou tono puta ana he ota i roto i te kaunihera i te 8 o nga ra o Aperira 1880 kia whakawakia ano engari kaore ano i tu taua whakawa. Kua rongo ratou i naianei ko o ratou hoa whakatete ko Ngatimakino kua tuku pitihana ki te Paremete kia whakawakia ano taua whenua. Na e inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia kaua e peratia notemea kei a ratou te whenua i naianei e purpuri ana a e hiahia ana ratou ino ratou ano te whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

E kore e ahei te whakawa tuarua i naianei ma te ture hou rano ka taea. E rite ana tenei ki te pitihana Nama 74. A e mea ana te Komiti he mea tenei hei whakaarohanga ma te Kawanatanga pera me tea mea e kiia ana e nga kupu i runga i taua pitihana.

11 Hurae, 1883.

No. 74.—Petition of WIREMU KATENE TE MAPU and 11 Others. (No. 3).

PETITIONERS state that in 1878 Judge Wilson awarded Rauotehuia, in Tauranga District, to Ngatiwhakaue; that the Ngatirangiwewehi disagreed with the judgment, and applied for a rehearing; that on the 8th April, 1880, an Order in Council was made granting a rehearing on or before the 13th November, 1880, but that this had not taken place; and that in 1883, when the Court sat at Maketu, Judge Brookfield had stated that the case could not be reheard without parliamentary action.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the facts as stated in the petition are accurate, and it seems that it was not through any fault of the petitioners that the rehearing did not take place. Nothing can be done in the present state of the law; and, if a rehearing is to take place, special legislation is necessary. The Committee would recommend Government to earnestly take this and similar cases into consideration, and either provide by special or general legislation for meeting what seem to be grievances of this kind.

11th July, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 74.—Pukapuka-inoi a WIREMU KATENE TE MAPU me etahi atu 11. (Nama 3).

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana no te tau 1878 ka whakataua e Tiatī Wirihana a Rauotehuia, i rote i te takiwa o Tauranga, ki a Ngatiwhakaue; na i whakaae a Ngatirangiwewehi ki taua whakataunga tono ano ratou ki a whakawa tuaruatia; no te 8 o nga ra o Aperira 1880 ka puta tetahi ota i roto i te kaunihera whakaae i te whakawa tuarua kia tu a te 13 o nga ra o Hepetema 1880, i mua atu ranei engari kaore i tu taua whakawa tuarua; no te tuunga o te Kooti ki Maketu i te 1883 i ki a Tiatī Purukuwhira ma te Paremete rano e whakahaere katahi ano ka taea te whakawa tuarua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Kei te tika nga putake e korerotia ana i roto i tenei pitihana, a e hara i te mea no nga kai-pitihana te he i kore ai te whakawa tuarua. E kore e taea te pewhea i runga i tenei ahua o te ture ma te ture hou rano katahi ka taea te whakawa tuarua. E mea ana tenei Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whakaarohia nuitia e ratou me etahi atu pitihana ano hoki penei me tenei, me kore e taea e ratou kia hanga ture hei whakatika i enei tu mate.

11 Hurae, 1883.

No. 81.—Petition of HIRINI TE TUMU and 50 Others.

PETITIONERS complain that their lands from Ngakuriawhare to Waihi, Block No. 17, had been, without their knowledge, passed through the Court by Ngatimatera and Keepa Raharuhi; that, although Te Keepa had handed to the Court a list of names, including the petitioners, this had not been received, on the ground that there were too many; and that consequently they had lost their property.

I am directed to report as follows:—

The Committee has no evidence before it to warrant the supposition that the petitioners have been unjustly treated. An area of 10 per cent. of the land bought by Government was returned as reserves, and these reserves were chosen by Keepa Raharuhi, and included all the cultivations.

11th July, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 81.—Pukapuka-inoi a HIRINI TE TUMU me etahi atu e 50.

E WHAKAHE ana nga kai-pitihana mo o ratou whenua haere atu i Ngakuriawhare ki te Poraka o Waihi Nama 17, i whakawakia ki te Kooti e Ngatimatera me Keepa Raharuhi kihai ratou i mohio;