

I am directed to report as follows:—

That a similar petition (No. 47) from residents in the Motueka District has already been reported upon by the Committee. The Committee recommends the subject to the earnest attention of Government, with a view to such legislation as may cover just claims.

24th July, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 222.—Pukapuka-inoi a HUI TAMATI me etahi atu e 29.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana kei te rihi ratou i etahi rahui Maori i Arahura, i te wa i roiro ai i a ratou aua whenua e kapi ana i te ngaherehere, a i pau a ratou moni e £20 e £50 i te eka mo te whakapai i aua wahi, he whai hoki na ratou hei kainga tuturu mo o ratou tamariki; na kaore he tikanga i roto i "Te Ture Rahui Maori, 1882," hei whakahou i a ratou rihi, ahakoa i mohiotia a te mutunga o a ratou rihi tera ano e whakahoua i runga i etahi reti tika; heoi no te mananga o te ture e kiia ake nei ka riro noa a ratou taonga i runga i era whenua. E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana me utu ranei ratou mo a ratou whakapainga me whakahou ranei a ratou rihi a te takiwa e mutu ai i runga i nga reti o naianei.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Tera ano tetahi pitihana penei me tenei (No. 47) na nga tangata o te Takiwa o Motueka kua whai-kuputia e te Komiti. E mea ana te Komiti kia tukua atu ano tenei hei whakaarohanga ma te Kawanatanga me kore e hanga he ture hei whakatika i nga pono tika.

24 Hurae, 1883.

No. 54.—Petition of REHA APERAHAMA and 26 Others.

PETITIONERS say that it is alleged by a Government official that Tanahawaero, between Katikati and Te Aroha, is confiscated land. They protest against this as an act of injustice.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the land referred to was confiscated land, which was returned to the Natives. The boundary of the confiscated land at this place was designated the "Watershed." Government subsequently considered it desirable to purchase this portion of the land. It was understood that the block to be purchased corresponded with that given back to the Natives. When the purchasing arrangement was being made, the boundary was described in the Katikati-Te Puna deed by names of places. From correspondence produced by the Government it seems that the Natives now allege that these names show that a portion of the land was not included in the purchase, though the vagueness of the petition makes the matter otherwise unintelligible. It is unfortunate that in the purchase the word "watershed" was not again used. The Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th July, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 54.—Pukapuka-inoi a REHA APERAHAMA me etahi atu e 26.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana na tetahi apiha a te Kawanatanga te korero he whenua rau-patu a Tanahawaero i waenganui o Katikati me te Aroha. E whakahe ana ratou ki tenei mahi tahae.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko te whenua e korerotia nei e te pitihana i rau-patutia ano i te tuatahi no muri ka whakahokia ki nga Maori. Ko te rohe o te whenua rau-patu i taua wahi e whakahuatia ana ko "te tihi o te maunga." No muri ka mea te Kawanatanga kia hoko i taua pihi whenua; na ko te wahi hei hokonga i mohiotia i reira ko te wahi ano i whakahokia ki nga Maori. I te hokonga o taua wahi i whakahuatia nga rohe i roto i te pukapuka-hoko o Katikati-Te Puna. I runga i nga pukapuka kua whakatakotoria mai e te Kawanatanga, e mea ana nga Maori inaianei i mahue tetahi pihi whenua ki waho o taua rohe o te hoko, engari kaore rawa i marama te whakaatu mai a te pitihana. Tetahi he, kihai i whakahuatia ano nga kupu "te tihi o te maunga" mo te mutunga mai o te rohe i te takiwa o te hoko.

24 Hurae, 1883.

No. 184.—Petition of TE HAUEHI RANGIHEUEA and 5 Others.

PETITIONERS state that they belong to the Ngatihuri hapu, and are interested in the Waotu South Block, called also Waotu No. 2, adjudicated upon at Cambridge this year, and that the judgment was against them. They pray for an inquiry into the general administration of the Native Land Court.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That this matter is the subject of proceedings in the Supreme Court, and under the circumstances the Committee considers it undesirable to take evidence until those proceedings are settled.

24th July, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 184.—Pukapuka-inoi a TE HAUEHI RANGIHEUEA me etahi atu e 5.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana ko Ngatihuri to ratou hapu a e whai take ana ratou ki te Poraka o Waotu ki te Tongo, e kiia ana ano ko Waotu No. 2, i whakawakia ki Kemureti i tenei tau a i hinga ratou. E inoi ana ratou kia tirohohia nga mahi whakahaere a te Kooti Whenua Maori.

Kua whakataua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko tenei mea kei te whakahaerea i roto i te Hupirimi Kooti, no reira ka mea te Komiti me kaua e tango korero i runga i tenei pitihana kia oti mai rano i te Hupirimi Kooti.

24 Hurae, 1883.