

No. 338.—Petition of RATANA NGAHINA and Others.

PETITIONERS ask for a repeal of "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," so far as their lands are affected.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That, this being a matter of public policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.
7th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 338.—Pukapuka-inoi a RATANA NGAHINA me etahi atu.

E TONO ana nga kai-pitihana Kia whakakorea te Ture Reeti i nga Whenua Karaunu me nga Whenua Maori 1882, i runga i o ratou whenua.

Kua whakahana ahau kia ki penei:—

No te mea he take tenei ma te tokomaha e whakahaere. Kaore he whakaaro a te Komiti.
7 Akuhata, 1883.

No. 337.—Petition of RENATA KAWEPO and Others.

PETITIONERS complain of various provisions of "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," affecting Maori lands, and pray for their repeal.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.
7th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 337.—Pukapuka-inoi a RENATA KAWEPO me etahi atu.

E MEA ana nga kai-pitihana ki te maha o nga tikanga o te Ture Reiti i nga whenua Karauna me nga whenua Maori 1882 e whakararu ana i nga whenua Maori e inoi ana ratou kia whakakorea taua ture.

Kua whakahua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko tenei pitihana me tuku kia whakaarohia mai e te Kawanatanga.
7 Akuhata, 1882.

No. 162.—Petition of HIRA TE POPO and 350 Others.

PETITIONERS say that at Opotiki, on the 16th December, 1881, the Land Court had adjudicated upon Whitikau and Whakapaupakihi; that a rehearing had been granted for the 17th September, 1882, which day was a Sunday; and that this second decision did not satisfy them. They want their case to be dealt with under the Special Powers and Contracts Act.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That Whitikau was adjudicated upon as stated in the petition; though six applications were made, a rehearing was refused. This was overlooked, and by some mistake the land was gazetted for hearing as if it was a new hearing. Upon coming before the Court the error was noticed, and no rehearing could take place. Whakapaupakihi was heard as stated in the petition. There was an application for a rehearing, which was refused. Another application was made, and after some delay it was granted, Government seeming to have been ignorant of the grant of rehearing; and, acting upon the original refusal, bought a portion of the land and proclaimed it waste lands of the Crown. When the rehearing came before the Court, it held that it had no jurisdiction over that portion of the land declared waste lands of the Crown. Into the title of ownership of the other part the name of a woman not in the original grant was inserted. The Committee is of opinion that nothing can be done in the matter without special legislation, and it is referred to the consideration of the Government.

7th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 162.—Pukapuka-inoi a HIRA TE POPO me etahi atu e 350.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana i Opotiki ia Tihema 16, 1881 ka whakawa te Kooti Whenua Maori i enei whenua i Whitikau me Whakapaupakihi, a no muri mai ka whakaaetia kia whakawakia tuaruatia i te 17 o Hepetema, 1882; he ratapu taua rangi a kihai ratou i pai ki te whakataunga tuarua. E hiahia ana ratoua kia whakahaeretia ta ratou keehi i raro i te Ture Whakamananga Whakaritenga Motuhake.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

I whakawakia ano a Whitikau penei me ta te pitihana e whakaatu nei. Ahakoa kua ono nga tono kia whakawakia tuaruatia kihai i whakaaetia, te maharatia taua whakakorenga na kahititia ano taua whenua kia whakawakia tuaruatia. No te taenga ki te aroaro o te kooti ka tahi ka kitea te he, a kahore he whakawa tuarua i tu. Ko Whakapaupakihi i whakawakia ano penei me te whakaatu i roto i te pitihana. I puta ano te tahi tono kia whakawakia tuaruatia erangi kihai i whakaaetia. No muri ka puta ano tetahi tono, a roa iho whakaaetia ana, kihai te Kawanatanga i ata mohio kua whakaaetia te whakawakanga tuarua a i runga i te whakakorenga i te tono tuatahi, hokona ana e ratou tetahi wahi o te whenua no te Karauna. I te tuunga o te whakawa tuarua ki te aroaro o te kooti ka ki te Tiati kahore ana mana i runga i tera wahi o te whenua kua whakataua he whenua no te Karauna. I uru te ingoa o tetahi wahine ki tetahi wahi o taua whenua kihai i uru ki te karati tawhito. E whakaaro ana te Komiti ma te hanga ma rire i te tahi Ture e ahei ai te whakahaere tenei mea a kua tukuna ki te Kawanatanga kia whakaarohia.

7 Akuhata, 1883.