

No. 453.—Pukapuka-inoi a BAPATA KEREAMA.

E ki ana te kai-pitihana no te tau 1878 ka whakaritea e ratou me nga Rangatira o Rotorua kia noho ia i runga i Te Koutu, e tata ana ki Ohinemutu, i whakaae Te Minita o te Taha Maori o tera takiwa kia puta he Karauna karaati o tetahi wahi o taua whenua ki a ia mehemea e tukua atu ana ona take ki te kawanatanga.

Kaore ia i whakaae ki taua tikanga; no Aperira, 1879, ka whakarerea e ia taua whenua i runga i te tono a te Kawananatanga; ko te Pire Ngawha kei te arai i a ia i naianei kihai e taea e ia te whakaoti tona take ki reiri; a, tetahi ki te paahitia te Pire Whakatikatika i nga Pire Whenua Maori tera ia e mate, me kuhu rano he tikanga ki roto hei tiaki i ona paanga tika katahi ia ka ora.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:

Kua tino uiuia e te komiti te kai-pitihana a kua tuturu te whakaaro o te Komiti kia tuaruatia ano ko te whakataunga o tera tau i runga i tetahi pitihana (No 349) penei me tenei hei whakatau ano me tenei ara:—"Ko tau whenua ko Te Koutu e uru nei a Kawaha ki roto, i ruritia e te Kawananatanga i Hepetema, 1874, no Maehe o te tau 1878, ka panuitia e te Kawahatanga taua poraka i runga i ta ratou hoko, na e mea ana ano te kai-pitihana no Tihema ke o taua tau i hoatu ai taua whenua ki a ia, i puta taua kupu i muri i tana hoatutanga nuitanga i te taonga me te waipiro me te tupeka ki nga Maori, na kaore taua kupu a nga Maori kia whakatuturutia kaore he take o Te Kereama ki tau whenua, kaore hoki he tikangata kia tonu ia ki te Kawanatanga kia tautoko i a ia.

23 Akuhata, 1883.

No. 488.—Petition of HONE WETERE and Others.

PETITIONERS, who reside at Kawhia, pray for protection in dealing with their own lands, with the assistance and advice of the Government, and say that they will assist in carrying out public works, such as roads, railways, and telegraphs.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That this petition be referred to the Government for consideration, the Committee, of course, giving no opinion upon the question of ownership.

28th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 488.—Pukapuka-inoi a HONE WETERE me etahi atu.

Ko nga kai-pitihana e noho ana i Kawhia e inoi ana kia tiakina ratou i rungo i te whakahaerenga i nga tikanga ki a ratou whenua, i runga i te awihina me te tuku tikanga mai e te Kawanatanga, e mea ana hoki ratou ka awihina e ratou te whakahere i nga mahi nunui, i runga i te hanga rori, rerewei, terekarawhi hoki.

Kua whakahana ahau kia ki penei:—

Me tuku tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whakaarohia. Ko te Komite ia kahore ana whakaaro mo runga i te tikanga whaitake.

28 Akuhata, 1883.

No. 492.—Petition of MANUHIRI and Others.

[Petition printed. See Parliamentary Paper, J.-1A.]

PETITIONERS consider that the petition of Wahanui and others give erroneous boundaries to their lands, and call special attention to paragraphs numbered three and four.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee cannot enter into the question of tribal title or boundaries raised by this petition, or express an opinion thereon. The House is recommended to take this and other similar petitions into consideration when dealing with Native questions.

29th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 492.—Pukapuka-inoi a MANUHIRI me etahi atu.

E WHAKAARO ana nga kai-pitihana e he ana te whakaatu a te pitihana a Wahanui me etahi atu i nga rohe o to ratou whenua e whakaatu ana hoki i nga rarangi nama toru me te wha.

Kua whakana ahau kia hi penei:—

Kaore te Komiti e whakahaere i nga take i nga rohe ranei a nga iwi e whakaarohia mai nei e tenei pitihana e kore hoki e whai kupu mo runga i taua take. E whakahau ana i te Paremete kia whakaarohia tenei me etahi atu pitihana penei a te takiwa e whakaherea ai nga take Maori.

29 Akuhata, 1883.

No. 405.—Petition of NUI HARE and 30 Others.

PETITIONERS state that they are owners of the Island Motukaraka, situated at the mouth of the Tapuae River, in Hokianga Harbour. They say that George Webster claims to have a Crown grant of it. They think there must be a mistake, as the island contains only four acres, whilst Webster's grant shows thirty-five acres. They pray for an inquiry and redress.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the land referred to has been held by various European owners since 1832, and is now in the hands of George Webster. In the Crown grant the swamps and mud-banks surrounding the dry land are included. The total area is about thirty-five acres, though the dry land is only about five acres. The Committee has no recommendation to make.

29th August, 1883.