

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 55.—Pukapuka-inoi a HEMI TAKAHIA me tetahi atu.

E WHAI kupu ana te kai-pitihana mo tetahi pihī whenua, kotahi rau eka, i hoatu kia ratou e te Komihana, kei roto i te takiwa o Manawatu-Rangitikei, erangi kua hokona e tetahi tangata, ko Matiu te Wheoro te ingoa, kihai hoki i roto mai i a ratou tetahi wahi o te utu o taua whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Ko tenei pitihana me tuku ki te Kawanatanga kia pataia.

28 o Akuhata, 1885.

No. 353.—Petition of HEMI TE TUPARA TOKOAITUA and Others.

PETITIONERS, who are Natives of Rotorua, state that some time ago they gave some pieces of land to the late Robert Graham, and also leased a further portion to him on account of his kindness and sympathy for them. As he is now dead they wish this land put through the Court, so that they may complete the transfer and lease to his widow and children.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Government be requested to remove the restrictions over ten acres of land on which the late Mr. Robert Graham's house stands, known as Koutu, with a view to enable the petitioners to fulfil their agreement or promise made to the late Mr. Robert Graham; and over three hundred acres of the land adjoining the gift pieces, to enable the Natives to give a lease to the widow or children of the late Mr. Robert Graham.

8th September, 1885.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 353.—Pukapuka-inoi a HEMI TE TUPARA TOKOAITUA me etahi atu.

Ko nga kai-pitihana he Maori no Rotorua e ki ana i hoatu e ratou etahi pihī whenua ma Ropata Kereama, a i riihitia atu hoki tetahi atu wahi ki aia mo tana mahi atawhai kia ratou. Na i te mea kua mate nei ia e hiahia ana ratou kia whakawakia taua whenua kia ahei ai ratou te whakaoti me te tuku i te riihi ki te wahine me nga tamauki a Ropata Kereama.

Kua whakahaua kia ki penei: Me tono te Kawanatanga kia unuhia nga here i runga i nga eka kotahi tekau o te whenua e turia mai nei e te whare o Ropata Kereama e mohiotia nei ko te Koutu. Kia ahei ai nga kai-pitihana te whakatuturu i ta ratou kirimene whakaaetanga ranei kia Ropata Kereama, i runga hoki i nga eka whenua e 300 e piri ana ki te taha o te pihī i hoatu noa atu e ratou, kia ahei ai nga Maori te tuku i te riihi ki te wahine me nga tamariki a Ropata Kereama.

8 o Hepetema, 1885.

No. 247.—Petition of EPIHA KARORO and Others (No. 4).

PETITIONERS state that a person named Poole got permission from them to occupy a portion of their land near Mokau, which was pegged off by Poole. He afterwards occupied more of their land without their permission, and erected a jetty. Some of the petitioners destroyed a portion of the jetty, for which they were summoned, and were ordered to pay, with damages and costs, £47 8s. They say the amount for the damage to the jetty was excessive, and that the Magistrate had no power to deal with the case. They pray that inquiry may be made into their case.

I am directed to report as follows: That there is not sufficient evidence before the Committee to enable it to express a positive opinion on the merits of the case; but, as various considerations of importance are involved, it is recommended that the Government make inquiry into the circumstances, and ascertain whether injury has been suffered by the petitioners of a sufficiently exceptional character to justify relief being afforded.

9th September, 1885.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 247.—Pukapuka-inoi a EPIHA KARORO me etahi atu (Nama 4).

E KI ana te kai-pitihana i puta tetahi whakaaetanga ki tetahi tangata ko Puuru te ingoa kia nohia e ia tetahi wahi o to ratou whenua e tata ana ki Mokau, na Puuru ano i pou nga roe. I muri iho ka nohia noatia e ia tetahi atu wahi o to ratou whenua e hara i te mea he mea whakaae atu ki aia, a hanga ana e ia he wapu ki runga i tenei wahi, a wahia ana tetahi wahi o te wapu e nga kai-pitihana, a hamenetia iho ratou mo taua mahi, a ka whakataua kia utua e ratou mo ta ratou mahi me nga utu mo te whakawakanga e £47 8s. na e ki ana ratou he nui rawa nga utu i tonoa mo te wahanga i te Wapu, kahore hoki he mana o te Kaiwhakawa ki te whakahaere i taua keehi.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kihai i tino pakari ara kihai i tino nui naga korero i korerotia ki te aroaro o te Komiti kia ahei ai te tino whai whakaaro mo runga i taua keehi, Otiia i runga i te whakauruuru o nga tikanga maha me nga tikanga nunui i roto i taua mea e tono ana kia pataia nga tikanga e te Kawanatanga me te kimi mehemea i tau tetahi mate ki runga i nga kai-pitihana e tika ai kia whakaputaina tetahi ora mo ratou.

9 o Hepetema, 1885.

THE NATIVE LAND DISPOSITION BILL.

THE Native Affairs Committee, to whom the above Bill was referred, have the honour to submit to the House the following recommendations: I. That with the evidence taken there be printed—(1) The Bill as modified by the amendments proposed by the Government; (2) The Bill as modified by the amendments proposed by Wahanui; (3) The Bill as modified by the amendments proposed by Mr. Wi Pere. II. That the Native Land Disposition Bill should not be further proceeded with this session. (For Minutes of Evidence, &c., see I.—2B.)

9th September, 1885.