No. 51.—Petition of Hori Poipoi and 9 Others.

PETITIONERS complain of the piece of land cut off for them from the Umumango No. 1 Block, and

pray that the partitioning may be reconsidered.

I am directed to report that, as this seems to be a matter for mutual adjustment between the European purchaser of the land in question and the petitioners, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th August, 1898.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 51.—Pitihana a Hori Poipoi me etahi atu tokiwa.

E wнакане ana nga kai-pitihana mo te piihi whenua i wehea mo ratou i Umumango Nama 1

Poraka, a e inoi ana ratou kia wiriwhiria ano te roherohenga o taua poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ko te ahua o tenei take mehemea nei he mea e tika ana kia tukua atu ma te Pakeha nana i hoko taua whenua ratou ko nga kai-pitihana e whakariterite, na reira kaore kau a te Komiti kupu.

30 o Akuhata, 1898.

No. 161, 1897.—Petition of Ani Paki.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into rights of Pura Rora to succeed to the lands of Te Awaawa, and for rehearing in connection with Awarua and other blocks.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

30th August, 1898.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 161, 1897.—Pitihana a Ani Paki.

E moi ana te kai-pitihana kia uiuia nga take i tu ai a Pura Rora hei kai-riiwhi mo nga hea o Te Awaawa i roto i etahi whenua, a e inoi ana hoki kia whakawakia tuaruatia aua hea i Te Awarua me etahi atu poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, kaore kau a te Komiti kupu mo runga i tenei pitihana.

30 o Akuhata, 1898.

No. 356, 1897.—Petition of Mehaka Tokopounamu and Another.

PETITIONERS pray for inquiry into the ownership of the Ruatoki Block, Whakatane district, in order that certain persons, wrongfully left out, may be put into the title.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the

Government for consideration.

31st August, 1898.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 356, 1897.—Pitihana a Mehaka Tokopounamu me tetahi atu.

E moi ana nga kai-pitihana kia uiuia nga take paanga ki Ruatoki Poraka, i te takiwa o Whakatane, kia whakaurua ai ki te tiwhikete etahi tangata i panaia hetia i taua poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ki te whakaaro o te Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria.

31 o Akuhata, 1898.

No. 319, 1897.—Petition of Mapu TE Amotu and 2 Others.

Petitioners pray for a further hearing in connection with Te Whare-o-te-Rangimarere No. 3 Block.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

31st August, 1898.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 319, 1897.—Pitihana a Mapu te Amotu me etahi atu tokorua.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakawakia ano Te Whare-o-te-Rangimarere Nama 3 Poraka. Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, kaore kau a te Komiti kupu mo runga i tenei pitihana. 31 o Akuhata, 1898.

THE EAST COAST NATIVE LAND BOARD BILL.

THE Native Affairs Committee, to whom was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has duly con-

sidered the same, and has directed me to report as follows:-

That it is not advisable to create any special Board for the administration of the lands formerly held by the New Zealand Native Land Settlement Company (Limited), but instead (if such powers do not at present exist) a Bill be introduced granting power to trustees to dispose of such of the lands now held in trust by the Hon. James Carroll and Mr. Wi Pere, Ms.H.R., as will liquidate the debt now owing to the Bank of New Zealand; that after powing such debt all land remaining the debt now owing to the Bank of New Zealand; that, after paying such debt, all land remaining unsold be dealt with by special Act in such manner as may be recommended by the Validation Court after ascertaining the wishes of the beneficiaries; and with a view to the introduction of the necessary legislation the present Bill be not proceeded with.

16th September, 1898.