No. 221/1927.—Petition of Petera Popo and 3 Others.

Praying for reinvestigation of the partitioning of Mangapoike 2D and 2A 3 Blocks.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioners have not exhausted their legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

20th October, 1927.

[Translation.]

No. 221/1927.—Pitihana a Petera Popo ratau ko etahi atu tokotoru.

E inoi ana kia whakawakia ano te wawahanga o Mangapoike 2p me 2a 3 Poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripoata, i te mea kaore ano i pau noa i nga kai-pitihana nga huarahi whakaoraora i raro i te ture te whai haere, kaore kau he kupu tohutohu a te Komiti.

20 o Oketopa, 1927.

No. 259/1927.—Petition of IHAPERA TAIKATO and 5 Others.

Praying that a block of land known as Te Moari No. 56, Block VII, Kaeo Survey District, may be returned to them.

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

20th October, 1927.

[Translation.]

No. 259/1927.—Pitihana a Ihapera Taikato ratau ko etahi atu tokorima.

E inoi ana kia whakahokia atu ki a ratau te poraka whenua e mohiotia nei ko Te Moari No. 56, Poraka VII, Takiwa Ruri o Kaeo.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripoata kaore kau he kupu tohutohu a te Komiti mo runga mo tenei pitihana.

20 o Oketopa, 1927.

PETROLEUM BILL.

I am directed to report that the Native Affairs Committee, to which was referred the Petroleum Bill, has duly considered the same, and it recommends that the Bill be amended in the following particulars:

(1) As to clause 5, paragraph (c): That this be omitted, and provision substituted on the lines of section 30 of the Mining Act, 1926.

(2) As to clause 24, subclause (2): That it be made quite clear that the provisions of section 91 of the Public Works Act, 1908, shall apply.

(3) As to clause 26, paragraph (d): That this be amended to provide for payment to such

person or body as the Native Land Court may direct.

(4) As to clause 29, subclause (3): That this should provide for the notice to be given to the Maori Land Boards, whose duty it should be to notify the persons interested.

26th October, 1927.

[Translation.]

PIRE HINU WHENUA.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripoata kua whiriwhiria e te Komiti mo nga Mea Maori, i tukua mai nei ki a ia te Pire Hinu Whenua, taua pire a ko tana kupu tohutohu me whakatikatika taua Pire penei i enei

(1) Mo tekiona 5, rarangi (c): Me tapahi atu tenei ki waho a me whakauru atu he tikanga pera me era i roto i Tekiona 30 o te Ture Maina, 1926.

(2) Mo tekiona 24, wahanga-tekiona (2): Kia tino whakamaramatia e pa ana nga tikanga o tekiona 91 o te Ture mo nga Mahi Nunui, 1908.

(3) Mo tekiona 26, rarangi (d): Ko tenei me whakatikatika kia ahei ai te utua ki ia tangata, ki ia ropu ranei e ai ki ta te Kooti Whenua Maori i whakahau ai.

(4) Mo tekiona 29, wahanga-tekiona (3): Me whakahau e tenei tekiona kia tae he panui ki nga Poari Whenua Maori, ma ratau e tuku he whakamaharatanga ki nga tangata e whaitake ana.

26 o Oketopa, 1927.

No. 284/1927.—Petition of NGAPINE RURI.

Praying for inquiry into succession to Timotuha Ruri Harete (deceased), in order to ensure the claims of an adopted child, named Wiremu Williams, being recognized.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for inquiry.

28th October, 1927.