

RETURN

OF THE

NUMBER OF CASES REFERRED TO AND DISPOSED OF BY THE NATIVE LAND COURT

DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1868.

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated the 25th day of August, 1868.)

That there be laid upon the Table of this House—"A Tabular Return, similar to that laid on the Table of the House last Session, showing the number of Cases referred to and disposed of by the Native Land Court during the year ending 30th June, 1868; also, Any Reports received from Judges of that Court during that period."

(Mr. Fox.)

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RETURN OF CASES DISPOSED OF BY THE NATIVE LAND COURT.

Copy of a Letter from Judge FENTON to the NATIVE MINISTER.

(No. 1,132.)

Native Land Court Office,

SIR,—

Auckland, September 2nd, 1868.

In accordance with an Order of the House of Representatives made the 25th day of August last, I have the honor to enclose a statement showing the proceedings of the Native Land Court for the year ending the 30th June, 1868.

With respect to the latter part of the Order, I have the honor to inform you that I cannot find that any formal reports have been recently made by myself or any of the Judges, nor that any have been asked for. I have been unwilling myself to volunteer any statement of opinion, for I could not fail to observe that Parliament, in the Native Land Act which they passed last Session, seemed inclined to legislate in direct opposition to what I had stated, in my report then made, to be, in the opinion of myself and the other Judges, the politic and just course.

The Hon. the Native Minister,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
F. D. FENTON,
Chief Judge.

RETURN of PROCEEDINGS of the NATIVE LAND COURT of NEW ZEALAND, from 1st July, 1867, to 30th June, 1868.

PROVINCE.	Claims to Land received.	Cases disposed of.	Cases adjourned.	Cases still pending.	Certificates ordered and not yet issued, on account of alteration in Plans, &c.			Certificate issued to the Governor under Clause 29.			Interlocutory Orders under Clauses 27 and 71.			Total Number of Acres to which Title ordered by the Court.	Testamen- tary Orders.		Orders on Subdivision.		References from Supreme Court.	Interpreters licensed.	Rehearings.	Orders of reference.	Fees			Total.
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