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REPORT ON PETITION OF HIRINI TAIWHANGA and OTHERS. (Presented in 1876.)

This is a petition presented last session, and referred back in consequence of the Native Affairs

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Committee of last year not having reported an opinion to the House.

The petitioners complain that due attention was not given to a petition of the Ngapuhi tribe, sent to Parliament in 1874, against the repeal of "The Native Lands Act, 1865," against which they allege no fault was found during the eight years of its existence, except in the case of the foolish Maoris of Napier.

I am directed to report as follows:-

That there is no evidence before the Committee to enable them to judge of the correctness of the statements made in the petition. They recommend the petition to the consideration of the Government, in view of the proposed legislation next year in reference to Native lands.

JOHN BRYCE,

18th September, 1877.

Chairman.

[TRANSLATION.]

KO TE KUPU A TE KOMITI MO RUNGA I TE PUKAPUKA-INOI A HIRINI TAIWHANGA MA. (No te tau

1876 i tukua mai ai.) No tera tau i tukua mai ai tenei pukapuka-inoi i whakahokia mai notemea kihai te Komiti o tera tau

i whai kupu tuturu ki te Whare.

E pouri ana nga kai-inoi notemea kahore i ata whakaarohia tetahi pukapuka-inoi a Ngapuhi i tuka mai ki te Paremete i te tau 1874 he whakahe ki te whakakorenga o "Te Ture mo nga Whenua Maori, 1865," e ki ana hoki ratou kahore i kitea he he i roto i nga tau e waru i tu ai taua Ture haunga ia i nga Maori kuare o Nepia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:-

Kahore he korero i whakapuakina i te aroaro o te Komiti i ahei ai ratou ki te ki e tika ana nga kupu i roto i te pukapuka-inoi. E mea ana te Komiti ma te Kawanatanga e titiro te pukapuka-inoi i te mea e kiia ana kia homai he Ture hou mo nga Whenua Maori a te tau e haere ake nei.

JOHN BRYCE,

Hepetema 18th, 1877.

Tumuaki.

REPORT ON PETITION OF HENARE TE MOANANUI and OTHERS. (Presented in 1876.)

This is a petition presented during last session, and referred back in consequence of the Native Affairs Committee of last year not having reported an opinion to the House.

Petitioners pray for the formation of a road between Whangarei and Tutukaka, and also for the erection of a school for their children, and state that they will never cease from urging these matters

on the attention of the House. I am directed to report as follows:-

That the Committee understand that during the recess the request for a school has been complied with. The demand for a road to be constructed is one which must be left for the consideration of the Government; and I am directed to report accordingly.

18th September, 1877.

JOHN BRYCE, Chairman.

[Translation.]

KO TE KUPU A TE KOMITI MO BUNGA I TE PUKAPUKA-INOI A HENARE TE MOANANUI MA. (No te tau 1876 i tukua mai ai.)

No tera tau i tukua mai ai tenei pukapuka-inoi, i whakahokia mai notemea kihai te Komiti o tera tau

i whai kupu tuturu ki te Whare.

E tono ana nga kai-inoi kia hanga he rori i waenganui o Whangarei o Tutukaka, kia whakaturia hoki he kura mo a ratou tamariki, e ki ana ratou ekore rawa e mutu ta ratou tohe mo enei mea ki te

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:-

Kua rongo te Komiti kua ea te tono mo te kura i muri mai o tera nohoanga o te Runanga. Ko te tono mo te rori kia hanga ma te Kawanatanga tera e whakaaro a kua whakahaua ahau kia tohutohu pera atu ki te Whare.

JOHN BRYCE,

Hepetema 18, 1877.

Tumuaki.

REPORT on PETITION of RUIHA TEIRA and OTHERS. (Presented in 1876.)

This is a petition presented last session, and referred back in consequence of the Native affairs Committee of last year not having reported an opinion to the House.

Petitioners state that some of their land near Taranaki has been confiscated, but that they took no

part in the rebellion, and that the justice of their case has been acknowledged by the Government, but redress has not been afforded. They pray the House to give them relief.

I am directed to report as follows:

That it appears perfectly clear that the petitioners have a substantial grievance of the nature set forth in their petition. The evidence taken and the correspondence produced show conclusively that their claim has been admitted for many years, although it has never been finally dealt with. The Committee are of opinion that the petitioners' claim should be finally disposed of without further