

nga ra i rohea e te Ture i tukua nga tono a nga tangata i pouri mo taua whakataunga kia whakawakia tuaruatia taua whenua. Tukua atu ana aua tono ki te Tumuaki o nga Kai-whakawa o te Kooti Whenua Maori a whiriwhiria ana e raua ko te Kai-whakawa nana i whakatau tae atu ana te Kupu a te Tumuaki ki te Kawanatanga e kore e marama kia whakawakia tuaruatia. Engari kahore ano i tuturu te whakaaro o te Kawanatanga mo te whakaae ranei mo te kore ranei, a ko te take pea tena i kore ai e puta te pukapuka whakamaharatanga take. Kua oti te arai i te hiahia o Te Kupa, mehemea ia e mea ana ia ki te hoko, e tetahi pukapuka whakatupato kua tukua atu ki te tari rehita e te Kawanatanga.

E whakaaro ana te Komiti he mea kino rawa te awangawanga o nga taha katoa e whai tikanga ki tenei mea inaianei, a ko te mea tika ki ta ratou kia tere tonu te whakarite i tetahi tikanga e mutu ai te awangawanga.

Ko tenei te whakaaro a te Komiti (ahakoa kihai i tino whakaaetia teretia) ko te huarahi pai e oti tenei raruraru me whakaae te Kawanatanga ki te whakawakanga tuarua kua tonoa e nga tangata, me whakarite hoki tetahi ra tata e tu ai te Kooti ki te whakawa tuarua ki te whakatuturu i nga take ki te whenua e kiia nei e Te Kupa nona.

Oketopa 18, 1878.

No. 261.—Petition of **HOTERENE TAIPARI** and Others.

PETITIONERS state that they own portions of land within the land described in the plan of the Waikawau Block, the title to which was investigated by the Court, and decided in favour of Ngatitamatera on the 5th day of August, 1878.

The petitioners pray that they may be allowed to have a rehearing of the case, on account of Government moneys having been scattered broadcast by the officers to the people on account of the said land.

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

21st October, 1878.

[TRANSLATION.]

Te Pukapuka-inoi a **HOTERENE TAIPARI** ma.

E KI ana nga kai-inoi e whai take ana ratou ki etahi wahi whenua kei roto i te mapi o te whenua e kiia nei tona ingoa ko Waikawau i whakawakia e te Kooti, whakataua iho te tika ki a Ngatitamatera i te 5 o nga ra o Akuhata, 1878.

E tono ana nga kai-inoi kia whakaaetia kia whakawakia tuaruatia taua whenua notemea kua ruia nga moni o te Kawanatanga e nga apiha ki te iwi mo taua whenua.

Kua whakahaua kia ki atu ahau ki te Whare ko te whakaaro tenei o te Komiti me tuku atu tenei pukapuka-inoi ki te Kawanatanga.

Oketopa 21, 1878.

No. 332.—Petition of **ARAPATA TE RANGIIRUNGA** and Others.

PETITIONER states that his sister and himself have claims through their parents, now deceased, to a certain reserve called Mangamutu, situate on the west side of the Whanganui, near Kaiwhaki, and prays for an inquiry into the said claims.

I am directed to report that the Committee, after taking evidence, are satisfied that the petitioners have no claim, and they cannot therefore recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the consideration of the House.

21st October, 1878.

[TRANSLATION.]

Te Pukapuka-inoi a **ARAPATA TE RANGIIRUNGA** ma.

E KI ana te kai-inoi e whai tikanga ana raua ko tana tuahine ki te paanga o o raua matua ki tetahi whenua porowhita ko Mangamutu te ingoa kei te taha ki te Rato o Whanganui, e tata ana ki Kaiwhaki, a e tono ana kia kimihia te tikanga o taua paanga.

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

Kua korerotia nga tikanga o tenei mea i te aroaro o te Komiti, kitea iho kahore he take o nga kai-inoi no reira e kore te Komiti e mea atu kia whakaarohia paitia ta raua inoi e te Whare.

Oketopa 21, 1878.

No. 153.—Petition of **E. F. HARRIS**.

THE petitioner, a half-caste resident in Gisborne, states that he and his immediate relatives are justly entitled to a portion of the Patutahi Block, known as Taputoho; that the petitioner never joined in the deed of cession by which the land in question was acquired by the Government, but on the contrary protested, in a letter to the Government dated August, 1869, against his rights in the said land being prejudiced by the said deed. The petitioner prays that he and his relatives may receive compensation for the loss of their land.

I am directed to report that, from the evidence taken by the Committee, it seems probable that there may be some grounds for the claim made by the petitioner. The Committee therefore recommend the case to the Government for consideration and inquiry.

23rd October, 1878.