No. 23.—Petition of HENRY ALLEY.

THE petitioner, who is a European, states that in the year 1872 he entered into negotiations for the lease of a block of land in the Upper Thames Valley, and subsequently obtained it from the Native owners. That his occupation of the said leasehold was objected to by the Government agents—Messrs. Clarke and Puckey-and that his cattle were driven off by Natives, at the instigation, as he believes, of the said Government agents. Petitioner prays that his statement may be investigated by persons unconnected with the Native Department, and that he may be reinstated in possession of his leasehold, and that such other relief may be given him as the House may deem fit.

I am directed to report as follows:-

That this petition be referred back to the Classification Committee, as it does not appear to involve any question of Native affairs.

21st August, 1878.

TRANSLATION.

Te Pukapuka-inoi a HENRY ALLEY.

HE pakeha tenei kai-inoi e ki ana ia i timata i te 1872 tana whakahaere tikanga mo te riihi o tetahi whenua i roto o Hauraki muri iho ka whakawhiwhia ia ki taua whenua e nga Maori no ratou taua whenua. I whakahengia e nga Apiha o te Kawanatanga tana noho ki runga ki taua whenua ko nga ingoa o aua pakeha ko Mr. Clarke raua ko Mr. Puckey a ko ona kau i panaa e nga Maori i runga, ki tana whakaaro, i te whakahau a aua Apiha. E tono ana te kai-inoi kia ata kimihia nga tikanga o tana korero e etahi tangata ehara i te Tari Maori, a kia whakanohoia ano hoki ia ki runga ki te whenua i riihitia e ia a kia apititia hoki e te Whare tetahi oranga ngakau ki a ia i ta te Whare i kite ai.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:

Ko tenei pukapuka-inoi me whakahoki atu ki te Komiti whiriwhiri i nga pukapuka-inoi notemea kahore i kitea he mea Maori tenei.

Akuhata 21, 1878.

No. 58.—Petition of TE HUIRAMA TUKARIRI.

THE petitioner prays that the half of certain lands at Mangonui, being old Government purchases, may be given back to him, on the ground that they were not paid for in money, but by pots and pans and fishhooks.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee have no recommendation to offer in respect to this petition.

21st August, 1878.

[TRANSLATION.]

To Pukapuka-inoi a TE HUIRAMA TUKABIRI.

E rovo ana te kai-inoi kia whakahokia ki a ia te hawhe o etahi whenua i Mangonui he hoko tawhito na te Kawanatanga, ko te take, ki tana, ehara i te mea i hokona ki te moni-engari i hokona ki te kohua ki te paraharaha ki te matau.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:-Kahore he kupu a te Komiti mo tenei pukapuka-inoi.

Akuhata 21, 1878.

Nos. 19 and 36.—Petitions of RIWI TAIKAWA and 4 Others, and RIWI TAIKAWA and Others. THE prayer of these petitions is that lands called Te Hue and Otonga, in the Otanga Block, Whangarei, should be made permanent reserves for the petitioners.

I am directed to report as follows:

That it appears to the Committee that the petitioners have a right, under "The Native Land Act, 1873," to require the Government to make the lands in question a permanent reserve, as prayed for in the petition. The petition to the House being therefore unnecessary, the Committee have no recommendation to offer thereon.

22nd August, 1878.

[TRANSLATION.]

Te Pukapuka-inoi a Riwi Taikawa me ona Hoa tokowha, a Riwi Taikawa hoki me etahi atu. E TONO ana nga kai-inoi kia whakatuturutia etahi whenua ko Te Hue ko Otonga nga ingoa hei whenua tuturu mo nga kai-inoi.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:—
E ahei ana ano nga kai-inoi ki te tono ki te Kawanatanga i runga i "Te Ture Whenua Maori, 1873," kia whakatuturutia aua whenua i runga i te tono a nga kai-inoi. No reira kahore he tikanga i tukua mai ai ta ratou pukapuka-inoi ki te Whare a kahore hoki he kupu ma te Komiti.

Akuhata 22, 1878.

No. 70.—Petition of TIMOTI RAPATINI.

Petitioner, a half-caste, states that his father purchased long ago 150 acres of land from the Akaroa Natives, built a house, and lived in it, and that subsequently he, the petitioner, and his mother continued to reside there. The petitioner goes on to say that, when the Akaroa land was purchased