

4. Ko nga Pakeha e maha haere ana ko nga Maori e iti haere ana ;

5. E kiia ana kia whakamana nga tane katoa kua tae o ratou tau ki te rua-tekau ma tahi hei tangata pooti mema no reira ka tino kaha te taimahatanga.

E whakaaro ana te kai-inoi kia tu ra ano he wehenga tuatoru o te Runanga Nui mo nga Maori ake katahi ka tika kia whakakorea te pooti tuarua a nga Maori, engari ekore e tika kia whakakorea inaianei kia tae ra ano pea ki taua wa.

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

Notemea he putake tenei hei whiriwhiringa ma te Whare a te wa e korerotia ai te Pire Pooti Mema, kahore te Komiti e whai kupu tohutohu atu mo tenei pukapuka-inoi.

Hepetema 17, 1878.

No. 139.—Petition of HARE HONGI HIKA and Others.

The petitioners, who are members of the Ngapuhi Tribe, begin by declaring that their petition emanates from hearts thoughtful of the covenant made by the Treaty of Waitangi. They pray that a fine house should be erected on the spot where the treaty was signed, and the cost should be borne upon the Consolidated Fund, which has found an existence only by reason of the treaty itself. The petitioners think that the house should be used as a place where the Governor might explain the instructions of the Queen in regard to the Maori people, and where the Native chiefs could return thanks for the benefits they have received from Her Majesty.

I am directed to report as follows :—

The Committee recommend the prayer of the petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

17th September, 1878.

[TRANSLATION.]

Te Pukapuka-inoi a HARE HONGI HIKA ma.

Ko nga kai-inoi no Ngapuhi a ko ta ratou kupu tuatahi tenei i puta mai tenei pukapuka-inoi i nga ngakau o nga tangata e mahara ana ki nga tikanga o te Kawenata o te Tiriti o Waitangi. E inoi ana ratou kia hanga tetahi whare tino pai ki te wahi i tubia ai nga ingoa ki te tiriti ; a ko te utu ma Kawanatanga e utu i roto i nga moni o te Koroni notemea ko taua tiriti te putake o aua moni. E whakaaro ana nga kai-inoi he wahi pai taua whare hei whakamaramatanga ma te Kawana i nga kupu a te Kuini mo te iwi Maori, a hei wahi whakawhetaitanga atu ma nga rangatira Maori mo nga painga i tukua ki a ratou e te Kuini.

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

E whakaaro ana te Komiti he mea pai kia ata whiriwhiria e te Kawanatanga te tikanga o tenei tono.

Hepetema 17, 1878.

No. 142.—Petition of ROPATA HAUITI and 3 Others.

THE petitioners state that they were left out of the list of the owners of a piece of land called Kaikokopu. They object to any attempt being made to dispose of the land to private individuals or to the Government, and say that should such attempt be made they will take steps to obtain a hearing of their claims in order that their names may be inserted in the grant.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That it is open to the petitioners to apply to the Government for a rehearing of their claims, as they allege they have some intention of doing. The Committee have no other opinion to report.

17th September, 1878.

[TRANSLATION.]

Te Pukapuka-inoi a ROPATA HAUITI me ona Hoa e 3.

E ki ana nga kai-inoi i hapa o ratou ingoa i te rarangi ingoa o nga tangata mo tetahi whenua ko Kaikokopu te ingoa. E kore ratou e pai kia tukua taua whenua ki te tangata noa iho ki te Kawanatanga ranei a mehemea ka timatatia he mahi pera ka tono ratou kia whakawakia o ratou take he mea kia whakaurua ai o ratou ingoa ki te Karaati.

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

E ahei ana nga kai-inoi ki te tono atu ki te Kawanatanga kia whakawakia tuaruatia a ratou tono kua ki hoki aua kai-inoi e whakaaro ana ratou ki te pera, kahore he kupu ke atu a te Komiti.

Hepetema 17, 1878.

Nos. 132, 133.—Petition of HOANI TE OKORO and AKANIHI HIMIONA and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS state that they are entitled, by ancestral descent, to land which has been confiscated in the Provincial District of Taranaki, and, inasmuch as they have never taken any part in the rebellion, pray for relief from the injustice they suffer.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That, in the opinion of the Committee, the claims raised by these petitions are matters for the consideration of the Government.

18th September, 1878.