

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 295 of Session II., 1879.—Pukapuka-inoi a MOHI NGATATA.

E inoi ana te Kai-pitihana kia whakahokia ki a ia etahi whenua e takoto ana i waenganui i nga awa o Waiongana me Mangoraka haere atu i te taha moana ki uta, notemea kaore ia i uru ki roto ki te whawhai a te pakeha me te Maori.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

Ko tenei pitihana e rite ana ki etahi atu ano penei me tenei, a e pai ana kia tukua atu ki te Komihana mo te Tai-Hauauru ma ratou e whiriwhiri. Na ma tenei Komiti e whakahau te Kawanatanga kia tonoa atu te Komihana kia rapua te korero a te Kai-pitihana.

25 Hune, 1880.

No. 147 of Session II., 1879.—Petition of EDWARD FRANCIS HARRIS.

PETITIONER states that on behalf of himself and 6 others he presented a petition in 1878, praying that they might receive compensation for the loss of a portion of the Patutahi Block, known as Tupatoho; and that in February, 1879, he had written to the Native Minister, and had had a reply that Government was at a loss to know what further investigation into the case could be made. Petitioner prays for compensation for the alleged loss.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That in this case the Committee has no special recommendation to make, but would again record its opinion that there ought to be a Court or Commission, with power to fully inquire into and settle definitely all such complaints.

25th June, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 147 of Session II., 1879.—Pukapuka-inoi a ERUERA PARANIHI HARETE.

E ki ana te Kai-pitihana nana i tuku ake tetahi pitihana i te tau 1878, mona ake me etahi toko-ono, he inoi kia utua ratou mo te rironga o tetahi wahi o te Poraka o Patutahi, e mohiotia ana ko Tapatoho; a o mea ana ia i Pepuere, 1879, i tubi ia ki te Minita mo te taha Maori, na ko te whakahoki i mea-kaore te Kawanatanga e mohio me pewhea ra he kimihanga ke atu mo taua korero. E inoi ana te Kai-pitihana kia whai-utua ia mo taua whenua i riro ra.

Kua whakahaua kia ki penei :—

I runga i tenei korero kaore he kupu ake a te Komiti kia pewheatia, engari tera e whakatau ano i tona whakaaro me hanga he Kooti he Komihana ranei whaimana ki te tino kimi me te whakatau i aua tono katoa.

25 Hune, 1880.

No. 371 of Session II., 1879.—Petition of HATERE TAMEHANA TE WAHAROA and Others.

PETITIONERS state that they had claims upon land at Tauwhare; that 21,000 acres of confiscated land had been given to a part of the Ngatihaua tribe, but no Crown grants issued; that Government bought the rights of Natives by holding over them a threat that they must take low prices or get nothing; that, under the influence of this threat, some sold, some refused, whilst others left the district and joined the Hauhaus. That it was understood that the reason for not issuing Crown grants was that the land was inalienable. The petitioners pray that the sales made under these threats, either to the Government or to private purchasers, should not affect their interests, as they had not consented to such sales.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That the Committee has learned that a considerable proportion of the persons who allege an interest in this land have been settled with, and that, in regard to the remainder, it seems to be only a question of more or less compensation. The Committee therefore recommends the Government to consider the matter with a view to an early settlement. The Committee further calls the attention of the Government to the allegation, which seems to be supported by evidence, that threats were made to coerce the Natives into ceding the land, and hopes a searching inquiry may be made into this charge.

2nd July, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 371 of Session II., 1879.—Pukapuka-inoi a HARETE TAMEHANA TE WAHAROA me etahi atu.

E ki ana nga Kai-pitihana i whai take ratou ki te whenua i Tauwhare; e 21,000 eka whenua rau-patu i hoatu ki tetahi wahanga o Ngatihaua erangi kaore i whakaputaina he Karauna karaati. I hokona e te Kawanatanga nga take o nga Maori i runga i te whakawehiwehi, i mea, ki te kore ratou e tango i te utu iti ka kore noa he mea e riro i a ratou. Na i runga i taua whakawehiwehi hoko ana etahi, ko etahi kaore i whakaae, i whakarere i taua takiwa haere ana ki te Hauhaus. E matauria ana ko te take i kore ai e puta nga Karauna karaati he here no taua whenua. E inoi ana nga Kai-pitihana kia kaua e mana ki runga ki o ratou paanga aua hoko a te Kawanatanga, a nga pakeha noa iho nei ranei i te mea i mahia i runga i te whakawehiwehi a kaore hoki ratou i whakaae ki aua hoko.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

Kua mohio te Komiti he maha nga tangata e mea nei he take o ratou ki taua whenua kua whakaitia, a ko nga mea i toe o aua tangata me whakarite ano. Heoi ka kiia atu e te Komiti ki te Kawanatanga kia whakaarohia taua mea a kia tere te whakaoti. Tetahi kia whakaarohia e te Kawanatanga te whakapae e tautokotia ana e te korero, he mea whakawehiwehi nga Maori kia hoko i o ratou whenua. Na e hiahia ana te Komiti kia tino rapua taua whakapae.

2 Hurae, 1880.