

when they returned, they found their land confiscated, and only a portion of that which they were entitled to given back to them. The petitioner prays, on behalf of himself and the hapus of Waikato, that the lands wrongfully confiscated should be returned.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the claims of Major Te Wheoro and the loyal people of his tribe seem to be worthy of very careful consideration, on the grounds of their persistent loyalty during periods of great trial, and the fact that, in proportion to their numbers, they have apparently received only a small portion of the land belonging to them previous to the confiscation; and the Government is, therefore, recommended to take the steps needful to make a minute examination, with a view to an early settlement of the whole matter at issue.

9th July, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 36 of Session II., 1879.—Pukapuka-inoi a Meiha Te Wheoro.

E ki ana te Kai-pitihana no te tau 1863, i runga i tetahi panui i roto i te Kahiti, i awhina ia me tona iwi ia Tianara Kamarana me ona hoia i te takiwa o Waikato a i mahi ia mona i roto i te whawhai; na no to ratou hokinga kitea ana e ratou kua rau-patutia to ratou whenua, ko tetahi wahi anake i whai take ai ratou i whakahokia ki a ratou. E inoi ana te Kai-pitihana mo te taha ki a ia me ona hapu o Waikato kia whakahokia nga whenua i raupatu hetia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko nga tono a Meiha Te Wheoro me nga tangata piri-pono ki te Kuini o tona iwi, e tika ana kia ata whakaarohia i runga i nga take i mau tonu to ratou piri-pono i roto i nga takiwa o te manawanui, tetahi, i runga i te tokomaha o ratou he iti noa te whenua o ratou ake i mua o te raupatu i whakahokia ki a ratou. No reira ka whakahaua te Kawanatanga kia whakatakotoria etahi huarahi e tika ana hei tino ata whiriwhiringa, e taea ai te whakaoti wawe taua mea katoa nei.

9 Hurae, 1880.

No. 136 of 1880.—Petition of Wi Pere and 65 Others.

THIS is a petition in favour of passing "The East Coast Native Lands Settlements Act, 1880."

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the petition refers to a matter of public policy now under discussion in Parliament, and the Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

8th July, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 136 of 1880.—Pukapuka-inoi a Wi Pere me etahi e 65.

HE pitihana tenei kia whakamanaia te "Ture mo nga Whenua Maori o te Tai Rawhiti me te Whakanohonoho Kainga, 1880."

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

E pa ana te pitihana ki tetahi tikanga whakahaere mo te katoa e korerotia ana i naianei e te Paremete, heoi kaore he kupu a te Komiti.

8 Hurae, 1880.

No. 156 of 1880.—Petition of Puotekawakirangitawhi and Others.

PETITIONERS state that they are owners of two millions of acres of land, which they have invested in trustees for the purpose of sale; that they learn that there is before the House a Bill intituled "The Native Lands Sale Bill, 1880," and that they consider the provisions of the Bill unjust and impolitic. They therefore pray that the Bill may not pass.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the petition refers to a matter of public policy now under discussion in Parliament, and the Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

8th July, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 156 of 1880.—Pukapuka-inoi a Puotekawakirangitawhi me etahi atu.

E ki ana nga Kai-pitihana e rua miriona eka whenua o ratou i tukua ki etahi kai-tiaki hei whakahaere i runga i nga tikanga hoko, a kua rongo ratou tera tetahi Pire kei te aroaro o te Whare e huaina ana ko "Te Pire mo nga hoko Whenua Maori, 1880," e whakaaro ana ratou ko nga tikanga o taua Pire e he ana kaore e pai i runga i nga tikanga whakahaere. No reira ka inoi ratou kia kaua e whakamana taua Pire.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

E pa ana te pitihana ki tetahi tikanga whakahaere mo te katoa e korerotia ana i naianei e te Paremete, heoi kaore he kupu a te Komiti.

8 Hurae, 1880.

No. 159 of 1880.—Petition of Toha and 159 Others.

PETITIONERS refer to a Bill before the House, but do not give its title, but it is presumably "The Native Lands Sale Bill, 1880." They pray that it may not pass.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the petition refers to a matter of public policy now under discussion in Parliament, and the Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

8th July, 1880.