

I am directed to report as follows:—

That Te Puke Block was awarded to Her Majesty by the Native Land Court in 1878; that two blocks of land were set apart as inalienable reserves, containing respectively 1,000 acres and 500 acres; that the Government intends to give Crown grants of these lands to the different families interested as soon as the Maoris agree among themselves; that, in addition to the above order of the Court, the Government has set aside a special reserve of 200 acres; that the first two lots have been surveyed, and as to the last, the Surveyor-General has instructed the local officer to proceed forthwith to survey it. The Committee has no recommendation to make.

27th August, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 357 of 1880.—Pukapuka-inoi a Te Ao TAPIHANA.

HE wahine te Kai-pitihana na Ieni Tapihana, e ki ana ia he iti te 500 eka i rahuitia i roto i te Poraka o Te Puke ki te wehewehea ki nga tangata e 200. E tono ana te wahine a Tapihana kia hoatu mana ake kia 500 eka, me tetahi tekiona i roto i te Taone o Te Puke.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

I whakataua e te Kooti Whenua Maori te Poraka o Te Puke ki a te Kuini i te tau 1878; e rua nga poraka whenua i kapea ki waho hei rahui, a, i herea kia kua e hokona; ko tetahi o aua poraka 1,000 eka, ko tetahi e 500; kei te whakaaro tonu te Kawanatanga ki te whakaputa Karauna karaati mo aua whenua a te takiwa e rite katoa ai nga whakaaro o nga Maori. Ko tetahi rahui ano kua whakaritea e te Kawanatanga, haunga enei kua korerotia nei, ko tetahi 200 eka. Kua oti nga mea tuatahi te ruri, na ko te 200 eka kua whakahaua e te Tino Kai-ruri kia ruritia e te apiha o tera takiwa. Heoi kaore he kupu a te Komiti.

27 Akuhata, 1880.

No. 22 of Session I., 1879.—Petition of SARAH CUNNINGHAM and MARY HEANY.

PETITIONERS, who are half-castes, state that they had interests in certain lands in Poverty Bay, which were identical with those of Mrs. Wyllie, who received 400 acres at Waimate therefor. They allege that they never received notice of the sitting of any Court to inquire into the title of the lands in question; and they pray, as they are now too late for every other appeal, that the House will afford them relief.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the claims of the petitioners, if any, are against their own tribe. The Committee has therefore no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 23 of Session I., 1879.—Pukapuka-inoi a HERA KANINAMU me MERE HIINI.

HE hawhekaihe nga Kai-pitihana, e ki ana raua i whai take raua ki etahi whenua i Turanga, ki nga whenua i uru ai a Keita Waere, i riro hoki i a Keita Waere e 400 eka o Waimate mo aua take whenua. E ki ana ano raua kaore i tae he panui ki a raua whakaatu i te tunga o te Kooti hei whakawa i nga take ki aua whenua; na e inoi ana raua i naianei no te mea kua tureiti raua ki te tono whakawa ano, me tuku e te Whare tetahi ora kia raua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Mehemea he take o nga Kai-pitihana me tono ki to raua iwi. No reira kaore he kupu a te Komiti.

28 Akuhata, 1880.

No. 371 of 1880.—Petition of PIRIHIRA TETIA.

PETITIONER says that he belongs to the Te Kerewai hupu, and that he has been deprived of land at Waitara. He prays to be sent for should a Court sit at Waitara.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That this is one of a class of vague petitions for large tracts of country. In this case the lands named are of extensive area, and held by both Europeans and Maoris. The petition might, however, be referred to the West Coast Commission.

28th August, 1880.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 371 of 1880.—Pukapuka-inoi a PIRIHIRA TETIA.

E ki ana te Kai-pitihana no te hapu ia o Te Kerewai, a i tangohia ona whenua i Waitara. E inoi ana ia ki te tu he Kooti ki Waitara me tono atu ano ia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko tetahi tenei o nga pitihana kore marama nei e tono ana mo etahi whenua nunui. Ko tenei hoki e tono ana mo etahi whenua nui kei te Pakeha me te Maori e mau ana. He ahakoa me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Komihana mo te Tai Hauauru.

28 Akuhata, 1880.

No. 260 of 1880.—Petition of HOHAIA RANGIAURU (Pamariki Park).

PETITIONER complains that lands at Motueka had been taken from him and his friends without compensation. He prays for redress.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee has no evidence before it to warrant it in reporting further than to recommend the petition to the Government.

28th August, 1880.