

No. 353 of 1882.—Petition of ROBERT GRAHAM (No. 3).

PETITIONER states that in 1881 he arranged with the owners to purchase Okohiriki, on the west of Rotorua, and paid money on account and also in fees to agents; but that in October of the same year a Proclamation was placed over the land under the Thermal-Springs Act, and was consequently prevented from completing the purchase; and further, that Government now claims, but unjustly, that it has paid money on the block and proposes to buy it.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the name of the piece of land in question appears to be unknown in the district, but it appears to be included in a block of land which has been under negotiation by the Government since 1879. The allegation of the petition that the purchase of the land by Mr. Graham is prevented by the Proclamation under the Thermal-Springs Act is entirely misleading, inasmuch as the title has not yet been investigated by the Native Land Court, and the land is moreover proclaimed as under negotiation by the Government, a circumstance perfectly well known in the neighbourhood. The Committee does not consider Mr. Graham has any grievance in the matter.

15th August, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 353 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a RAPATA KEREAMA (Nama 3).

E ki ana te kai-pitihana no te tau 1881 ka whakaritea e ia ki nga tangata whaitake ki Okohiriki kei te taha Hauauru o Rotorua kia hokona e ia taua wahi, utua ana e ia etahi moni ki a ratou me ana kai-whakahaere hoki, no Oketopa o taua tau ka panuitia taua whenua i raro i te Ture Ngawha, no reira i kore ai e taea te whakaoti i tana hoko, e he ana hoki te ki a te Kawanatanga kua utu taunaha ratou mo runga i taua whenua mo runga i te hoko.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko taua ingoa whenua kaore i te mohiotia i roto i taua takiwa, engari kei roto ke i te whenua i timataria te hoko e te Kawanatanga i te tau 1879. Ko te ki a te pitihana e mea nei kei te araia te hoko a te Kereama e te Ture Ngawha kaore i te tika, notemea kaore ano kia whakawakia taua whenua e te Kooti Whakawa Whenua Maori, tetahi hoki kua panuitia taua whenua kei te hokona e te Kawanatanga, kei te tino mohiotia hoki tera i taua takiwa. Ki te whakaaro o te Komiti kaore he take kia tangi mai a Te Kereama i runga i tenei mea.

15 Akuhata, 1882.

No. 191 of 1882.—Petition of HOROMONA PAATU and 8 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Crown grants may be issued to them for the following Native reserves:—New River, Aparima, Centre Island, Colac Bay, Paihi, Wakapatu, Waimatuku, Te Anau, and Popoti. They also complain that three acres of land at Otautau, promised in 1874, have not been given to them yet.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee has examined the member who presented the petition, and otherwise endeavoured to procure additional evidence; but, no further light having been thrown on the subject-matter of the petition, the Committee can only reaffirm the report originally brought up.

15th August, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 191 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a HOROMONA PAATU me etahi atu e 8.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakaputaina he karauna karaati kia ratou mo etahi Rahui Maori ara:—mo Nu Riwa, Aparima, Ruapuke, Koraki Pei, Paihi, Wakapatu, Waimatuku, Te Anau, me Popoti. E whakahe ana hoki ratou mo te kore kaore ano kia hoatu kia ratou etahi eka e toru i whakaetia i te tau 1874.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Kua uiuia e te komiti te mema nana tenei pukapuka-inoi i tuku ki te Whare, a i whai hoki te komiti kia riro mai ano etahi korero ke atu, engari kihai i tau he maramatanga ki runga ki nga take o te pukapuka-inoi. No reira heoi ano ta te komiti he whakapuaki i te ripoata tuatahi.

15 Akuhata, 1882.

No. 359 of 1882.—Petition of PEETI TE AWEAWE and 207 Others.

PETITIONERS state that, in 1875, Mangataimoko was awarded to them by the Native Land Court; they complain that Government, unknown to them, had bought part of the land on two occasions; they further complain that Government has lately made an advance on another portion of the block; and they pray that an arrangement may be made by which a portion of the block should be defined for their separate use.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the evidence of the principal petitioner shows that any grievance that may be felt is narrowed down to this: that petitioners desire a visit of the Native Minister, when they think that an amicable and satisfactory settlement could be made. The Committee recommends this aspect of the question to the favourable consideration of the Government.

16th August, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 359 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a PEETI TE AWEAWE me etahi atu 207.

E ki ana nga kai-pitihana i whakataua a Mangataimoko ki a ratou e te Kooti Whenua Maori; e ki ana ratou e rua nga hokonga huna a te Kawanatanga i etahi wahi o taua whenua; e ki ana hoki ratou kua utu moni ano te Kawanatanga inaianei mo runga i tetahi taha o taua whenua, e inoi ana ratou kia whakaritea kia wehea atu tetahi pito o taua whenua ki a ratou.