No. 127 of 1882.—Petition of MURUPARA and 45 others.

PETITIONERS state that they were forced to sell Tauwhare by threats of the Government agent.

I am directed to report as follows:-

That the assertion that threats were used is devoid of foundation. In 1870 a list of claimants was made, but in consequence of murders in relation to the land, settlement of the claims was rendered impossible. In May, 1882, notice was given by Mr. Bush, Resident Magistrate, to claimants to apply for scrip. Out of 107 recognised as entitled, only ten applied up to the 6th June last. It seems that it is still open to those entitled to land to apply for it. 14th July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 127 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a Marupara me etahi atu 45.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana i hoko ratou i Tauwhare i runga i te whakawehiwehi a te Apiha a te Kawanatanga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:-

Kaore he tikanga o te kupu e ki nei i whakawehiwehia. I te tau 1870 i tubia he rarangi ingoa o nga tangata i whai kereme ki taua whenua, engari na nga kohuru mo runga i taua whenua i kore ai e taea te whakaoti. I tukua e Te Puihi Kai-whakawa i Mei 1882 te panui ki nga tangata whai kereme kia tukua a ratou tono kiripi—Na i roto i te 107 tangata whaitake ki taua whenua, kotahi tekau anake o ratou i tono kiripi tae noa ki te 6 o Hune kua pahure nei. Kei te ahei noatu nga tangata whai take ki te tono mo aua whenua.

14 Hurae, 1882.

No. 401 of 1882.—Petition of M. W. R. TE KAHUARIKI and 9 others.

PETITIONERS say that they are chiefs of the Ngaitahu and Ngatimamoe tribes; that the lands of their ancestors had been sold by the Ngatitoa, Ngatiawa, and Ngatitama wrongfully; and they go into a long history of their wars with the last-named tribes led by Rauparaha, resulting, as they say, in a final victory for themselves. They wish an inquiry to be made as to who finally won, that they may reap the fruit of their final success.

 ${f I}$ am directed to report as follows:-

The petition refers to the purchases of the Provinces of Nelson and Marlborough. Petitioners have no claim to be considered in the matter.

8th September, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 491 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a M. W. R. TE KAHUARIKI me etahi atu 9.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana he rangatira ratou no Ngaitahu me Ngatimamoe, ko nga whenua o a ratou tipuna i hokona hetia e Ngatitoa, e Ngatiawa, me Ngatitama; e whakaatu ana hoki i nga whawhai katoa ki aua iwi i raro i a Te Rauparaha; e ki ana hoki i riro i a ratou te mana o aua whawhai. E hiabia ana ratou kia ata whiriwhiria taua take kia kitea ai ko wai ma i puta, kia ora ai ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:-

E pa ana tenei pitihaha ki te hoko o te Porowini o Whakatu me te Porowini o Maropara. Kaore he take kia whakaarohia te kereme a nga kai-pitihana mo tenei mea.

8 Hepetema, 1882.

No. 467 of 1882.—Petition of Wiremu Pokuku and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for a railway-station and platform at South Waitaki.

I am directed to report as follows:-

That this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

31st August, 1882.

TRANSLATION.]

No. 467 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a Wiremu Pokuku me etahi atu.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakaturia he Teihana Rerewe ki Waitaki ki te Tonga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:-

Me tuku atu tenei pitihana kia whakaarohia e te Kawanatanga.

31 Akuhata, 1882.

No. 461 of 1882.—Petition of RIPERATA KAHUTIA and KATARAINA KAHUTIA.

PETITIONERS pray that a special survey should be made of the Township of Gisborne, to ascertain whether Awarua and Taumata-a-Ruku be wrongfully included within its bounds.

I am directed to report as follows:-

That this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

31st August, 1882.

TRANSLATION.

No. 461 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a RIPERATA KAHUTIA me KATARAINA KAHUTIA. E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia ruritia ake ano te Taone o Kihipane, kia kitea ai mehemea ranei i he te urunga o Awarua me Taumata-a-Ruku ki roto ki nga rohe.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:

Me tuku atu tenei pitihama kia whakaarohia e te Kawanatanga.

31 Akuhata, 1882.