

No. 122 of 1882.—Petition of MAJOR TE WHEORO (No. 2).

PETITIONER prays that a Crown grant may be issued to him and his hapu for Karioi, and that the grant should contain a clause making the land inalienable except on lease.

I am directed to report as follows:—

The lands of Karioi were petitioned about in 1879 by Kereopa, Hone Hone, and others, and reported upon by this Committee in 1880. Since that time the question of ownership has cropped up. The prayer of the petitioner seems reasonable provided the petitioners are the rightful owners. The Committee recommends Government to ascertain who the true owners are, and have the land granted accordingly.

11th July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 122 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a MEIHA TE WHEORO (Nama 2).

E INOI ana te kai-pitihana kia whakaputaina he Karauna Karaati ki a ratou ko tona hapu mo Karioi, a me uru he tikanga here ki roto ki taua Karaati, ka mutu tonu te mea e mana ko te riihi anake.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko nga whenua o Karioi i pitihiatia i te tau 1879 e Kereopa Honehona me etahi atu, a i whai kuputia e tenei Komiti i te tau 1880. No muri nei kua tipu ake tetahi raruraru mo te tino whaitake-tanga ki taua whenua. E tika ana ano te inoi a te kai-pitihana mehemea ra ko nga kai-pitihana ake nga tangata e tika ana ki te whenua. E mea ana tenei Komiti kia rapua e te Kawanatanga nga tangata no ratou ake te whenua a ka whakaputa i tetahi Karauna Karaati mo reira.

11 Hurae, 1882.

No. 58 of 1882.—Petition of HONE PARATENE (John Paterson).

PETITIONER prays that a Maori from the Middle Island should be nominated to the seat in the Legislative Council vacated by Mr. Taiaroa, and says that the Natives wish either Hone Tope Patuki or himself to be nominated. Petitioner also says that there is a difficulty in dividing the reserves at Kaiapoi, and desires that a Court should sit and adjudicate upon the claims, and that, in case of need, the law should be altered so as to meet the circumstances.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That, regarding the first part of the petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make, it being quite outside of its functions to consider the subject. But, in reference to the second part, it recommends that Government should inquire into the case, and take such steps as may seem desirable.

11th July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 58 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a HONE PARATENE (John Paterson).

E INOI ana te kai-pitihana kia karangatia tetahi Maori o Te Waipounamu hei whakakapi i te tuunga o Taiaroa i roto i Whare Runanga whakakatakoto ture, a e ki ana ia ko te hiahia o nga Maori kia karangatia ko ia ranei ko Hone Topi Patuki ranei. Tetahi korero a te kai-pitihana e mea ana kei te pakeke nga tikanga wehewehe i nga rahui i Kaiapoi, a ko tona hiahia kia tu he Kooti hei whakawa i nga tono o reira, a mehemea e kitea ana he mea tika kia whakarerekitia te ture, kia tau ai ki aua whenua e pai ana me pera.

Kua whakahaua ahau ki penei:—

Mo te wahi tuatahi o tenei pitihana kaore he kupu a te Komiti, notemea kei waho ke tena i nga mahi hei whakaarohanga mana. Engari mo te wahi tuarua o te pitihana, e mea ana te Komiti me whiriwhiri e te Kawanatanga a ka whakarite i runga i nga huarahi e kitea ana he pai.

11 Hurae, 1882.

No. 57 of 1882.—Petition of PITA TUNUA and PARORE.

PETITIONERS state that they have no land, and ask for a grant of 200 acres in a block known as Opuawhanga, near Whangarei. They say that "they were bewildered into signing documents."

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee, having no new evidence before it, repeats the report of last year upon a petition from the same persons, as follows: "That there are four blocks of this name. No. 3 was Crown-granted to Eruera Maki, on the 27th June, 1878, as the sole owner. From him Government bought the land in 1879. No. 2 was Crown-granted to Pita Tunua and Parore, two of the petitioners, on the 27th June, 1868. It was sold to the Superintendent of Auckland in 1870. In 1872, deeds, then unregistered, were burned when the Government Buildings in Auckland were destroyed by fire. In 1878 Mr. Sheehan, then Native Minister, ordered a new deed to be prepared. This was signed by the grantees. The money paid on the second transfer was £6, merely to pay the expenses of the Natives. This deed specifies the reason why it was renewed, and is in every respect full, explicit, and regular. The Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

11th July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 57 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a PITA TUNUA me PARORE.

E ki ana nga kai-pitihana kaore o raua whenua, na he tono ta raua kia karaatitia atu kia 200 eka mo raua i roto i te Poraka o Opuawhanga, e tata ana ki Whangarei. E ki ana raua i whakapohehetia raua kia tuhi i etahi pukapuka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

E wha rawa nga poraka e mau ana taua ingoa kotahi. Ko te nama 3 i Karauna Karaatitia ki a