

No. 239 of 1882.—Petition of J. A. TOLE and 403 Others.

PETITIONERS refer to a notification by the Government of an intention to remove the offices of the Native Land Court from Auckland to Wellington, and request the House to use its best endeavours to prevent this from being carried out.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That as the subject-matter of the petition must come up for discussion in the House, it is unnecessary for the Committee to express an opinion.

28th July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 239 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a J. A. TOLE me etahi atu 403.

E WHAI KUPU ana nga kai-pitihana ki te panui a te Kawanatanga mo runga i ta ratou hiahia kia tango-hia mai te Tari o te Kooti Whenua Maori kia kawea mai ki Poneke, e mea ana ratou me kaha te Whare ki te whakakore hei mahia peratia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ka whiriwhiria ano ki roto i te Whare te putake o tenei pitihana, no reira e kore e whaitikanga kia whai kupu atu te Komiti i to ratou whakaaro.

28 Hurae, 1882.

No. 288 of 1882.—Petition of WILLIAM WORKER.

PETITIONER states that on the 26th October, 1875, he paid to the Native owners of Pakiri Block (now belonging to the Government) £130 on account of two portions of land afterwards declared to be within said block. He prays that, upon payment of the balance of the purchase-money, he may be placed in possession of the land or get other relief.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That Mr. Worker paid his money away under a mistaken impression. The land passed through the Court in 1869, and the certificate of title was issued in 1870. In 1872 Government began to purchase, and completed the transaction for two-thirds of the block in 1880. The case is a hard one, and Mr. Worker was evidently a *bonâ fide* settler. The Committee recommends Government to consider whether, under the Special Powers and Contracts Bill, or by means of putting up the land for sale with a reserve for cost and improvements, redress could be found for an evident hardship.

31st July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 288 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a WIREMU WAAKA.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana i utua e ia ki nga Maori te £130—mo runga i te hoko o Pakiri (kua riro nei i te Kawanatanga) mo etahi wahi e rua o te whenua i kiia nei i muri i uru ki roto ki taua poraka. E inoi ana ia kia whakatuturutia ki a ia taua whenua i tana utunga i nga moni toenga o te hoko, kia hoatu ranei tetahi atu huarahi hei oranga mona.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

I pohehe te utunga a Waaka i ana moni. I whakawakia taua whenua e te Kooti i te tau 1869, whakaputaina ana te Tiwhikete i te tau 1870. I te tau 1872 i timata te hoko a te Kawanatanga i taua whenua, a no te tau 1880 i oti ai te hoko o te nuinga o taua whenua. He mea ano tenei kia arohatia natemea i hiahia pu a Waaka kia noho tuturu ia i runga i taua whenua. E tono ana te Komiti ki te Kawanatanga kia ata whiriwhiria mehemea ranei e kore e taea i raro i "Te Pire mo etahi mea motuhake," i runga ranei i te makete i te whenua me te kupu kia utua nga mahinga i runga i te whenua, kia kitea ai tetahi huarahi hei whakamama i taua mate.

31 Hurae, 1882.

No. 101 of 1882.—Petition of TAMATI TE WERA and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS complain that the Wellington City Reserves have not been managed for their benefit, and complain of frauds. That in consequence of this fraud they had taken possession of the land, to recover which an action of ejectment is pending in the Supreme Court. They ask that Natives should be joined with the Governor's delegate in administering the trust, and that they should be heard by counsel at the bar of the House.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee does not consider it advisable to make any special report upon the petition, inasmuch as the subject-matter thereof is now in litigation in the Supreme Court.

31st July, 1882.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 101 of 1882.—Pukapuka-inoi a TAMATI TE WERA me etahi atu 4.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana, kaore i te whakahaerea nga Rahui i Poneke hei oranga mo ratou, e ki ana hoki i mahia tahaetia. Na no runga i taua tahae ka tahi ratou ka tango i taua whenua, hei te tarewa i naianei te whakawa i te Hupirimi Kooti hei pana i a ratou. E tono ana kia uru he maori hei hoa mo te Kai-whakakapi o te Kawana hei whakahaere i nga tikanga tiaki mo aua whenua, e tono ana hoki kia whakapuakina a ratou take e to ratou roia ki te aroaro o te Whare.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ki te whakaaro a te Komiti e kore e tika kia rapua he tino ripoata mo tenei take natemea hei te whakawakia taua raruraru i roto i te Hupirimi Kooti.

31 Hurae, 1882.

No. 291 of 1882.—Petition of PAORA TAKI.

PETITIONER wishes to lease Papawhakarehu Bush. He prays also for a grant of eight acres, the site of an old burial-place, but does not state where it is situated.