

That this Committee is of opinion that it is not within their province to order or recommend the rehearing of cases in the Native Land Court, and that the petition be therefore referred to the Government for their consideration.

17th September, 1884.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 39, Sess. I.—Pukapuka-inoi a PETERA TE PUKUATUA me etahi atu 47.

E TONO ana te kai-pitihana⁴ kia whakawakia tuaruatia tetahi poraka whenua e karangatia nei ko Rotomahana Parekarangi ko te take i he te whakataunga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

E whakaaro ana tenei Komiti kahore he mana i a ratou ki te tono i te Kooti Whenua Maori kia whakawakia tuaruatia nga keehi, a ko tenei pitihana me tuku ki te Kawanatanga kia whaka aro hia e ratou.

17 Hepetema, 1884.

No. 66, Sess. I.—Petition of JOHN HISLOP and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that, for certain land leased by them from the Government, they may have either an extension of lease or reduced rents; as, owing to the short tenure and expense of clearing, they are unable to profitably meet the present rents.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That it be recommended that, in any amendment of the West Coast Settlement Reserves Act that may be introduced, there should be a clause enabling the lessees for twenty-one years to obtain a longer lease on equitable terms.

19th September, 1884.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 66, Sess. I.—Pukapuka-inoi a HONE HIROPI me etahi atu.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana mo etahi whenua i rihitia e ratou i te Kawanatanga kia whakaroangia ranei te rihi me whakaiti ranei te utu o te reti no te mea he poto te takiwa o te reti he nui te mahi ki te whakapai i te whenua ekore hoki ratou e ahei te utu i te reti i te nui o enei mahi.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

He mea tika te ki ki te whakaputaina he Ture Whakatikatika i Te Ture whakatau i nga Rahui o Te Tai Hauauro kia whakauruhia tetahi rarangi e tae ai e te kai rihi mo nga tau e 21 te tono kia whakaroaina tana rihi i runga i nga ritenga tika.

19 Hepetema, 1884.

Nos. 40 and 110, Sess. I. — Petition of TAURAU KUKUPA and Another, and ERU HIRA and 8 Others.

PETITIONERS state that they are interested in a block of land called Waitomotomo, which was investigated by the Land Court in 1882. They were offered 6s. per acre for the land by the Land Purchase Commissioner, which they refused, asking 20s. per acre. They now ask that Government should purchase the land at 20s. per acre or have it subdivided.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That the petitioners be informed that they can get subdivision, and confirmation of all personal interests, by applying to the Native Land Court in the ordinary way.

19th September, 1884.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 40 me 110, Sess. I. — Pukapuka-inoi a TAURAU KUKUPA me etahi atu, me ERU HIRA me etahi atu e 8.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana e whai panga ana ratou ki tetahi poraka whenua e karangatia nei ko Waitomotomo i whakawakia e te Kooti Whenua i te tau 1882, i tono te komihana hoko whenua kia hoatu mana mo te 6/- hereni i te eka kihai ratou i pai engari i tono kia 20/- hereni mo te eka. E tono ana ratou inaianei kia hokona e te Kawanatanga mo te 20/- hereni i te eka me wehewehe ranei.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei :—

Me ki atu ki nga kai pitihana ka ahei ratou te wehewehe i te whenua me te whakapumau i a ratou panga katoa i runga i te tono ki te Kooti Whenua Maori i runga i ona huarahi ano.

19 Hepetema, 1884.

No. 34, Sess. I.—Petition of ALICE GREY DEARLE.

PETITIONER states that she was one of the original owners of the Te Aroha Block, and agreed to sell her interest to the Government, and signed the deed for that purpose, for which she was to receive her proportion of the purchase-money, in addition to an area of land reserved for her from the said block. Petitioner alleges she has never received any part of the purchase-money, nor the land awarded to her. In May, 1879, the Native Minister promised petitioner a grant of 50 acres of land upon her foregoing her claim to the Te Aroha Block; but the Government now decline to issue the grant. She prays for relief.

I am directed to report as follows :—

That this Committee recommends the Government to give effect to the promise of Mr. Sheehan, as set forth in his memorandum of the 15th November, 1881.

19th September, 1884.