No. 81.—Petition of Mihaka Reference and Others (No. 1).

PETITIONERS pray that some land may be awarded to them and their hapu, as they are in great distress through having no land, while other tribes are living comfortably on land awarded to them.

I am directed to report as follows: That, according to the report of Sir William Fox, Mihaka Rererangi was excluded from certain grants because he had held to his own use a large sum of money, got from a land sale, which he ought to have distributed amongst his tribe.

9th June, 1886.

[Translation.]

No. 81.—Pukapuka-inoi a Mihaka Referanci me etahi atu (Nama 1).

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakataua tetahi whenua kia ratou me to ratou hapu, no te mea he nui to ratou mate i te kore whenua ko etahi iwi kei te noho ora i runga i nga whenua i whakataua kia ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I runga i te ripoata a Ta Wiremu Pokiha, i kapea te ingoa o Mihaka Rererangi i roto i etahi karaati na te mea i puritia e ia hei painga mona ake etahi moni maha i puta mai i te hokonga whenua, ko te mea tika la kia tuhatuhaina aua moni i waenganui i tona iwi.

9 o Hune, 1886.

No. 429, 1885.—Petition of Takorongowhira.

PETITIONER states that his property was taken from him during the Waikato war in 1863.

I am directed to report as follows: That the petitioner gives no particulars by which the Committee can understand what he means.

10th June, 1886.

[Translation.]

No. 429, 1885.—Рикарика-inoi a Таковомооwніва.

E kı ana te kai-pitihana i tangohia tana whenua i aia i te wa i tu ai te whawhai ki Waikato i te tau 1863.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kahore he take i tukua mai e te kaipitihana hei whakatu ki te Komiti i te mea i tono ai ia.

10 o Hune, 1886.

No. 404, 1885.—Petition of Nepia Huiri, Kara, and Others.

Petitioners pray that the Native Land Court may be abolished so far as regards their district, and the Judges of the Court removed.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Committee has no recommendation to make.

10th June, 1886.

[Translation.]

No. 404, 1885.—Pukapuka-inoi a Nepia Huiri, Kara, me etahi atu.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakakorea atu te Kooti Whenua Maori ki to ratou takiwa me nga Tiati me nuku atu e reira.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kahore he kupu a te Komiti mo runga i tenei tono. 10 o Hune, 1886.

No. 365, 1885.—Petition of Rutene Ahunuku and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be paid for their services in fighting against the Hauhaus, as other hapus have been paid for the same services. They say the amount would be £500.

I am directed to report as follows: That there seems to be no end to these East Coast claims. The Committee considers it might be advisable that Government should appoint some one to examine and report upon them once for all, giving due notice, that there may be no after-pretence that the Natives did not know of the Commission.

10th June, 1886.

[Translation.]

No. 365, 1885.—Pukapuka-inoi a Rutene Ahunuku me etahi atu.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia utua ratou mo ta ratou mahi whawhai ki nga Hauhau inahoki kua

utua etahi atu hapu mo aua tu mahi, e mea ana e £500 pauna nga moni tika ma ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia penei: Ki te titiro atu kahore he mutunga o nga tono o te Tai
Rawhiti. E whakaaro ana te Komiti he mea tika pea kia whakaturia e te Kawanatanga tetahi tangata hei whiriwhiri hei ripoata mo runga i aua mea kia mutu atu ai, me panui ia i te tuatahi kia kore ai e whai kupu nga Maori a muri ake nei kihai ratou i mohio kua whakaturia tetahi Komihana.

10 o Hune, 1886.

No. 367, 1885.—Petition of Puke Haukawarua and Others.

Petitioners pray that inquiry may be made into their land, known as Waiwiri, which they state was wrongly included in the survey made by Roera Hukiki.

I am directed to report as follows: That this is a question of disputed boundary of lands awarded to Natives by the Court, and, though the Government is not directly interested, it is the opinion of the Committee that the matter should be inquired into, and, if the alleged wrong has been done, the Land Court should be asked to review the boundaries.

10th June, 1886.