

Nos. 366, 1885, and 156, 1886.—Petition of HUIRAMA TUKAIRIRO and Others.

PETITIONERS complain that the booms placed in the creek at Mr. Roberts's sawmill, Mongonui, interfere with the navigation of the creek. They ask that the matter may be considered.

I am directed to report as follows: That the booms referred to were erected in 1884, and are essential to the proper working of the timber-trade of the district. The inconvenience to the navigation of the creek has not hitherto been great, but it might become serious were there not promptitude in clearing away the timber. The Government is recommended to draw the attention of the Native Agent in the district to the subject, and instruct him to report every case of obstruction so that action might be taken in case of need. It seems that "The Timber-floating Act, 1884," has not been translated into Maori. This ought to be done forthwith.

25th June, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

Nos. 366, 1885 and 156, 1886.—Pukapuka-inoi a HUIRAMA TUKAIRIRO me etahi atu.

E WHAI kupu ana nga kai-pitihana mo nga pumu i whakatakotoria ki roto i te awa o Mongonui i te Mira kani rakau a Ropata, a e arai ana i te awa. E tono ana ratou kia whiriwhiria taua mea.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Ko nga pumu e whakahuatia nei i whakaturia i te tau 1884 a he mea nui ano hoki aua pumu mo te mahi rakau o taua takiwa. Kihai i nui rawa te raruraru i aua pumu i mua ake nei, otira tera pea e nui rawa te raruraru me kore e tahia hohorotia atu aua rakau. E tonoa ana te Kawanatanga kia whakaaturia taua mea ki te Kaiwhakahaere Maori i taua Takiwa, me te ki atu kia tukuna mai e ia nga korero mo runga i nga arai pera katoa kia ahei ai te whakahaere i tetahi tikanga ina hiahiatia. E whakaarohia ana hoki kihai i whakamaoritia "Te Ture Whakatare Rakau, 1884," he mea tika kia whakamaoritia inalanei ano.

25 o Hune, 1886.

No. 125.—Petition of NOA TE HIANGA.

PETITIONER states that a block of land called Mangaohane, in Hawke's Bay District, containing 50,000 acres, was adjudicated upon by the Native Land Court in November, 1884. He states that he was unable to attend the Court through illness, though he has an equal claim to the block as the three who were admitted. His claim was not allowed by the Court. He afterwards requested Mr. Sheehan to apply for a rehearing of the block, but found out after Mr. Sheehan's death that the rehearing had not been applied for. He prays that an inquiry may be made into his case, and a rehearing of the block granted.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Committee is not in a position to inquire into the merits of the claim; and, as any grievance detailed (if there be one) could only be remedied by legislation, the petition be referred to the Government for inquiry.

25th June, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 125.—Pukapuka-inoi a NOA TE HIANGA.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana i whakawakia tetahi poraka whenua ko Mangaohane to ingoa, e 50,000 eka, i te Takiwa o Haki Pei e te Kooti Whenua Maori i a Nowema, 1884. E ki ana ia kihai i taea e ia te haere atu ki te Kooti i tona mate, a ahakoa i rite tonu tona hia ki era tokotoru i whakataua ra te whenua heoi kihai i whakaaetia tana kereeme e te Kooti. No muri iho ka tonoa ia i a Te Hiana ki te tono whakawa tuarua mo te poraka, no muri i ho i Te matenga o Te Hiana, katahi ka kitea kihai i tonoa te whakawa tuarua. E tono ana ia kia pataia nga take o taua keehi kia whakaaetia hoki he whakawa tuarua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kei te kore te Komiti e marama ki te patai i nga take o tenei kereme, a ki te whakahaerea takitahitia te mate (ara) mehemea he mate me hanga marire i tetahi ture e taea ai te whakarite, me tuku te pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria.

25 o Hune, 1886.

No. 208, Sess. II., 1884.—Petition of TE TUAHU and Others.

PETITIONERS allege that a certain piece of land at Waiteweta still belongs to them, and was not included in the Katikati purchase. They pray that the matter may be inquired into, as they did not receive any Government money.

I am directed to report as follows: That this petition is similar to others from the Katikati District, fully considered in 1881, from Reweti te Whawhau. It is recommended that the Government should ascertain if there are any destitute people amongst petitioners, and, if there be, should consider what relief could be afforded.

25th June, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 208, Sess. II., 1884.—Pukapuka-inoi a TE TUAHU me etahi atu.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana kei a ratou tonu tetahi piihi whenua i Waiteweta, kihai i uru ki te hoko o Katikati, e hiahia ana ratou kia whiriwhiria taua mea no te mea kihai ratou i tango i nga moni a te Kawanatanga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: E ahua rite ana ano tenei pitihana ki etahi atu a Reweti te Wharehau o te Takiwa o Katikati, i tino whiriwhiria i te tau 1881, e tonoa ana kia tirohia mehemea tera etahi tangata rawa kore i waenga i nga kai-pitihana, a mehemea tera, me whiriwhiri te ora e tukua atu ma ratou.

25 o Hune, 1886.