

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 248, 1885.—Pukapuka-inoi a ENERETA TE RANGIOTU me HOANI MEIHANA RANGIOTU.

E ki ana nga kai-pitihana ko Arikihahanara Maketonore to ratou kaitiaki me to ratou kaiarahi i tetahi wa, erangi inaianei kua tangohia e ia te wahi nui o to ratou whenua mona ake. E ki ana hoki kei aia a ratou moni e tae ana ki te £5,000 he utu no to ratou whenua no te Kawakawa. E inoi ana raua kia whiriwhiria tenei take.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Ko te whenua e whakahuatia nei kihai i ekengia e te here a i whakahaerea i waenganui i te hunga tokorua a ka taea ano e ratou te tuku ma tetahi Kooti Whakawa e whakaaoti tenei take no reira kahore he kupu a te Komiti.

6 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 222.—Petition of MERE WEHIKORE and Others.

PETITIONERS complain that, when Mr. Mackay went down to divide a certain reserve at Riverton, he did not divide it according to the plan they hold. They allege they have an interest in the land, and ask for an inquiry.

I am directed to report as follows: That Government has appointed Mr. Mackay as a Commissioner to examine into all such cases, and the petitioners can appear before him, and try to substantiate their allegations, when he visits the locality.

6th July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 222.—Pukapuka-inoi a MERE WEHIKORI.

E ki ana nga kai-pitihana i te haerenga o Te Make ki te wehewehe i tetahi Rahui i Riwatana (Aparima) kihai i wehea e ia i runga i te ahua o te mapi e mau ana i a ratou. E mea ana ratou e whaitake ana ratou ki te whenua e tono ana kia pataia tenei mea.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kua whakaturia a Te Make e te Kawanatanga hei Komihana whiriwhiri i aua tu kechi, ka ahei ano hoki nga kai-pitihana te haere atu ki a ia ki te korero i ta ratou take ina haere atu a Te Make ki reira.

6 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 250, Sess. II., 1884.—Petition of HARE REWETI RONGORONGO.

PETITIONER states that certain land called Pouto was given to him by Sir Donald McLean in 1873, and that Government has now taken it and given it to others. He prays for redress. He also says that his people sold Ohinepuhiawe, and were paid £500 for it; but that, at the same time, after they had received the money, they were told that the sale was illegal, owing to a certain clause in the Crown grant. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report as follows: That the petitioner has withdrawn that part of his petition referring to Ohinepuhiawe, and confines his application to his claims upon Pouto, a block of 439 acres. The letter from Sir Donald McLean referred to in the petition was one from Mr. Cooper, Under-Secretary, and referred in general terms to the fact that Reweti and others were interested in Pouto. In 1877 Mr. Young and Mr. Kemp both reported upon the case of the Pouto claim to the effect that the party represented by Reweti had only nominal claims, and that the bulk of the land should go to that party represented by one Robert Ransfield and Mere Timiuhā. In 1882 Mr. Mackay was appointed to examine into this and similar claims in the Rangitikei-Manawatu Block, and in January, 1884, after dealing with about twenty parcels of land not previously dealt with, made a report relative to Pouto. It seems that Reweti was originally only one of those interested in a plot of graveyard of 10 acres, and in a reserve on the other side of the river of 50 acres; all the rest of Pouto was a special grant to be made in favour of quite other parties. The whole of these reserves were made out of lands belonging to the Wellington Provincial Government (not to the Natives), and the General Government allotted the land to such Natives as they thought desirable. Government having sent a competent Commissioner to examine into the subject upon the spot, the Committee sees no reason for reopening the decision arrived at.

16th July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 250, Sess. II., 1884.—Pukapuka-inoi a HARE REWETI RONGORONGO.

E ki ana te kai-pitihana i hoatu tetahi whenua mona e karangatia ana ko Pouto te ingoa a kua tangohia e te Kawanatanga inaianei a kua hoatu ma etahi atu. E tono ana ia ke tetahi ora. E ki ana hoki ia i hokona e tona iwi a Ohinepuhiawe a riro ana i a ratou hei utu e £500 a i reira ano i muri iho i te rironga o nga moni ka kiia mai kia ratou e he ana taua hoko i runga i tetahi rarangi i roto i te Karati. E inoi ana ia ki tetahi ora.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kua unuhia e te kai-pitihana tera wahi o tana pitihana mo Ohinepuhiawe a e whakapaua ana tana tono mo runga i Pouto Poraka e 439 eka. Ko te pukapuka a Ta Tanara Makarina e whakahuatia ana i roto i te pitihana na te Kupa, Kaituhituhi, a e whakahua ana ki te take a Reweti me etahi atu ki te Pouto. I te tau 1877 i puta ano nga korero a te Langa me te Kēpa mo runga i nga kereme ki Pouto me te ki ko te take a te hunga e whakahaerea nei e Reweti he take ingoa kau erangi ko te nuinga o te whenua ma te hunga e whakahaerea ana e Rapata Ranapira me Mere Timiuhā. I te tau 1882 ka whakaturia a te Make hei whiriwhiri i tenei kereme me etahi atu kereme e rite ana ki enei i te Takiwa o Rangitikei-Manawatu Poraka, a i a Hanuere, 1884, i muri iho i te whakahaerenga i nga pihi whenua e rua te kau e hara i te mea nana ake i whakahaere ka tukuna tetahi ripoata mo runga i Pouto. Ki te mahara iho ko Reweti tetahi anake o nga tangata o mua i whai paanga ki tetahi urupa 10 nga eka te nui i roto hoki i tetahi rahui i tera taha o te awa e 50 eka. Ko te nuinga atu o Pouto he mea karaati motuhake ma etahi atu hunga. Ko enei rahui katoa he mea hanga i roto i nga whenua a te Kawanatanga