

No. 265, Sess. II., 1884.—Petition of RANAPIA WAIHAKU and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that all the Hikutaia land may be brought before the Native Land Court, so that it may be known how much belongs to petitioners and how much to a certain Mr. Wilson.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Government has had no dealings in this land. The Old Land Claims Commissioner examined into the question and decided that Mr. Wilson had a just claim by an old purchase from the Natives.

20th July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 265, Sess. II., 1884.—Pukapuka-inoi a RANAPIA WAIHAKU me etahi atu.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakawakia nga whenua katoa o Hikutaia e te Kooti Whenua Maori kia mohiotia ai he pewhea te nui o te whenua e toe ana ki nga kai-pitihana he pewhea hoki te nui i tetahi tangata ko te Wirihana te ingoa.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kahore te Kawanatanga i pa atu ki tenei whenua. Otira i whiriwhiria ano tenei take e te Komihana whakahaere take whenua o mua a whakataua ana e ia he tika te take a te Wirihana i runga i tetahi hoko ana o mua i nga Maori.

20 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 295, Sess. II., 1884.—Petition of TE HATA TE KAKATUAMARO and Others.

PETITIONERS ask for a hearing in a block at Opotiki known as Whakaari (White Island).

I am directed to report as follows: That this island passed the Land Court in 1867, and has been dealt with by sale. The Government has never dealt with it in any way.

20th July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 295, Sess. II., 1884.—Pukapuka-inoi a TE HATA TE KAKATUAMARO me etahi atu.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakawakia tuaruatia tetahi poraka whenua i Opotiki i mohiotia nei ko Whakaari (White Island).

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I pahitia tenei motu e te Kooti Whenua Maori i te tau 1867 a kua riro i runga i te hoko. Kahore rawa te Kawanatanga i pa atu ki taua whenua i runga i te hoko i te pewhea ranei.

20 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 85.—Petition of UTIKU POTAKA.

PETITIONER prays that a reserve of 1,000 acres of the Otamakapua Block may be given to him on the opposite side of his present residence at Te Houhou, in return for his services in assisting the Government Land Purchase Commissioner. He says that Sir Donald McLean promised him that a reserve would be given to him as soon as the purchase was complete. He has never received the land, and prays that the matter may be inquired into.

I am directed to report as follows: That the petitioner's interest was defined by the Court, and for it he received £1,307; he also received for services £52. The original price for the block it was agreed should be 5s. 6d. per acre, but eventually the owners received 10s. per acre. Utiku has several times applied to Government for consideration of special services. The Committee recommends that Government should make a special inquiry, and, if any promise of compensation was made, let it be fairly met.

20th July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 85.—Pukapuka-inoi a UTIKU POTAKA.

E inoi ana te kai-pitihana kia hoatu tetahi rahui mona kia 1,000 eka o te Otamakapua Poraka i tawahi o te awa e hangai ana ki tona kainga i te Houhou hei utu mo ana mahi awhina i te Komihana Hoko Whenua a te Kawanatanga. E ki ana ia i whakaae a Ta Tanara Makarini kia hoatu tetahi rahui mana i muri tonu iho i te otinga o te hoko. Kahore rawa he whenua i riro i aia a e inoi ana ia kia whiriwhiria tenei take.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I whakatuturutia te take a te kai-pitihana e te Kooti a i riro i aia £1,307. I riro ano hoki etahi moni mo aua mahi e £52. Ko nga utu mo te poraka i whakaaetia ai i te tuatahi e 5s. 6d. mo te eka. I muri iho ka tangohia e nga tangata nona te whenua 10 hereni mo te eka. Kua maha nga tononga a Utiku ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria mai e ratou tetahi tikanga mo ana mahi. E tono ana te Komiti i te Kawanatanga kia tino pataia tenei take a mehemea i puta tetahi whakaae whakarite mo ana mahi kia hohoro te whakarite.

20 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 121.—Petition of PIKI KOTUKU and Others.

PETITIONERS state that in the year 1878 they sold a block of land to William Williams, then Land Purchase Officer for the Government. That on the 28th December, 1880, William Williams and Mr. Gill had an interview with petitioners, after which Mr. Gill handed them a cheque for £5,411 Os. 7d., which the said William Williams undertook to get cashed for them. He took the cheque and went away. They state that they have never from that time to this received any of the proceeds of the said cheque. They pray that inquiry may be made into the matter.

I am directed to report as follows: That in 1884 the petitioners asked for relief, and so also did Uru te Angina in a petition of the same year. In the petition now before the Committee it is stated that when Mr. Gill, late Under-Secretary of the Land Purchase Department, handed a cheque (£5,411 Os. 7d.) to the grantees, one of them threw it upon the table, stating that "it was no