

te whakaaro mo tenei (ara) i tango ano te Ateha Maori i nga moni a tetahi Pakeha e hoko ana i taua whenua i te wa e whakahaerea ana taua kechi, Otira e ki ana i tukuna aua moni i runga i te nama a he tika ano pea, Otira he tikanga tera e owhiri ai te tangata, E whakaaro ana te Komiti me kua he owhiri e tau ki runga i nga mahi a nga Ateha, A me tino titiro e te Kawanatanga nga mahi whakahaere a nga Apiha pera te nui e rite nei hoki to ratou mana ki tetahi Tiati kia pai ai te whakahaere. Kua hoki e ruarua te ngakau ki te whakatumaro i nga tkainga ki te whakatu i nga Ateha kahore e tika te mahi. I runga i tenei kechi i whakaturia e te Kawanatanga tetahi Komihana ki te tiro i tenei kechi, kotahi ia te mea e miharotea ana. Ahakoa i tonoa a Waata Tipa kia haere mai ki taua whakawakanga kihai ia i tae mai, Ko te mea tika me tahuri te Kawanatanga inaianei ano ki te hurihuri mehemea me mau tonu tona mahi Ateha.

10 o Akuhata, 1886.

Nos. 82 and 87.—Petition of PETI TAIHUKA and Others.

THESE two petitions are exact duplicates of each other. Petitioners state that a block of land called Mangatu, containing 160,000 acres, in Poverty Bay, was adjudicated upon by the Native Land Court, which awarded a portion of the block to certain parties, and the remainder—100,000 acres—called Mangatu No. 1, was vested in Wi Haronga and eleven others, as trustees for the tribe. One of their number applied to Judge Brookfield for a subdivision of the land, when he told her she had no claim—that only the twelve who were in the order could be recognized. They pray that their case may be inquired into, and relief granted to them.

I am directed to report as follows: That the petitioners seem to have set forth the facts of the case with fair accuracy, and a *prima facie* case for inquiry seems to have been established. Nothing can be done, so far as the Committee can see, without special legislation. It is recommended that the Government examine carefully into the matter, as at this stage of the session it is impossible to get such full evidence as would warrant a decisive report from this Committee. If legislation be finally considered desirable, it ought to be initiated before there be further dealing with the land.

10th August, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 82 and 87.—Pukapuka-inoi a PETI TAIHUKA, me etahi atu.

E RITE tonu ana nga korero o onei pitihana e rua. E ki ana nga kai-pitihana i whakawakia tetahi Poraka whenua i Pawati Pei e te Kooti Whenua Maori e karangatia nei ko Mangatu ko nga eka 160,000 a whakataua ana tetahi wahi o taua Poraka whenua ki etahi tangata a ko nga toenga 100,000 eka e karangatia nei ko Mangatu No. 1 i whakataua kia Wi Haronga me etahi atu tekau matahi hei kaitiaki mo te iwi a i tono tetahi o ratou kia Tiati Purukuwahia kia wehewehea te whenua no tana kinga atu kahore ana take ko nga tangata tekaumarua anake i roto i te ota ana e whakaae ai. Heoi ka inoi ratou kia whiriwhiria ta ratou take kia tukuna atu tetahi ora mo ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei. I pai te whakamarama mai a te Kooti i ta ratou take a ko te whakaaro kua tika a ratou korero mo te whiriwhiri i tenei take Otira ki ta te Komiti titiro e e kore e taea te whakahaere i tenei kechi e rangi ma tetahi Ture anake e taea ai. E tonoa ana te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria tenei take no te mea i tenei wa o te Paremete ekore e tae te kahi mai i nga korero e taea ai e te Komiti te tuku i tetahi tino whakatau mo runga i tenei kechi mehemea e whakaarohia ana he mea tika kia hanga he ture i mua o tetahi whakahaere nga mo taua whenua.

10 o Akuhata, 1886.

No. 254, 1885.—Petition of WINIATA TE PUHAKI.

PETITIONERS pray that a rehearing may be granted by the Native Land Court for a block of land known as Te Kapua, situate in the Wanganui District, on the ground that the verdict of the Judges was against the evidence; also that the Assessor was an interested party; that the Interpreter did not perform his work in a proper manner; and that the proceedings were irregular.

I am directed to report as follows: That this petition was reported upon last year, after a careful investigation extending over four days. The Committee, after spending two days more this session in taking further evidence upon the case, have learnt nothing new. The evidence of the principal witness for the petitioners this year was explicit in freeing the Court from the least suspicion of unfairness in its proceedings. The Committee have no further recommendation to make. The Committee have no power to consider questions of rehearing.

10th August, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 254, 1885.—Pukapuka-inoi a WINIATA TE PUHAKI.

E INOI ana te kai-pitihana kia whakawakia tuaruatia e te Kooti Whenua Maori tetahi Poraka whenua e karangatia nei ko te Kapua kei te Takiwa o Whanganui e takoto ana te take he rere ke no te whakataunga a te Tiati i runga i nga korero i korerotia ki te Kooti. Ko tetahi take e whai take ana te Ateha ki taua whenua a kihai hoki i tika te mahi a te kai-whakamaori a kihai i tika te whakahaere.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I tukua ano nga korero a te Komiti mo runga i tenei pitihana i tera tau i neke ake i nga ra e wha e whakarongo korero ana a e rua hoki nga rangi i tenei tau i pau i te whakarongo i nga korero a te tino kai whaki mo runga i te taha ki te kai-pitihana i tenei tau i tino whakaae ia ki te pai o te whakahaere a te Kooti. Heoi kahore he kupu ke a te Komiti mo runga i tenei mea kahore ano hoki he mana a te Komiti ki te tuku tono whakawa tuarua.

10 o Akuhata, 1886.