

No. 269, Sess. II.—Petition of EMMA ROLFE.

PETITIONER states that certain lands in the Taratahi District awarded to her by the Native Land Court were made inalienable. She now prays that the restrictions may be removed so that she may deal with the land as she thinks proper.

I am directed to report as follows: That, so far as Mrs. Rolfe is concerned, the restrictions appear unnecessary and inequitable, and the Committee would recommend the Government to withdraw them.

8th December, 1887.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 269, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a EMA RAWHI.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana i whakataua etahi whenua ki aia e te Kooti Whenua Maori me te whakaeke i nga here ki runga i taua whenua. E inoi ana ia i naia nei kia unuhia aua here kia ahei ai ia te whakahaere i tona whenua i runga i tana huarahi i pai ai ia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Mo runga mo te taha kia Ema Rawhi e whakaarohia ana kahore he take e mau ai aua here ki runga i tona whenua a e tono ana te Komiti i te Kawanatanga kia unuhia aua here.

8 o Tihema, 1887.

No. 431, Sess. II.—Petition of Messrs. GRICE and BENN.

PETITIONERS pray that the report of their petition presented last session may be referred to the Government for its favourable consideration.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Committee is of opinion that the Government should take immediate action to have the recommendation contained in the report of the Native Affairs Committee, dated 31st May, 1887, given effect to.

8th December, 1887.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 431, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a KARAIHI raua ko PENE.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia tukuna te ripoata o ta ratou pitihana i whakaputaina i te Paramete kua hori ake nei ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria e ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: E whakaaro ana te Komiti ko te mea tika me tahuri tonu te Kawanatanga i naia nei ki te whakamana i te ripoata a te Komiti Maori o te 31 o nga ra o Mei, 1887.

8 o Tihema, 1887.

No. 246, Sess. II.—Petition of WILLIAM SEDDON and 46 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Thermal Springs District Act may be repealed or modified, as it is a standing obstruction to the Rotorua District as a means of settling the country.

I am directed to report as follows: That it appears from the evidence of Mr. Elliott, the Under-Secretary for Lands, and also from the evidence of Aporo Tipitipi, that some alteration in the Thermal Springs Act is necessary. It is admitted that it is inoperative as a means of settling the district and has failed to attract population, and has resulted in disappointment to the Native owners in consequence of their not receiving rents as anticipated. That this Committee recommends the Government to consider the advisability of purchasing the Native interest, and to facilitate matters so as to enable the settlers to obtain freeholds instead of leaseholds. That steps should be taken by the Government to inquire into the best mode of carrying out the prayer of the petitioners, and that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9th December, 1887.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 246, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a WIREMU HETANA me etahi atu e 46.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakakorea kia whakarauititia ranei te Ture Ngawha i te mea hoki ko taua Ture kei te arai i te whakanoho tangata ki te takiwa o Rotorua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I runga i te korero whakapuaki a Te Eriata, te Hekeritari Whenua Karauna, me te korero hoki a Aporo Tipitipi mo runga i tetahi pitihana penei me tenei e kitea ana ko te mea tika me whakarereke, me whakamana taua Ture Here Ngawha, i te mea kaore i te haere te mahi whakanohonoho tangata kei taua takiwa i raro i taua Ture, a kua kore e rere nga tangata ki taua takiwa i runga i taua Ture, me te waiho hoki o taua kore hei whakapouri i nga Maori no ratou aua whenua i runga i te iti i te kore ranei o nga moni reti kia puta kia ratou. Na reira ka tono tenei Komiti ki te Kawanatanga kia hurihuri kia whiriwhiria ko te mea pai pea me hoko nga paanga o nga tangata Maori whai hea (ki taua taone) me te whakangawari hoki i nga tikanga e ahei ai nga pakeha e hiahia ana ki te noho ki reira ki te hoko ranei i a ratou pihi e hiahia ana, me kaua he reti a me whakawhiwhi hoki me rapu te Kawanatanga i te huarahi pai marama e taea ai te whakamana te inoi a nga kai-pitihana na reira ka parema te Kawanatanga e ata hurihuri tenei pitihana.

9 o Tihema, 1887.

No. 245, Sess. II.—Petition of CHARLES JORDAN and 51 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Thermal Springs Districts Act may be repealed or modified, as it is a standing obstruction to the Rotorua District as a means of settling the country.

I am directed to report as follows: That it appears from the evidence of Mr. Elliott, the Under-Secretary of Lands, and also from the evidence of Aporo Tipitipi upon a similar petition, that some alteration in the Thermal Springs Act is necessary. It is admitted that it is inoperative as a means of settling the district, and has failed to attract population and has resulted in disappointment to the Native owners in consequence of their not receiving rents as anticipated. That this Committee