

recommend the Government to consider the advisability of purchasing the Native interest, and to facilitate matters so as to enable 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.

13th December, 1887

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 245, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a CHARLES JORDAN me etahi atu e 51.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakakorea kia whakarauititia ranei te Ture here 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 Heketari 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 whakama a 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 rawa ia ratou pihi e hiahia tia ana, me kua he reti. A me whiriwhiri hoki me rapu te Kawanatanga i te huarahi pai marama e taea ai te Whakamana i te inoi a nga Kaipitihana na reira ka parea ma te Kawanatanga e ata hurihuri tenei pitihana.

13 o Tihema, 1887.

No. 444, Sess. II.—Petition of TE TEIRA TIAKITAI and 7 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the title to the Porangahau Block may be reinvestigated for the reasons set forth in their petition.

I am directed to report as follows: That, as there seems to be a wide difference between the original judgment of the Native Land Court in the Porangahau Block and its judgement in the rehearing thereof, and, after viewing the evidence which has been submitted, the Committee consider the application for a further rehearing a reasonable one, and recommend that it should be granted; and the Committee further strongly recommend that rules should be laid down by the Native Land Court for the guidance of the Judges of that Court in respect to Native custom and usage.

15th December, 1887.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 444, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a TE TEIRA TIAKITAI me etahi atu e 7.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: No te mea e rereke rawa ana te whakataunga a tetahi Kooti i tetahi (ara) o te whakataunga tuatahi i te whakataunga tuarua, a i runga i te rongonga ki nga korero i korerotia ki te aroaro o te Komiti e whakaaro aua te Komiti he tono tika te tono kia whakawakia ano taua whenua a e tono ana kia whakawakia ano taua whenua me te tono ano hoki kia whakatakotorea tetahi huarahi whakahaere ma nga Tiati o taua Kooti i runga i nga ritenga me nga tikanga Maori.

15 o Tihema, 1887.

No. 427, Sess. II.—Petition of RAWIRI HAKOPA TE MARORO and 37 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that their land called Kaihukura, which was sold to Government by the Ngaiterangi, may be returned to them.

I am directed to report as follows: That, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

16th December, 1887.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 427, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a RAWIRI HAKOPA me etahi atu e 37.

E INOI ana kai-pitihana kia whakahokia kia ratou to ratou whenua a Kaihukura i hokona nei e Ngaiterangi ki te Kawanatanga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: E whakaaro ana tenei Komiti me tuku tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria e ratou.

16 o Tihema, 1887.

No. 436, Sess. II.—Petition of HOROMONA PAPANUI.

PETITIONER prays that certain lands near Napier may be restored to him, as he says the land was purchased clandestinely.

I am directed to report as follows: That, as the petitioner has not stated his case clearly, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

16th December, 1887.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 436, Sess. II.—Pukapuka-inoi a HOROMONA PAPANUI.

E INOI ana te kai-pitihana kia whakahokia ki aia etahi whenua e tata ana ki Napier no te mea i hokona hunatia taua whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: No te mea kihai i marama nga korero a te kai-pitihana i roto i tana pitihana. Heoi kahore he kupu a te Komiti.

16 o Tihema, 1887.