No. 221.—Petition of Arihi TE Nahu.

Petitioner prays that the trustees who are in charge of her property may be removed, and the land placed under her own control.

 $\dot{\mathbf{I}}$ am directed to report as follows: That the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1888.

[Translation.]

No. 221.—Pukapuka-inoi a Arihi te Nahu.

E inoi ana te kai-pitihana kia whakakorea atu nga kaitiaki e tiaki nei i tona whenua, a me waiho mana e whakahaere tona whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kahore he kupu a te Komiti.

28 o Akuhata, 1888.

No. 83, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of Hori Puni and 11 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the island called Matiu or Soames Island may be returned to them, as they have not parted with their right to it.

I am directed to report as follows: That the allegations in the petition have not been substantiated, and the petitioners having failed to establish their claim, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th August, 1888.

[Translation.]

No. 83, Sess. II., 1887.—Pukapuka-inoi a Hori Puni me etahi atu 11.

E mor ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakahokia tera Moutere a Matiu ki a ratou, no te mea kihai i hokona a ratou take ki taua whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Kihai i mana nga take e mau ana i roto i te pitihana, a i runga i te mea kihai i taea e nga kai-pitihana te whakamana i a ratou take, kahore he kupu a te Komiti.

28 o Akuhata, 1888.

No. 504.—Petition of Heperi Pikirangi and 13 Others.

Petitioners pray that a rehearing of the Tauponuiatia Block may take place, as they allege the land was wrongly awarded by the Native Land Court.

I am directed to report as follows: That the above-mentioned petition for rehearing has been referred to your Committee, but time will not permit of its being considered this session. The inquiry into petitions of this character necessarily occupies considerable time, and requires evidence not easily obtainable by a Committee sitting in Wellington. The Committee is of opinion that the whole of these petitions should be referred to the Government, with a recommendation that inquiry should be made into each case, with the view of next session having some tribunal appointed to deal with such cases as the Government finds, on inquiry, deserve consideration.

29th August, 1888.

[Translation.]

No. 504.—Pukapuka-inoi a Heperi Pikirangi me etahi atu 13.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakawakia tuaruatia te Tauponuiatia Poraka no te mea i he te

whakataunga a te Kooti whenua Maori.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Ko tenei pitihana e tono whakawa tuarua nei kua tukuna ki ta koutou Komiti erangi ekore e whai taima hei whiriwhiri i tenei Paremete he roa hoki te wa e pau ana i te whiriwhiringa i nga pitihana penei te ahua. Ko tetahi mea hoki e hiahiatia ana ko nga tangata kia haere mai ki te whaki korero, a e hara i te mea ngawari ma te Komiti e noho ana i Poneke te tono tangata kia haere mai ki te tuku korero. E whakaaro ana te Komiti ko te mea tika me tuku enei pitihana katoa ki te Kawanatanga me te tono kia rapua mariretia nga take o ia pitihana kia ahei ai a tenei Paremete e haere ake nei te whakatu i tetahi Kooti Tika hei whakahaere i nga keehi e kitea e te Kawanatanga he mea tika kia whiriwhiria.

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