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# NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

NGA KUPU A TE KOMITI O TE RUNANGA MO NGA MEA MAORI.

MR. MONK, CHAIRMAN.

*Presented to the House of Representatives and ordered to be printed.*

## ORDER OF REFERENCE.

*Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1890.

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee of fourteen members be appointed to consider all petitions, reports, returns, and other documents relating to affairs especially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum. The Committee to consist of Mr. Arthur, Hon. Mr. Ballance, Hon. Mr. Bryce, Mr. Carroll, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Monk, Mr. Parata, Mr. Ormond, Mr. Taipua, Mr. Taiwhanga, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. MITCHELSON.)

No. 118, 1890.—Petition of THOMAS HAWKINS SMITH.

PETITIONER solicits the return of a sum of money expended by him in the purchase of Native lands, and for compensation for losses alleged to have been sustained through the wrongful acts of Government.

I am directed to report as follows: That this petition was reported upon last year as follows: "That the petition was reported upon last year, and a reasonable rate of interest recommended. The Committee are of opinion that the £30 offered as interest is not sufficient, and would therefore recommend that the amount of interest be increased to £50, £100 in all, as a final settlement of this claim." Therefore the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

5th August, 1890.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 118, 1890.—Pukapuka-inoi a TAMATI HAKINI METE.

E TONO ana te kai-pitihana kia whakahokia ki aia ana moni i utua e ia mo te hoko i tetahi puihi whenua i nga Maori hei whakaea hoki i ana moni i ngaro i runga i mahi he a te Kawanatanga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I tukuna ano he ripoata mo runga i tenei pitihana i te tau kua hori nei a i tono te Komiti kia tukua nga moni e tika ana hei whakaea i nga hua o ana moni. A e whakaaro ana te Komiti ko nga moni e toru tekau pauna i meatia kia utua ki aia kihai i ranea me te tono ano kia whakanekehia ake ki te £50 hei whakaea i aua hua, a hui katoa ka tae ki te £100 hei whakaoti i tana tono. Heoi kahore he kupu ke atu a te Komiti.

5 o Akuhata, 1890.

No. 59, 1888.—Petition of PARA TE HIWINUI and 3 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Rereatukahia Block, which was sold to the Government by Moananui, may be returned to them, as it was wrongfully sold.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Committee recommend the prayer of the petitioner to the immediate attention of the Government, as it appears to be a matter over which they (the petitioners) are feeling much concerned.

5th August, 1890.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 59, 1888.—Pukapuka-inoi a te PARA TE HIWINUI me etahi atu tokotoru.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakahokia ki a ratou a te Rereatukahia Poraka, hokona e te Moananui ki te Kawanatanga no te mea i he taua hoko.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: E tono ana te Komiti kia hohoro te whiriwhiri e te Kawanatanga te inoi a nga kai-pitihana no te mea kei te nui to ratou pouri i runga i te hokonga o taua whenua.

5 o Akuhata, 1890.

No. 44, 1890.—Petition of R. S. THOMPSON.

PETITIONER states he is the father and trustee of Pare Kawhia, a half-caste, and owner of Section 154, Block IV., Waimate Survey District, and that the Public Trustee, who administers the land, has reduced the rent from £19 10s. to £8 per annum, thereby seriously reducing the income of his (petitioner's) child. He prays for inquiry and relief.

I am directed to report as follows: That the deterioration of the property is the result of the lessee's neglect, but yet, as a consequence of it, he becomes benefited in the reduction of rent. It is feared that this will be a too frequent occurrence, as it is impossible for a Public Trustee to