

No. 541.—Petition of HIRA TE TAKA and 65 Others.

PRAYING that the present holders of the titles to the Kauwaeranga and Turipukunui Blocks may be prevented from selling the same, as they are in reality only trustees for their tribe.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government, with the view of ascertaining whether legislation can be introduced to give effect to the prayer of the petition.

3rd October, 1893.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 541.—Pukapuka inoi a HIRA TE TAKA me etahi atu e 65.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia kaua e tukuna nga tangata e pupuri nei i nga take mo te Kauwaeranga me te Turipukunui Poraka kia hoko i aua poraka no te mea he kaitiaki kau ratou no te iwi. Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei.

E whakaaro ana tenei Komiti me tuku tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia ahei ai te whiri-whiri mehemea ka taea te hanga i tetahi ture hei whakamana i te inoi a nga kai-pitihana.

3 o Oketopa 1893.

No. 582.—Petition of RICHARD ESSEX.

PETITIONER alleges that, through a misinterpretation of the law, the lease which he holds of the Oturoa Block No. 1 is rendered insecure, and that he is in danger of heavy losses in connection therewith. He prays that inquiry be made with a view of having his lease validated.

I have the honour to report that this is a case similar to that of the Mangoahane Block, which was dealt with last session. The report in that case was to the effect that the interests of the European therein claimed were to be protected until some legislative action was taken in regard to the same.

Owing to the late period of the session it is impossible to pronounce in any particular way upon the equities involved, but the *prima facie* evidence adduced discloses such a strong case in behalf of the petitioner, the Committee is of opinion that the rehearing allowed by law should be delayed, if possible, until next Parliament has an opportunity of dealing thoroughly with the whole matter.

3rd October, 1893.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 582.—Pukapuka inoi a RICHARD ESSEX.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana na runga i te he o te whakamaoritanga o te Ture e wehi ana ia kei tau tetahi he ki runga ki aia mo runga i te rihi o te Oturoa Poraka No. 1, a e wehi ana ia kei tau tetahi mate nui ki runga ki aia i runga i taua rihi a e inoi ana ia kia whakahaerea tetahi uiui kia tau tika ai tana rihi.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: E ahua rite ana tenei keehi ki te keehi o Mangaohane Poraka i whakahaerea i te Paremete kua hori nei, a i mea te ripoata i runga i taua keehi me tiaki nga take a nga pakeha kia hanga mariretia tetahi ture hei whakatau i aua take. Akuanei i runga i te mea kua tata te mutu o te Paremete kihai i ahei te tino whakatau i te tika i te he ranei o nga take erangi ko nga matua korero i korotia e ahua whakakaha aua i te tika o nga take a te kai-pitihana. A e whakaaro ana tenei Komiti ko te whakawakanga tuarua i whakaaetia i runga i te ture me pupuri mo tetahi wa kia whai takiwa te Paremete ki te tino whakahaere i taua take katoa.

3 o Oketoka, 1893.

No. 581.—Petition of WINIATA HIRA and 261 Others.

PETITIONERS protest against the Native Land Purchase and Acquisition Bill.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to the Government.

3rd October, 1893.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 581.—Pukapuka inoi a WINIATA HIRA me etahi atu e 261.

E WHAKAHE ana nga kai-pitihana ki te Pire Hoko Whakawhiwhi Whenua Maori. Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei.

E tono ana tenei Komiti kia tukuna tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia uiuia nga tikanga.

3 o Oketopa, 1893.

No. 398.—Petition of ALFRED JOSHUA THORP.

PETITIONER alleges that he purchased the interests of two of the owners in the Otuturu Block, but, on the death of these persons, successors to them were wrongly appointed, who have sold their shares to the Government, and consequently he has been prevented from getting possession or completing his purchase. He now prays the payments on the said shares be made to him instead of to the Natives.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for inquiry, and if it is found that the allegations contained therein are correct, that he should have favourable consideration and redress.

3rd October, 1893.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 398.—Pukapuka inoi a RAWHIRA HOHUA TAAPA.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana i hokona e ia nga paanga me nga take o nga tangata tokorua i roto i te Otuturu Poraka a i runga i te matenga o aua tangata tokorua whakaturia hetia ana nga kairiwhi