NATIVE TOWNSHIPS BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Native Affairs Committee, to whom was referred the Native Townships Bill, have duly considered the same, and direct me to report that they are of opinion it should be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments as shown on the copy attached hereto.

3rd July, 1895.

[TRANSLATION., PIRE TAONE MAORI.

E whai honore ana ahau ki te ripoata, kua whiriwhiria e te Komiti mo nga Mea Maori te Pire Taone Maori, a kua whakahaua ahau kia ripoata ki ta ratou whakaaro me whakaae taua Pire kia mahia, i runga ano i nga menemana e whakaaturia ana e te tauira o taua mea kua whakamaua nei ki tenei.

3 o Hurae, 1895.

Nos. 453, 1894, 464, 1894, and 46, 1895.—Petitions of Rangihaeata and 69 Others; R. T. Rangihaukori and 2 Others (No. 1); R. T. Rangihaukori and 646 Others (No. 2).

THE petitioners complain that they have insufficient land for their occupation. Some of the confiscated land given to the tribe has been leased, but what they desire is some land they can occupy and cultivate.

The matter is so important that the Committee think the Government should at once take steps to inquire into the state of the petitioners, and, if necessary, get powers to allocate some land for their occupation, should it be found that the land they now hold is insufficient for their support.

11th July, 1895.

[Translation.]

Nos. 453, 1894, 464, 1894, me 46, 1895.—Pitihana a RANGIHAEATA me etahi atu e ono tekau ma iwa; R. T. Rangihaukori me etahi atu toko rua; R. T. Rangihaukori me etahi atu e ono rau e wha tekau ma ono.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana kaore o ratou whenua hei kainga mo ratou hei mahinga kai hoki ma ratou. Ko etahi o nga whenua raupatu i hoatu nei mo nga hapu kua riihitia, heoi ko to ratou hiahia ko tetahi whenua hei kainga, hei ngakinga kai hoki ma ratou.

I te mea he take tino whai-tikanga tenei na reira ki te mahara a te Komiti me tere te Kawanatanga i tenei wa tonu ki te uiui i nga ahua o nga kai-pitihana, a ki te kitea he iti rawa o ratou whenua, te mea tika me wehe he whenua hei kainga hei oranga mo ratou.

11 o Hurae, 1895.

No. 357, 1894.—Petition of Daniel James McEwen.

PETITIONER states that, through the operation of "The Native Equitable Owners Act, 1886," he is

unable to complete the purchase of the Paparoa Block. He prays for relief.

The Committee have to report that the title of the petitioner to the land he claims is not disclosed; but, assuming he is the lessee, he has been deprived of the right to purchase the land by the operation of "The Native Equitable Owners Act, 1886."

The Committee cannot recommend that the petitioner has any claim on the colony.

11th July, 1895.

[Translation.]

No. 357, 1894.—Pitihana a Daniel James McEwen.

E кі ana te kai-pitihana i runga i te paahitanga o "Te Ture Whakapumau Take Tika, 1886," kua kore ia e kaha ki te whakaoti i te hoko o Paparoa Poraka. He inoi tana kia whakaorangia tona mate.

Ko te ripoata tenei a te Komiti kaore i whakaaturia mai e te kai-pitihana ona whai-taketanga ki te whenua e kereemetia nei e ia; otira, i te mea me ki noake koia te kai-tango i te riihi a kua tangohia atu e "Te Ture Whakapumau Take Tika, 1886," te mana i a ia e taea ai e ia te hoko o taua whenua.

Kaore e ahei te Komiti ki te ki e whai-kereeme ana te kai-pitihana e tika ai kia whakaorangia tona mate e te koroni.

11 o Hurae, 1895.

No. 463, 1894.—Petition of Paranihi Tukoko and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that they may receive a grant of land in reward for military services rendered during the Waitara war of 1860.

I have the honour to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration with other military claims.

11th July, 1895.

TRANSLATION.

No. 463, 1894.—Pitihana a Paranihi Tukoko me etahi atu tokowha.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia hoatu he whenua mo ratou hei utu mo ta ratou mahi hoia i te wa o te whawhai ki Waitara i te tau 1860.

E whai honore ana ahau ki te ripoata ki te whakaaro a te Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria tahitia ia me etahi atu kereeme a nga hoia.

11 o Hurae, 1895.