

I am directed to report that the Committee find the title to the block in question was settled by the West Coast Royal Commission in 1884, but, as it is alleged the petitioners are without land, the Committee recommend that the Government make inquiries into their case and grant such relief as may be deemed necessary.

2nd September, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 232.—Pitihana a TITIHIUA me etahi atu.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakawakia a Rimutauteka Poraka, e tata ana ki Waitara, kia ahei ai ratou ki te whakaatu i o ratou take e tika ai ratou kia whakaurua ki roto ki taua whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, kua kitea e te Komiti ko tenei poraka na te Roiara Komihana o te Tai-hauauru i whakatau i te tau 1884, otira i te mea e kiia ana kaore kau he whenua o nga kai-pitihana, ki te whakaaro o te Komiti me uiui e te Kawanatanga te keehi a nga kai-pitihana, a mana e hoatu he ora mo nga kai-pitihana i runga i tana i kite ai he tika.

2 o Hepetema, 1896.

No. 109.—Petition of KIMOKIMO PEPENE and 3 Others.

PETITIONERS claim to be the owners of Section 15, Block XII., Waitoa Survey District, part of Te Aroha Block, from which the Government have taken steps to eject them. They pray for relief.

I am directed to report that, after making exhaustive inquiries into the question, the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

4th September, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 109.—Pitihana a KIMOKIMO PEPENE me etahi atu toko toru.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana no ratou a Tekiona 15, Poraka XII., Takiwa Ruri o Waitoa, wahanga o Te Aroha Poraka, a i panaia ratou i taua whenua e te Kawanatanga. E inoi ana ratou kia hoatu he ora mo ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, kua tino uiuia tenei putake, a ki te whakaaro a te Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria paitia.

4 o Hepetema, 1896.

No. 173.—Petition of MEREANA PEKA and 94 Others.

PETITIONERS allege that the six persons whose names appear in the title to land near Morrinsville, called Te Au-o-Waikato (8,621 acres), merely hold the same as trustees, and not as owners as is now claimed by them. The petitioners pray that legislation may be passed declaring them (the petitioners) also to be owners in the block.

I am directed to report that, as the Committee are advised that the Government is taking steps to have this matter adjusted, they have no recommendation to make.

4th September, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 173.—Pitihana a MEREANA PEKA me etahi atu e iwa tekau ma wha.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana ko nga tangata toko ono e mau nei o ratou ingoa i roto i te karaati mo tetahi whenua e tata ana ki Morrinsville, tona ingoa ko Te Au-o-Waikato, e 8,621 eka, he kai-tiaki noa iho ratou, ehara i a ratou te whenua, otira inaianei kua ki aua tangata no ratou ake te whenua. E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia mahia he ture hei whakauru i a ratou ki roto i taua poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, i te mea kua whakaaturia mai ki te Komiti kei te whaka-haere tikanga te Kawanatanga inaianei e taea ai te whakatikatika o tenei mea, na reira kaore kau he kupu ma te Komiti.

4 o Hepetema, 1896.

Nos. 207 and 312.—Petitions of WILLIAM HUMPHRIES and HONE KEKEHU and Others.

PETITIONERS allege that, in consequence of the state of the existing law, they are unable to complete certain transactions in connection with lands in the Taranaki District. They pray that legislation may be passed validating these transactions in order that the title to the lands in question may be completed.

I am directed to report that the Committee consider the petitioners have just claims to consideration, and they recommend that legislation be introduced on the lines suggested by the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court in his reports on the petitioners' cases, for the purpose of remedying the disabilities under which the petitioners are labouring.

4th September, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 207 me 312.—Pitihana a WILLIAM HUMPHRIES me HONE KEKEHU me etahi atu.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana, na runga i te ahua o nga ture e mana nei, kaore ratou i ahei ki te whakaoti i etahi tuku e whakahaerea ana e ratou mo etahi whenua i te Takiwa o Taranaki; e inoi ana ratou kia paahitia he ture hei whakamana i aua mahi a ratou kia taea ai te whakaoti o nga tuku mo aua whenua.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ki te whakaaro o te Komiti e tika ana kia whakaarohia nga putake a nga kai-pitihana, a ko te kupu tenei a te Komiti me whakahaere he ture i runga i te