

No. 469.—Petition of T. H. SMITH.

PETITIONER alleges that, owing to interference on part of Government Land Purchase Department, he has been unable to complete certain transactions in connection with lands at Maketu. He prays that the recommendation of a Royal Commission, which reported on the question in 1881, may be fully carried into effect, or that other relief may be granted.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the Government should appoint some competent person to inquire into the matter, with a view to bringing about an amicable settlement.

1st October, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 469.—Pitihana a T. H. SMITH.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana, na runga i nga mahi pokanoa a te Tari Hoko Whenua a te Kawanatanga, i kore ai e taea e ia te whakaoti etahi mahi hoko whenua ana i Maketu. E inoi ana ia kia tino whakamanaia te ripoata a te Roiara Komihana i whakaputa ai i te tau 1881, a ki te kore tera kaati me hoatu tetahi atu ora mona.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ki te whakaaro a te Komiti me whakatu e te Kawanatanga tetahi tangata matau hei uiui i tenei putake, a me whakahaere i runga i te huarahi e oti pai ai taua mea.

1 o Oketopa, 1896.

NATIVE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Native Affairs Committee have duly considered the above-mentioned Bill, and recommend that it should be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments, as shown on a copy of Bill attached hereto.

5th October, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

PIRE WHAKATIKATIKA I nga TURE WHENUA MAORI.

E WHAI honore ana ahau ki te ripoata, kua ata whiriwhiria e te Komiti mo nga Mea Maori te Pire kua huaina ake nei, a ki te whakaaro a taua Komiti me tuku tenei Pire kia whakahaerea i runga ano i nga menemana e whakaaturia ana e te taurira o taua Pire kua whakamaui nei ki tenei ripoata.

5 o Oketopa, 1896.

NATIVE LAND VALIDATION COURT: DECREES affecting Mangaheia No. 2 and Mangapoiki Blocks, now on the Table of the House.

I AM directed to report that the Committee have considered the matter in connection with the petitions appealing against such decrees, together with a memorandum from the trustees appointed under the said decrees, and the Committee are of opinion that the said decrees should be confirmed, but direct that a clause be inserted in the Native Land Laws Amendment Bill protecting the rights of the appellants by way of authorising the Appeal Court to hear all applications for rehearing at present pending in respect of the said blocks, and any decision of the Appellate Court in regard to the same be given effect to.

5th October, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

RIPOATA mo runga i nga whakataunga a te Kooti Whakamana e pa ana ki Mangaheia No. 2 me Mangapoiki Poraka, e takoto nei i runga i te Teepu o te Whare.

KUA whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, kua hurihuria e te Komiti nga mea e pa ana ki nga pitihana e whakahe nei i aua whakataunga, apiti atu ki te memoriara a nga kai-tiaki i whakaturia i raro i aua whakataunga, a ki te whakaaro o te Komiti me whakatuturu aua whakataunga, engari kua puta te whakahau a te Komiti kia whakaurua he tekiona ki roto ki te Pire Whakatikatika i nga Ture Whenua Maori hei tiaki i nga paanga o nga kai-tono whakawa tuarua, hei whakamana hoki i te Kooti Whakawa Tuarua ki te whakawa tuarua i nga tono katoa mo aua Poraka e takoto tarewa nei inaianei, a hei whakatutuki i nga whakatau a te Kooti Whakawa Tuarua i whakatau ai mo runga i aua tono.

5 o Oketopa, 1896.

No. 259.—Petition of MARY BARNETT.

PETITIONER alleges that the late Nirai Taratoa, who had an interest of about a hundred acres in the Himatangi Block, Manawatu district, left the same to her by will, but owing to certain restrictions in the Crown grant the will cannot be recognised, and she is therefore debarred from getting possession of the land. She prays that legislation may be passed to vary the restrictions in order that the will may take effect.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

8th October, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 259.—Pitihana a MARY BARNETT.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana 100 nga eka o Himatangi Poraka, i te Takiwa o Manawatu, i whakatau ki a Nirai Taratoa, kua mate, a i tukuna a wira taua wahi e taua tangata ki a ia, otira i runga