No. 276, 1897.—Petition of PARAHIKU WAIPORO and 70 Others.

PETITIONERS allege that Pukewhau and Taipaku Blocks, Rangaunu District, Mangonui, have been wrongfully taken from them, and pray for restitution.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to

this petition. 12th July, 1900.

## [Translation.]

No. 267, 1897.—Pitihana a Раканіки Waiporo me etahi atu e whitu tekau.

E ki ana nga kai-pitihana kua tangohia hetia i a ratou nga Poraka o Pukewhau me Taipaku, Takiwa o Rangaunu, Mangonui, a e inoi ana kia whakahokia atu aua whenua ki a ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, kaore kau he kupu a te Komiti mo runga i tenei pitihana.

12 o Hurae, 1900.

No. 277, 1899.—Petition of J. A. Boyes and 7 Others.

Petitioners, who are holders of informal leases in the Native reserves at Motueka, Nelson, pray that they may be granted new leases at rents current in the district, instead of having to compete with the general public at auction.

I am directed to report that, as the Committee is advised this matter has been settled, it

has no recommendation to make.

12th July, 1900.

## [TRANSLATION.]

No. 277, 1899.—Pitihana a J. A. Boyes me etahi toko whitu.

Ko nga kai-pitihana he kai-pupuri riihi ahua mana kore mo etahi wahi o nga Rahui Maori i Motueka, Whakatu, e inoi ana kia whakaputaina etahi riihi hou ki a ratou i runga i nga reti e utua ana i naianei mo nga whenua o taua takiwa, a kia kaua ratou e whiua ki te makete tuwhera ki te katoa.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, i te mea kua whakaaturia mai ki te Komiti kua whakaotia tenei take, na reira kaore kau ana kupu.

12 o Hurae, 1900.

Nos. 143, 1898, and 227, 1899.—Petition of James McLellan.

PETITIONER alleges that, whilst unsuccessfully endeavouring to purchase from the Natives the Awaroa Nos. 1 and 2 and Rotokakahi Blocks, he paid for the surveys thereof, and, as such surveys were made use of by the Government when purchasing the blocks for the Crown, he prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner failed to protect himself by securing a lien over the blocks, the Committee is of opinion that he has no claim against the colony; but, as the Natives with whom his dealings took place still own over 4,000 acres of the land in question, it is suggested that they are the proper parties to whom the petitioner should apply for recompense.

12th July, 1900.

## [Translation.]

No. 143, 1898, me No. 227, 1899.—Pitihana a James McLellan.

E кı ana te kai-pitihana i whakamatau ia ki te hoko i nga Maori i nga poraka o Awaroa No. 1 me No. 2 me Rotokakahi, engari kaore i taea e ia te hoko, otira i runga i taua mahi ana utua ana e ia nga ruri mo aua poraka, a i te mea i naomia atu aua ruri e te Kawanatanga hei whakahaerenga i te noko o aua poraka ma te Karauna, na reira ka inoi te kai-pitihana kia utua ia mo aua ruri.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, i te mea kihai te kai-pitihana i tono kia whakataua he riana mana ki runga ki aua poraka hei punga mo ana moni i pau i aua ruri, na reira ki te whakaaro o te Komiti kaore kau he take e tono ai te kai-pitihana kia whakaeangia tona mate e te koroni, engari i te mea e 4,000 nga eka o taua whenua kei te toe ki nga Maori i mea nei ki te hoko i taua whenua ki a ia, e whakaaro ana te Komiti ko aua Maori ke te hunga tika hei ahunga atu mo te tono a te kai-pitihana kia utua ia.

12 o Hurae, 1900.

Nos. 492 and 493, 1899.—Petitions of WIREMU POKIHA and 136 Others and TE RAANA TE Ao and 302 Others.

Petitioners pray that they may be allowed to participate in the benefits to be obtained under "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th July, 1900.

## [Translation.]

No. 492 me 493, 1899.—Pitihana a Wiremu Pokiha me etahi atu kotahi rau e toru tekau ma ono me TE RAANA TE Ao me etahi atu e toru rau e rua.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakaaetia ratou kia nama moni i raro i nga ritenga o "Te Ture Tuku Moni Kawanatanga ki nga Kai-noho Paamu, 1894."

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ki te whakaaro o te Komiti me tuku atu enei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria.

17 o Hurae, 1900.