

No. 55/1937. Petition of MORERE WHATITIRI and 38 Others, of Taranaki. No. 50. Petition of RANGITEHINGA and 23 Others, of Taranaki.

PRAYING for relief in regard to Native leases in the Kaipakopako Block.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee these petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. The Committee recommends that an Assessment Court be set up by legislation to investigate the new valuations between lessor and lessee; that legislation be enacted empowering the Native Trustee to refuse sub-leases; and that the original lessees be given a period in which to work out the value of their improvements with a view to the resumption of the land by the Natives.

13th September, 1939.

[TRANSLATION.]

Pitihana Nama 55/1937 a MORERE WHATITIRI ratou ko etahi atu e 38, o Taranaki. Pitihana Nama 50/1939 a RANGITEHINGA ratou ko etahi atu e 23, o Taranaki.

E INOI ana kia whakaoraina mo nga rihi Maori o Kaipakopako Poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripouta ki te whakaaro o te Komiti ko enei pitihana me tuku kia whiriwhiria paitia. E tohutohu ana te Komiti kia whakaturia he Kooti Whakariterite e te ture hei uiui i nga wariu hou i waenganui i te Kai-tuku rihi raua ko te Kai-tango rihi; kia mahia he ture whakamana i te Kai-taiki Maori ki te whakakore i nga rihi tuarua; a kia hoatu ki nga kai-tango rihi tuatahi he wa hei mahinga e roo atu ai te wariu o a ratou whakapainga.

13 o Hepetema, 1939.

No. 94/1938.—Petition of LOU W. PARORE and 5 Others, of Dargaville.

PRAYING for the re-enactment of section 390 of the Native Land Act, 1909, and for the enactment of such other measures as will ensure the inalienation of Maori burial-grounds and villages.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13th September, 1939.

[TRANSLATION.]

Pitihana Nama 94/1938 a LOU PARORE ratou ko etahi atu tokorima, o Dargaville.

E INOI ana kia mahia ano hei ture a Tekiona 390 o te Ture Whenua Maori 1909 a kia mahia hei ture era atu tikanga hei arai i te tukunga o etahi urupa Maori a kainga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripouta ki te whakaaro o te Komiti ko tenei pitihana me tuku ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria paitia.

13 o Hepetema, 1939.

No. 86/1938.—Petition of M. MATICH, of Pouto.

PRAYING for payment of the sum of £228 12s. 7d. for goods supplied to Native workers engaged in the Pouto Development Scheme.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13th September, 1939.

[TRANSLATION.]

Pitihana Nama 86/1938 a M. MATICH, o Pouto.

E INOI ana kia utua te moni e £228 12s. 7d. mo nga taonga i whakawhiwhia ki nga Kai-mahi Maori i whakamahia ki nga mahi o te Kaupapa Mahi Ahu Whenua o Pouto.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripouta ki te whakaaro o te Komiti ko tenei pitihana me tuku ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria paitia.

13 o Hepetema, 1939.

No. 168/1937.—Petition of TE HURIWAKA PERE, and 61 Others, of Matata.

PRAYING that they be exempted from the payment of contributions towards the cost of maintenance and renewals, and also the payment of rates in connection with the Matata water-supply.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

13th September, 1939.