

[TRANSLATION.]

KO TE KUPU A TE KOMITI MO RUNGA I TE PUKAPUKA-INOI A RENATA KAWERO ME ONA HOA 1,022,
I TE PUKAPUKA-INOI HOKI A WATENE TE KOAU ME ONA HOA E 224.

E WHAKAATU mai ana nga kai-inoi i to ratou whakaaro he maha nga mate mo te iwi Maori kei roto i nga ritenga o Te Ture Kooti Whenua Maori e takoto mai nei i te aroaro o te Whare mehemea ka whakatuturutia hei Ture; a e whakaatu mai ana ratou i nga rarangi i kitea ai e ratou te tino kino, a e inoi ana ratou kia kaua e kaikatia te whakamana i taua Ture kia kaua hoki e whakamana i te mea kahore e ata whiriwhiria rawatia e te Whare.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:—

Notemea kei te aroaro o te Whare te Ture Kooti Whenua Maori e whakahuatia ana i roto i te pukapuka-inoi e tino whakaaro ana te Komiti ka ata whiriwhiria e te Runanga nga kupu whakahe me nga kupu tohutohu o te pukapuka-inoi.

Akumahata 16, 1877.

JOHN BRYCE,
Tumuaki.

REPORT ON PETITION OF HONE MOHI TAWHAI.

THIS petition contains long arguments and objections against the Native Land Court Bill now before the House. The principal objections are to the want of power on the part of the Native Assessors, and to the interference with Native lands by survey, mortgage, or otherwise, before a desire that it should be dealt with has been expressed by a majority of the owners. The petition, however, contains numerous other objections.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Native Land Court Bill referred to in the petition being now before the House, the Committee are satisfied that the objections and suggestions made by the petitioner will receive the consideration of the Legislature.

16th August, 1877.

JOHN BRYCE,
Chairman.

[TRANSLATION.]

KO TE KUPU A TE KOMITI MO RUNGA I TE PUKAPUKA-INOI A HONE MOHI TAWHAI.

Ko nga kupu o tenei pukapuka-inoi he kupu tauotohe whakahe hoki ki te Ture Kooti Whenua Maori e takoto mai nei i te aroaro o te Whare. Ko nga tino whakahe mo te mana kore o nga Ateha Maori mo te pokanoa hoki o nga ruri, o nga mokete me era atu whakahaere ki nga Whenua Maori i te mea kahore ano he kupu hiahia ki te pera i whakahuatia e te nuinga o nga tangata no ratou te whenua. Otira, he maha atu nga kupu whakahe kei roto i te pukapuka-inoi.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei atu ki te Whare:—

Notemea kei te aroaro o te Whare te Ture Kooti Whenua Maori e whakahuatia ana i roto i te pukapuka-inoi, e tino whakaaro ana te Komiti ka ata whiriwhiria e te Runanga nga kupu whakahe me nga kupu tohutohu o te pukapuka-inoi.

Akumahata 16, 1877.

JOHN BRYCE,
Tumuaki.

REPORT ON PETITION OF TAPA TE WHATA AND OTHERS (No. 1).

PETITIONERS state that, although they reside on the West Coast of this Island, they nevertheless had claims to land in the Waikato, which was confiscated by reason of the rebellion of the Waikato Natives. They allege that they were not concerned in fighting against the Queen, but that they have had no opportunity of proving their claims, inasmuch as they knew nothing of the sitting of the Compensation Court until after it was over.

I have the honor to report that—

The Committee is of opinion that the allegation in the petition, that the petitioners had no notice of the sitting of the Compensation Court, is correct.

The Committee is not in a position to offer any opinion as to whether the petitioners have any real claims to the lands to which their petition refers, but considers that petitioners are entitled to have an opportunity afforded them of bringing forward their claims.

It will most likely be found that a great deal of the lands affected by the petition have been alienated to other persons, and that it would be impossible to give petitioners possession of such portions as should be found to belong to them. The Committee would recommend, however, that inquiry should be made through the Native Land Court, or other competent tribunal, to ascertain the nature and extent of the claims of the petitioners, and that it should be left to the Government to determine in what manner such claims as they may be able to establish shall be satisfied.

17th August, 1877.

JOHN BRYCE,
Chairman.

[TRANSLATION.]

KO TE KUPU A TE KOMITI MO RUNGA I TE PUKAPUKA-INOI A TAPA TE WHATA MA (Nama 1).

E KI ana nga kai-inoi ahakoa kei Kapiti to ratou Kainga e whai take ana ano ratou ki etahi whenua kei Waikato i tangohia mo te hara o te Iwi o Waikato ki te mau patu ki a te Kuini. E ki ana nga kai-inoi kihai ratou i uru ki te whawhai ki a te Kuini, engari kahore ano i watea he huarahi ma ratou hei whakatuturu i to ratou take notemea kahore rawa ratou i mohio ki te nohoanga o te Kooti whakawa mo nga whenua kua tangohia; rongo rawa ake kua mutu.

Ko te kupu atu tenei ki te Whare—