

No. 71.—Petition of PAORA TE KARETAI.

PETITIONER complains that the Court at Cambridge had not included his name in the grant of 6,000 acres in Waotu No. 1 Block, but only in an inalienable reserve. This he attributes to the treachery of his lawyer whilst he was absent, and to the hostility of Judge Puckey, who said he (Paora Karetai) was "an infernal nuisance." The petitioner having been refused a rehearing by the Chief Judge, he prays Parliament for redress.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That the Committee has no evidence before it to warrant a recommendation for a rehearing. Both Chief Judge Macdonald and Judge Puckey have been examined, and from their evidence there seems to have been no failure of justice.

10th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 71.—Pukapuka-inio a PAORA TE KARETAI.

E ki ano te kai pitihana kahore te kooti i kemureti i whakauru i tona ingoa ki roto ki te karati o te 6,000 eka i Waotu No. 1 Poraka, erangi i roto i te tahi whenua rahui. E ki ana ia ko te take he tinihanga no tana roia i a ia e ngaro ana tetahi he riri no Tiate Paki, i mea (ko Paora Karetai) he "Pokokohua Whakararuraru." Kua kore e whakaaetia he whakawa tuarua e te Tumuaki. Heoi ka inoi ia ki te Paremete mo te tahi tikanga e ora ai ia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Kahore he korero i te aroaro o te Komiti e whai take ai kia whakawakia tuaruatia, I tae mai ano Te Tumuaki me Tiati Paki ki te aroaro o te Komiti korero ai, a i runga i a raua korero, kaore i kitea he he o te whakawanga o taua whenua.

10 Akuhata, 1883.

No. 345.—Petition of HENARE KAIHAU.

PETITIONER says that he and others named were grantees and owners of land at Waiuku, and that Paoro te Iwi, one of the grantees, now dead, had left by will to petitioner his share in the property, and that, the land having been sold, a sum of £2,000 is held by the Public Trustee, of which he is half owner. He prays that this money may be paid to him.

I am directed to report as follows:—

That petitioner was owner with others in a block of land called Pehiakura, restricted from sale or lease for more than twenty-one years. The land was let at £75 per annum. In 1880 the owners were offered £3,500 for the land, and, as this would bring in a much larger income if invested than the lease produced, they applied for leave to sell, stating that they would agree to the money being invested permanently for their use. By agreement a sum of £500 was paid them for the purpose of paying debts, and it was further agreed that £3,000 should be invested by the Public Trustee. When the trust deed was ready they refused to sign, as they wanted more money. After various negotiations, the sum of £1,000 further was paid, and now they weary the Minister for the balance of £2,000. The Committee recommends that it should not be paid to petitioners, but invested by the Public Trustee, if the law permits of that course.

10th August, 1883.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 345.—Pukapuka-inoi a HENARE KAIHAU.

E ki ana te kai-pitihana ko ia ko etahi atu i whakahuatia i uru ki te Karati, i whai take hoki ki tetahi whenua i Waiuku, a ko Paora te iwi uru nei ki roto i te Karati, kua mate nei hoki, kua waiho i runga i tana wira ki te Kai pitihana tana take ki taua whenua, a no te mea kua hokona taua whenua kua mau nga moni e £2,000 i te Kai tiaki o te katoa, na te Kai pitihana nei ano te hawhe o aua moni, me tana inoi kia utua enei moni ki a ia.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei:—

Ko te kai-pitihana me etahi atu no ratou nei tetahi poraka whenua e karangatia ana ko Pehiakura i hereherea kei hokona kei rihitia neke atu i nga tau e 21, I retia taua whenua mo nga moni e £75 i te tau. I te tau 1880 ka puta te kupu hoko ki ana kia £3,500 mo taua whenua, a no te mea tera e neke ake nga hua o enei moni i o nga moni o te reti i whakatakotoria nei ki te aroaro o te Komiti ka tono ratou kia hokona, mea ana ka whakaae ratou kia whakahaere tuturutia enei moni hei orange mo ratou.

I runga i tetahi whakaritenga ka utua kia ratou nga moni e £500 hei utu i a ratou nama, a i whakaaetia ano hoki nga moni e £3,000 ma te Kai Tiaki o katoa e whakahaere kia whai hua ai.

No te otinga o te Rira Tiaki Rahore ratou i pai ki te haina, no te mea e hiahia ana ratou kia whakaputaina etahi moni, he maha nga korerotanga i muri iho ka tahi ka utua atu ano nga moni £1,000, a ka tohe ano ratou ki te minita Maori kia utua atu nga toenga e £2,000. Ko te Whakaarotenui a te Komiti kia kaua enei moni e utua ki te kai pitihana eranga me waiho ki te kai Tiaki o te katoa ara mehemea e tika ana i runga i te huarahi o te ture.

10 Akuhata, 1883.

No. 346.—Petition of AIHEPENE KAIHAU and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS say they were owners of land at Waiuku; that this land sold for £3,500; that of this amount the sum of £2,000 is held by the Public Trustee; that they have frequently applied to the Native Minister to advance them money to pay their debts, but he always refused. They pray that out of the trust-money referred to enough may be given them to pay their debts.