

No. 225.—Petition of HORI TE HUKI and Others.

PETITIONERS complain of the introduction of the Native Land Administration Bill, as they say, if the Bill is passed into law, it will press heavily upon them.

I am instructed to report as follows: That the Bill now before the House being under discussion, and being purely permissive in its provisions, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 225.—Pukapuka-inoi a HORI TE HUKI me etahi atu.

E WHAI kupu ana nga kai-pitihana mo te tukunga mai o te Pire Whakahaere Whenua Maori, e mea ana hoki ratou ki te pahi tenei Pire hei Ture, ka taumaha rawa ki runga i a ratou.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: No te mea kei te aroaro o te Whare te Pire e korerotia ana a he mea whakaae kau ona tikanga, kahore he kupu a te Komiti.

2 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 183.—Petition of J. W. HALL and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the Government will carefully inquire into their position relative to the leases of the Native reserves at Greymouth, and will grant them such relief as may be considered necessary.

I am directed to report as follows: That the petition, along with a memorandum upon the subject from the Public Trustee, be forwarded to the Government for consideration, in view of the legislation which is proposed in reference to lessees of Native reserves on the west coast of the South Island.

2nd July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 183. Pukapuka-inoi a J. W. HALL me etahi atu.

E INOI ana nga kai-pitihana kia ata tirohia e te Kawanatanga te ahua o nga Rihi o nga Rahui Maori i Kereimauta (Mawhera), a kia tukua atu te ora ki a ratou i maharatia ai he tika kia tukuna.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: Me tuku te pitihana me te pukapuka a te Kaitiaki o te Tokomaka mo runga i taua mea ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria e ratou i runga i nga tikanga o te Ture e meatia nei kia kokirihia ki te Whare mo runga i nga rihi o nga Rahui Maori o Te Taihauauru o te Waipounamu.

2 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 266, 1885.—Petition of HEMI WARENA and Others.

PETITIONERS state that, when their land called Taonui Ahuaturanga No. 7 (500 acres) was adjudicated upon by the Native Land Court, six persons, whose names they give, were placed in the certificate as Trustees. These Trustees have since sold the land and spent the money, leaving the petitioners landless. They pray for an inquiry.

I am directed to report as follows: That these lands were divided by the Court under "The Taonui Ahuaturanga Land Act, 1880," and awarded in various lots to several owners as agreed upon; but in this case the owners were not restricted. The persons named in the petition as owners of No. 7 are not in the grant for that section. No. 7 was leased on the 14th July, 1884, to Jones and Haythorne; the lease was signed by all the grantees; no other deed has been registered against the block. There seems to be an idea in the Natives' mind that the names that are represented as owners were intended by the Natives as Trustees for hapus. Government is recommended to make special inquiry, and explain the facts to the petitioners.

6th July, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 266, 1885.—Pukapuka-inoi a HEMI WARENA me etahi atu.

E KI ana nga kai-pitihana i te whakawakanga o to ratou whenua o Taonui Ahuaturanga Nama 7 e (500 eka) e te Kooti Whenua Maori, toko ono nga ingoa o ratou i whakahuatia i hoatu ki roto i te Tiwhikete hei Kaitiaki. No muri iho ka hokona e aua Kaitiaki te whenua a kainga ake e ratou nga moni, waiho ana nga kai-pitihana kia noho whenua kore ana. E inoi ana ratou kia whiriwhiria tenei take.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei: I wehewehea enei whenua e te Kooti Whenua Maori i raro i te Ture Whenua o Taonui Ahuaturanga 1880, a i whakataua i runga i nga wehewehenga maha ki nga tangata tokomaha ano hoki i runga ano i nga whakaaetanga. Erangi i roto i tenei keehi kihai i herea nga tangata whai take, ko nga tangata e whakaingoatia nei i roto i te pitihana ano he tangata no ratou te whenua Nama 7 kahore i roto i te karaati mo taua tekiona. Ko te piihi whenua Nama 7 i rihihia i te 14 o nga ra o Hurae 1884 kia Teona me Heitana. I hainatia te rihi e nga tangata katoa i roto i te karaati. Kahore he Tiiti ke atu i Rehitatia mo runga i taua Poraka. Erangi kei te mahara nga Maori ko nga ingoa o te hunga e kia nei ko te hunga whai take i meatia e nga Maori hei Kaitiaki kau mo te hapu. E tonoa ana te Kawanatanga kia tino pataia tenei take a ka whakaatu ki nga kai-pitihana.

6 o Hurae, 1886.

No. 248, 1885.—Petition of ENERETA TE RANGIOTU and HOANI MEIHANA RANGIOTU.

PETITIONERS allege that Mr. Alexander McDonald, who was at one time their protector and guide, has now deprived them of a large portion of their land at Awahuri, which he has for himself. They say he has also £5,000 of their money from their sale of Kawakawa. They pray for an inquiry.

I am directed to report as follows: That the land referred to was unrestricted. The alleged transaction was one between parties, who can appeal to ordinary law Courts. The Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th July, 1886.