

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1896.

*Ordered*, "That Paper No. 188—'Decrees made in Validation Court at Gisborne *re* Tauwharetoi, Whangaia, and Rotokautuku'—be referred to the Native Affairs Committee."—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1896.

*Ordered*, "That the Native Land Laws Amendment Bill be referred to the Native Affairs Committee."—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

MONDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1896.

*Ordered*, "That Paper No. 204—'Decrees made in Validation Court at Hastings *re* Waihengahenga'—be referred to the Native Affairs Committee."—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1896.

*Ordered*, "That Paper No. 206—'Decrees made in Validation Court at Gisborne *re* Kourateawhi No. 2c'—be referred to the Native Affairs Committee."—(Hon. Mr. SEDDON.)

No. 485, 1895.—Petition of TE AHIRAU WAITAI and 2 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that a further investigation may be held into the ownership of part of the Kawhia Block, known as Paringatai.

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

8th July, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 485, 1895.—Pitihana a TE AHIRAU WAITAI me etahi atu.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia uiuia ano nga take paanga ki tetahi wahi o te Poraka o Kawhia e mohiotia nei te ingoa ko Paringatai.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ki te whakaaro a tenei Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whiriwhiria paitia.

8 o Hurae, 1896.

No. 486, 1895.—Petition of KAPUA MAIHI and Five Others.

PETITIONERS allege that there is a balance of purchase-money due on Te Kauri (Waitaia Block) Mercury Bay District; and they pray that the same may be handed over to them.

I have the honour to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for inquiry.

8th July, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 486, 1895.—Pitihana a KAPUA MAIHI me etahi atu tokorima.

E ki ana nga kai-pitihana kaore ano i whakaputaina te toenga o nga moni o te hoko o Te Kauri (Waitaia Poraka), Takiwa o Whitianga, a e inoi ana kia hoatu aua moni ki a ratou.

E whai honore ana ahau ki te ripoata, ki te whakaaro a tenei Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia uiuia.

8 o Hurae, 1896.

No. 641, 1894.—Petition of MARARA NUKAI and 6 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that an agreement to reserve portions of the Ahuriri Block, made when the sale to the Government took place, may be confirmed.

I am directed to report that, as no papers have been placed before the Committee for its guidance, it is recommended that the Government should refer the matter to the Stipendiary Magistrate at Napier for inquiry.

9th July, 1896.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 641, 1894.—Pitihana a MARARA NUKAI me etahi atu tokoono.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia whakatutukitia te whakaaetanga kia rahuitia etahi wahi o Ahuriri Poraka, i kiia nei ka peratia i te wa i hokona ai taua whenua ki te Kawanatanga.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, i te mea kaore kau he pukapuka o nga Tari i whakatakotoria ki te aroaro o te Komiti hei whakaatu atu ki a ratou mo tenei putake, ki te whakaaro a te Komiti, me tuku atu e te Kawanatanga tenei putake ki te Kai-whakawa Tuturu o Nepia mana e uiui.

9 o Hurae, 1896.

No. 229, 1895.—Petition of REWITA NIWA and 48 Others.

PETITIONERS complain that too much land was taken by the Government to cover the expense of surveying the Oamaru Block (Opotiki District). They pray for compensation or other relief.

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

9th July, 1896.