ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives. FRIDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1897.

Ordered, "That a Native Affairs Committee, consisting of seventeen members, be appointed to consider all petitions, reports, returns, and other documents relating to affairs specially affecting the Native race that may be brought before the House this session, and from time to time to report thereon to the House; with power to call for persons and papers: five to be a quorum. The Committee to consist of Mr. E. G. Allen, Hon. Mr. Carroll, Mr. Carson, Mr. Field, Mr. Heke, Mr. Houston, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Kaihau, Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie, Mr. Monk, Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Parata, Mr. Wi Pere, Captain Russell, Mr. Stevens, Hon. Sir R. Stout, and the mover."—(Rt. Hon. Mr. Seddon.)

No. 95.—Petition of Edward Fawconer Tizard.

PETITIONER prays that legislation may be passed to enable him to complete his title to Te Mimi-o-Kaiauru No. 3c Block.

I am directed to report that, as the Committee finds the petitioner has a remedy through the Native Appellate Court, it has no recommendation to make.

11th November, 1897.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 95.—Pitihana a EDWARD FAWCONER TIZARD.

E inoi ana te kai-pitihana kia mahia he ture kia taea ai e ia te whakaoti tana hoko i Te Mimi-o-Kaiauru Nama 3c Poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, i te mea kua kite te Komiti kei te ahei noatu te kai-pitihana ki te kimi ora mona i roto i te Kooti Whenua Maori Whakawa Tuarua, heoi kaore kau a te Komiti kupu.

11 o Noema, 1897.

No. 79.—Petition of TE HATA MOUTARA and 28 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that Europeans may be prevented from prospecting over their lands for gold and other minerals.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government, with the request that the Natives be informed that no person has the right to prospect over Native lands without the permission of the owners.

11th November, 1897.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 79.—Pitihana a TE HATA MOUTARA me etahi atu e rua tekau ma waru.

E inoi ana nga kai-pitihana kia kaua nga Pakeha e whakaaetia kia haere ki runga ki o ratou whenua kimi ai i te koura i etahi atu kohatu utu nui ranei.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ki penei, ki te whakaaro o te Komiti me tuku atu tenei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga, me te ki atu kia tukuna atu he kupu whakaatu ki nga Maori, ara, kaore te tangata e tika kia haere ki runga ki nga whenua Maori kimi koura ai ki te kore e matua whakaaetia e nga tangata nona te whenua.

11 o Noema, 1897.

No. 77.—Petition of TAIPARI HEIHEI.

PETITIONER complains that his people are becoming identified with the Maori Kotahitanga (Parliament), and prays that certain taxes may not be imposed in the Mangamuka district, in order that his tribe may be kept loyal to the Government of New Zealand.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard

to this petition.

11th November, 1897.

[Translation.]

No. 77.—Pitihana a TAIPARI HEIHEI.

E KI ana te kai-pitihana kei te whakauru haere tona iwi i a ratou ki nga mahi a te Kotahitanga (ara, Paremete Maori), a e inoi ana kia kaua etahi tu taake e tonoa kia utua i te Takiwa o Mangamuka, kia piri pono tonu ai tona iwi ki te Kawanatanga o Niu Tireni. E whai honore ana ahau ki te ripoata, kaore kau he kupu a te Komiti mo runga i tenei

pitihana.

11 o Noema, 1897.