

No. 318.—Petition of RAIHA PUAHA and 11 Others.

PETITIONERS protest against the passing of the Kapiti Island Public Reserve Bill.

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

16th December, 1897.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 318.—Pitihana a RAIHA PUAHA me etahi atu tekau ma tahi.

E WHAKAHE ana nga kai-pitihana mo te Pire Rahui i Kapiti Motu mo te Iwi Katoa kia kaua e paahitia.

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

16 o Tihema, 1897.

DECREES under "THE NATIVE LAND (VALIDATION OF TITLES) ACT, 1893."

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee have had the various parliamentary papers containing the decrees made by the Validation Court appointed under "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893," before them, and they cannot recommend the House to interfere with any decisions contained therein.

16th December, 1897.

[TRANSLATION.]

RIPOATA mo runga i nga Kupu-whakatau i raro i "TE TURE WHENUA MAORI (WHAKAMANA TAKE), 1893."

E WHAI honore ana ahau ki te ripoata, kua tae mai ki te aroaro o te Komiti nga pukapuka maha o te Paremete, mo nga Kupu-whakatau a Te Kooti Whakamana Take i whakaturia nei i raro i "Te Ture Whenua Maori (Whakamana Take), 1893," a kaore te Komiti e whai kupu kia araia e te Whare nga whakatau a te Kooti kua tuhia nei ki roto ki aua pukapuka.

16 o Tihema, 1897.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee held its final meeting of the present session this morning.

Eighty petitions were referred for report, some twenty-eight of which were only received during the last week. Time only allowed of twenty-eight being considered and reported on. The fifty-two petitions enumerated in the accompanying list remain undealt with, and will be brought up next session.

The following Bills were referred for consideration, viz.: the Native Land Bill (Mr. Wi Pere), the Maori Council Constitution Bill (Mr. Kaihau), the Horowhenua Block Act Amendment Bill, and the Kapiti Island Public Reserve Bill.

The last two Bills were duly considered and reported on. In each case evidence was taken, and a transcript of the same will be found in Appendix I.—3B and I.—3C.

16th December, 1897.

PETITIONS undealt with.

No.	Petitioner.	By whom presented.
27	Meiha Keepa te Rangihiwini	Hon. Sir R. Stout.
33	Eru Toe and another	Mr. Houston.
78	Apiata te Parehuia and 40 others	Mr. Pere.
139	Maata Kihirini	"
155	Kipa te Whatanui	Mr. Kaihau.
161	Ani Paki	Mr. Fisher.
171	Ngawhika Tikitere and 3 others	Mr. Pere.
172	Ema Tini Enoka and another	"
173	Kararaina Kaimoana and 59 others	"
191	Te Kahui Kararehe	Mr. Kaihau.
192	Riria Tinirongoa	"
206	Wi Mahuri Mataitaua	Mr. Pere.
207	Wi Patene Torohanga and 45 others	"
208	Wawa Tuahiahi	"
231	Maewa Hakirangi and 6 others	Mr. Parata.
239	Tamihana Huata and 51 others	Hon. J. Carroll.
246	Toke Reko Gourlay	Hon. G. F. Richardson.
258	Tahawera Waipa and 5 others	Mr. Pere.
259	Hone Tuhata (John Damon)	"
260	Wi Kingi Hori and 5 others	"
262	Ataneta Wharekiri	"
263	Hori Herehere and 16 others	"
264	Topia Turoa	"
265	Te Kowhai Tarahina and 32 others	"
269	Thomas Thoms	Mr. Heke.
276	Parahiku Waiporo and 69 others	Hon. Sir Maurice O'Rorke.
271	T. H. Smith	Mr. Herries.
287	J. Brown and another, for Kauri Timber Company (Limited)	Mr. McGowan.
300	Heta Matua and another	Mr. Pere.
301	Ema te Urupa Tiakitai	"
305	Te Whare Kotua and 19 others	Mr. Herries.
319	Mapu te Amotu and 2 others	Mr. Kaihau.