

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 111 (1911).—Pitihana a MAEHE RANGINUI me etahi atu kotahi rau e toru tekau ma waru, o Koriniti.

E INOI ana kia kua nga Pakeha e whakawhiwhia ki te mana ki te hoko i Ohotu Poraka.

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

18 o Oketopa, 1911.

Nos. 33 (1911), 7 (1911), 8 (1911), 9 (1911), 10 (1911), 37 (1911), and 73 (1911).—Petitions of C. L. DUIGAN and 5 Others, G. N. BARTRUM and 5 Others, A. MASON and 4 Others, H. A. PURSER and 4 Others, M. LEECH and 6 Others, C. L. PEMBERTON and 5 Others, and R. H. WILKIE and 4 Others.

PETITIONERS pray for the right to purchase the freehold of certain sections of the Ohotu Block.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. (Parliamentary Paper I.—3B.)

18th October, 1911.

[TRANSLATION.]

Nos. 33 (1911), 7 (1911), 8 (1911), 9 (1911), 10 (1911), 37 (1911), me 73 (1911).—Nga pitihana a C. L. DUIGAN me etahi atu tokorima, G. N. BARTRUM me etahi atu tokorima, A. MASON me etahi atu tokowha, H. A. PURSER me etahi atu tokowha, M. LEECH me etahi atu tokoono, C. L. PEMBERTON me etahi atu tokorima, me R. H. WILKIE me etahi atu tokowha.

E INOI ana kia whakawhiwhia ratou ki te mana ki te hoko i te whiriwhira o etahi tekiona o Ohotu Poraka.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripoata, ki te whakaaro a te Komiti, me tuku atu enei pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whakaarohia paita. (Pukapuka Paremete I.—3B.)

18 o Oketopa, 1911.

No. 53 (1911).—Petition of HONE HAMIORA HAU and 6 Others, of Kerikeri, Bay of Islands.

PETITIONERS pray for the return of the Puketotara Block to the Native owners.

I have the honour to report that the Committee, having considered this petition and the report of R. M. Houston, Esq., in Paper C.—18, 1907, recommends the prayer of the petitioners to the Government for favourable consideration.

19th October, 1911.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 53 (1911).—Pitihana a HONE HAMIORA HAU me etahi atu toko ono, o Kerikeri, Pei Whairangi.

E INOI ana mo Puketotara Poraka kia whakahokia mai ki nga Maori no ratou.

Kei te whai honore ahau ki te ripoata penei, i te mea kua whiriwhiria e te Komiti tenei pitihana, tae noa hoki ki te ripoata a R. M. Houston, Esq., kei te Pukapuka C.—18, 1907, tenei ka tohutohu atu i te inoi a nga kai-pitihana ki te Kawanatanga kia whakaarohia paitia.

19 o Oketopa, 1911.

PAPER No. G.—1, MOKAU-MOHAKATINO BLOCK (STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE).

(a.) THE Committee has made inquiry into the facts referred to in Parliamentary Paper G.—1.

(b.) Its purpose has been to ascertain the facts relating to the transactions of the Government in connection with the Mokau-Mohakatino Block, with special reference to Mr. Massey's comments thereon.

(c.) The following is a summary of the main facts set forth in the statement of the Government contained in the said parliamentary paper :—

1. In September, 1908, Mr. Herrman Lewis, the owner of the Mokau leases, formerly held by Mr. Joshua Jones, applied to the Native Minister for an inquiry by the Native Land Commission, consisting of the Chief Justice and the Hon. Mr. Ngata, into the circumstances relating to the block, with a view to having the area disposed of under the Native Land Settlement Act, 1907, the respective values of the interests of the Natives and the lessees to be determined by some independent tribunal.

2. In February, 1909, the Commission, then consisting of the Chief Justice and Chief Judge Palmer, dealt with the matter.

3. This Commission suggested that grave doubts existed as to the validity of the said leases, and reported against the adoption of the lessees' proposal.

4. On the 19th April, 1910, Mr. C. P. Skerrett, K.C., acting on behalf of the Native owners, gave notice to the Registrar-General of Lands, claiming £80,000 damages against the Assurance Fund, on the ground that the District Land Registrar had wrongly registered Mr. Jones's leases.

5. As the result of much negotiation, the Government decided that it was advisable to purchase the interest of the Natives and the lessees, which they believed could have been acquired for £1 per acre.

6. At this time the Government valuation of the whole block was £31,273, but the Government decided that it was advisable to have a further valuation made before it finally