SESS. II.—1879. NEW ZEALAND.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE.

(MR. T. KELLY, CHAIRMAN.)

No. 64, Session I.—Petition of A. LE G. CAMPBELL and other Settlers of Takaka. The petitioners pray for the erection of a cart bridge across the River Takaka, at the fordway known as Taine's Ford.

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration. 10th October, 1879.

No. 65, Session I.—Petition of H. E. CAMPBELL and P. K. DONNELLY.

The petitioners allege that it is currently reported that William Fraser, Esq., Resident Magistrate of the Thames District, and Colonel of the Colonial Forces, has been proved to have been guilty of cheating at cards. They pray that the House will cause an inquiry to be made into the truth of such charge.

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government, to be inquired into and dealt with.

10th October, 1879.

No. 74, Session I.—Petition of F. Dale and Others, of Kanieri Riding, Westland.

The petitioners pray that the Kanieri Riding may not be constituted a new county.

I am directed to report that the petitioners appear to be under a misapprehension as to the procedure with respect to the mode of objecting to the constitution of a new county, the appeal being to the Governor and not to the House. The Committee has therefore no recommendation to make on the subject-matter of this petition.

10th October, 1879.

No. 97, Session I.—Petition of ANNIE CLERY.

THE petitioner prays for consideration in consequence of injuries received by her late husband while on military duty.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not see its way to recommend the petitioner's claim to the favourable consideration of the House.

10th October, 1879.

No. 70, Session I.—Petition of WILLIAM RATHBUN.

The petitioner prays for an investigation into the circumstances of an alleged injustice done to his son while competing for a scholarship in the Nelson Educational District.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that it is undesirable to interfere with the decision of the Education Board.

10th October, 1879.

No. 6, Session II.—Petition of Thomas Edward Fitzgerald.

THE petitioner states that in June, 1873, he made an agreement with the Native owners for the purchase of a block of land containing about 100,000 acres, and during the course of the survey action was taken by the Government to stop the survey; and he therefore prays for redress.

I am directed to report that the Committee has already reported on this case, and made a recom-

mendation, and again refers the petitioner's case to the Government to be dealt with.

10th October, 1879.