

I am directed to report: The subject-matter of this petition being now under consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

28th August, 1882.

No. 361.—Petition of K. B. FERGUSON and Others, District of Blueskin.

THE petitioners pray that a Bill to be brought before the House, intituled "An Act to enable the Dunedin Suburban Water-works Company (Limited) to supply Maori Hill, Roslyn, and Mornington with Water, by diverting and impounding Waitaki River," may not pass into law.

I am directed to report: As the Bill referred to by the petitioners has not been brought before the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

28th August, 1882.

No. 446.—Petition of WILLIAM FANE DE SALIS, London.

THE petitioner prays that "The Land Claims Settlement Act, 1878," may be amended so as to enable his claim to be heard.

I am directed to report: The Committee consider the claim of the petitioner—if any ever existed against the colony—has lapsed. The Committee cannot therefore recommend the claim to the favourable consideration of the House.

28th August, 1882.

No. 443.—Petition of MAYOR and COUNCILLORS of PARNELL.

THE petitioners object to clause 226 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," which limits arrangements made for a water-supply from outside of boroughs to a period of three years. They pray that the period may be extended.

No. 450.—Petition of JOSEPH LOWNES and Others, Auckland.

THE petitioners state they view with alarm the action of the Government in their effort to force "The Fisheries Act, 1882," through the House at the close of the present session, as it gives unfair advantage to the Maori population. They pray it may not pass.

I am directed to report: As the subject-matter of these petitions is now before the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

28th August, 1882.

No. 339.—Petition of ALEXANDER CLARK and Others, Invercargill and Bluff.

THE petitioners pray that the railway line between Invercargill and Bluff may be fenced.

No. 413.—Petition of W. H. THORP and Others, Wairoa.

THE petitioners pray for assistance in repairing road.

No. 449.—Petition of S. JOHNSTON and Others, Woodville.

THE petitioners pray for a bridge being erected near Masterton.

I am directed to report: The Committee are of opinion that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th August, 1882.

No. 441.—Petition of JAMES LEYS and Others.

THE petitioners pray that a telephone may be erected at Totaranui in the interests of the shipping passing through Cook Strait.

No. 435.—Petition of JOHN SHARP and Others.

THE petitioners pray for a railway siding at Ladbroke.

No. 442.—Petition of ASHLEY ROAD BOARD and Others.

THE petitioners ask that a bridge may be erected across the Ashley River at or near Rangiora.

I am directed to report: The Committee are of opinion that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th August, 1882.

No. 330.—The MAYOR of RIVERTON and Others.

THE petitioners ask that the Harbour of Riverton may be improved and deepened, and pray for an endowment of £20,000 for that purpose.

No. 429.—J. BURTON and Others, Borough of Roxburgh.

THE petitioners ask that a suspension bridge may be erected over the Clutha River at Roxburgh.

I am directed to report: The Committee are of opinion that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th August, 1882.

No. 365.—Petition of the RAGLAN RIFLE CLUB.

THE petitioners pray that new rifles may be issued to the members of the club, the ones in use being of bad quality and almost unfit for use.