

mittee during former sessions—namely, £936, be paid him. The Committee decline to recommend the Government to pay him any interest on that sum from the date on which the first recommendation was made, as the delay in making the payment has arisen from Mr. Kelly's own action in declining to accept it.

8th September, 1882.

No. 440.—Petition of REBECCA BRINKLEY, Tauranga.

THE petitioner states that in 1872 she acquired Section 141, being an allotment of land situate in Wharf Street, Westport, which land was taken by the Government for railway purposes, by which she states she has lost £100. She prays that a Commission may be appointed to inquire into her case and grant her relief.

I am directed to report: As it appears from the evidence before the Committee the petitioner received compensation in full of all claims, the Committee cannot recommend the claim to the favourable consideration of the House.

8th September, 1882.

No. 486.—Petition of the BOROUGH COUNCIL of SOUTH DUNEDIN.

THE petitioners ask for a railway-siding at the Kensington railway crossing.

No. 488.—Petition of CORPORATION of CAVERSHAM.

THE petitioners state that the necessity of a railway-siding at the Kensington Station is seriously felt and urgently required. They pray the House will grant the possession of such a siding.

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

9th September, 1882.

No. 363.—Petition of Mrs. E. MCCOLL, Wellington.

THE petitioner states she is widow of the late Librarian of the General Assembly; that he held that position for fifteen years, and she believes that his unremitting discharge of duty was one of the chief causes of the illness which, in his case, terminated fatally; that she was left with a family of seven children, four of whom are unable to provide for themselves; that she has received one year's salary, and asks that she may be granted a further sum.

I am directed to report: That the Committee are of opinion that a sum of £50 be granted to Mrs. McColl as a compassionate allowance.

9th September, 1882.

No. 195.—Petition of JAMES NEWELL, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that in January, 1879, he was a member of the Waikato Cavalry Volunteers; that the troop was ordered out for target practice, and that he was ordered to mark; that while marking a small piece of bullet struck him in the right eye, by which he has almost lost the sight of the eye; that he has paid £20 for medical treatment in endeavouring to regain the sight of the injured eye. He prays for relief.

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

9th September, 1882.

No. 320.—Petition of PATRICK O'HARA, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that his son was charged at the Police Court, Auckland, with having committed an assault upon a Chinaman; was fined £1, with costs—£5 11s. 6d. It was afterwards proved that his son was at a funeral at the time the assault took place; that he has applied to the Minister of Justice praying that the costs and fine might be remitted, and has received as a reply "the Minister of Justice was unable to interfere." He prays for relief.

I am directed to report: The Committee are of opinion that the Government should make inquiry into the petitioner's case, and, if satisfied that he was unjustly punished, that the fine and costs be refunded him.

9th September, 1882.

No. 209.—Petition of MARY ANN ROEBUCK, New Plymouth.

THE petitioner states that her late husband belonged to No. 9 Company of Military Settlers; was shot by a man belonging to the same company, leaving her a widow with six children; that she has no means of support, being paralyzed in her right hand. She prays that a pension or some aid may be granted her.

I am directed to report: The Committee recommend the Government to pay the sum of £50 to her as a compassionate allowance.

9th September, 1882.

No. 375.—Petition of PETER LAWSON and Others, Inch Clutha.

THE petitioners state that their lands have been much injured by floods which they believe was largely owing to the railway embankment at Balclutha. They pray for relief.

No. 405.—Petition of J. W. THOMSON and Others, Inch Clutha.

THE petitioners ask for the removal of the railway embankment at Balclutha, and that protective works in the nature of a groin be constructed at Inch Clutha, where the Clutha River divides into the Koau and Matau branches.