

No. 14.—Petition of BRIDGET DONELLY.

PETITIONER prays for grant of land to which she was entitled as an immigrant in 1864.

I am directed to report: That the Committee are unable to recommend the prayer of the petition.

3rd August, 1883.

No. 49.—Petition of WILLIAM HENRY TAEONA.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land to which he was entitled as an immigrant in 1864.

I am directed to report: That the Committee are unable to recommend the prayer of the petition.

3rd August, 1883.

No. 218.—Petition of WILLIAM GEORGE GARRARD (No. 1).

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services.

I am directed to report: That the petitioner has no claim.

3rd August, 1883.

No. 47.—Petition of STEPHEN EARL.

PETITIONER prays for Crown grant to be issued to him for land purchased of a military settler.

I am directed to recommend: That the attention of the Government be drawn to the memorandum signed by T. J. Waters (copy of which is attached), issued by the Crown Lands Department at Auckland, by which the petitioner seems to have been misled into purchasing the claim of one Whitney. That the Government be recommended to give effect to the prayer of the petition.

3rd August, 1883.

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James Whitney: Parts. of Lots 177 and 199 (sixty acres), Okahu Block, Kaipara District, Marsden. Entitled to grant, 20th October, 1869.

7th July, 1868.

T. J. WATERS.

No. 217.—Petition of WILLIAM ADAIR and 30 Others.

PETITIONERS state that they bought swamp land; that one of the conditions of sale was that Government would cause a drain to be made to drain it, and that the drain which was made has proved inadequate to carry off the surplus water.

I am directed to report: That the petitioners have failed to establish any further claim upon the Government.

8th August, 1883.

No. 28.—Petition of HENRY HENDERSON.

PETITIONER claims twenty acres of bush land in lieu of right of road reserved.

I am directed to report: That petitioner has no claim.

8th August, 1883.

No. 483, of 1882.—Petition of BENJAMIN SMART ALLEN.

PETITIONER bought Sections 16 and 18, Lower Moutere District, which were bounded on the east by a road. In 1866 the Provincial Government of Nelson took steps to close up the old road and form a new one, but, though the new road was constructed, it was not according to the plan, while the old road was not actually closed. Relying on the validity of the order given by the Provincial Council, he leased a portion of the land, and the tenant built a house on the old road. He now finds that he has no claim upon the said house, and that about an acre of land is rendered valueless to him. He prays for compensation, amounting to £25.

I am directed to recommend: That the prayer of the petition be granted.

15th August, 1883.

No. 165.—Petition of BENJAMIN NAYLOR and SON.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be put on the same footing as other deferred-payment selectors in the district, who took up land at 30s. an acre, on the ground that the Waste Lands Board, between the coming into operation of "The Land Act, 1877," and "The Land Act Amendment Act, 1879," increased the price of deferred-payment land to 60s. per acre, at which latter price petitioners took up their land.

Inasmuch as the action of the Waste Lands Board was in strict accordance with the provisions of the existing law, I am directed to report: That, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioners have no claim.

15th August, 1883.

No. 19.—Petition of ALBERT H. RUSSELL.

PETITIONER served in the Waikato Regiment from 1863 to 1866, and was then transferred to the Colonial Defence. He claims a grant of land for his services.

I am directed to report: That, the claim of the petitioner having been disposed of by the Naval and Military and Local Forces Land Claims Commission, the Committee see no reason to reopen the case.

15th August, 1883.